



## Meeting Agenda

### Dunes Collaborative

Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

9:00 am to Noon

Dunes Center

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#### 1) Introductions/Opening Remarks

1. Greg McGowan
2. Christina Holenda
3. Dan McElhinney
4. Mario Castellanos
5. Jamie King
6. Bob Hill
7. Daniel Bohlman
8. Kaila Dettman
9. John Jostes, Facilitator
10. Ronnie Glick
11. Rey Monge
12. Glenn Greenwald

#### 2) Review of Meeting Notes from September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Dunes Collaborative Meeting

**Action Item:** Redistribute September meeting notes via email for approval.

#### 3) Review and Adoption of Version 3 of the 2009 Dunes Collaborative Work Plan

John Jostes reviewed the last round of comments on the work plan with a focus on the mission statement. There was discussion about the relationship with the oil field and whether or not the mission statement should reflect the origins of the endowment from the settlement. The group also discussed an additional aspect of the work plan regarding the natural progression of the Dunes Collaborative to more than Guadalupe Oil Spill based. The group felt that this should be reflected in the work plan because we are interested in maintaining just one document that reflects the direction of the Collaborative.

The Collaborative recommends concluding the writing subcommittee based on the Version 3 of the Dunes Collaborative Work Plan, incorporating recommendations from today's meeting, and submitting this version to the Restoration Subcommittee.

The writing subcommittee has concluded its work and submitted a draft to the group which has been approved as a tentative draft based on the previous draft revisions and includes the addition of today's comments on the role of the Collaborative and our mission statement.

The group discussed various endowment spending strategies which were a fixed percent draw, variable draw based upon performance, and a hybrid model. In addition, the group discussed that a fixed amount year to year would improve the process for planning and hopefully divert resources from time spent on discussing finances to proactive discussions regarding the objectives laid out in the restoration plan. There was not agreement on what that level of funding should be or whether or not the Collaborative should "dip into principal."

The group also discussed the importance of keeping Guadalupe and Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties involved in the update of the Work Plan. John Jostes has reached out to both counties and the process is underway. Mario Castellanos has reached out to the mayor of Guadalupe and that process is also underway.

**Action Item:** Greg McGowan and Ronnie Glick will work with John Jostes to integrate the points made in today's discussions regarding outside funds and future work.

#### **4) Presentation of Restoration Task Force 2010 Endowment Project Proposals**

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo presented three proposed projects for 2010. Today's meeting is a presentation and voting will take place at the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Dunes Collaborative meeting. The projects are:

##### **I. Invasive Species Removal and Native Seeding**

The primary purpose of this project is to remove veldt grass and European beach grass and continue native re-vegetation in the Dunes Complex according to priorities established through the Restoration Task Force.

Please note that this project does not include monitoring due to the fact that the past five years of monitoring have produced results and an additional year of monitoring will not enhance the understanding of the data.

##### **II. Restoration Task Force Coordination**

This project provides coordination of the Restoration Task Force that informs the Dunes Collaborative on restoration needs, develops restoration project concepts

and arranges for project implementation in the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Complex.

### **III. Dunes Complex Wide Reassessment: Remote Sensing**

Over the last eight years, invasive species removal has been the priority restoration activity in the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes (the Dunes). Priority treatment areas were originally determined in 2003. The purpose of this project is to conduct a comprehensive re-assessment of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Complex, including areas previously un-surveyed, to resolve the overall effect of treatment efforts to date, as well as provide critical reassessment and prioritization for future invasive species treatment allocation.

#### **5) Other Information, Announcements, and Updates**

There is a public hearing scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report regarding the purchase by California State Parks of the La Grande Tract of land owned by San Luis Obispo County. The NOP is posted on [www.dunescenter.org](http://www.dunescenter.org).

#### **6) Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: Tentatively, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9am-12pm at the Dunes Center.**