



Meeting Notes
Dunes Collaborative
Thursday, November 11th, 2009
9:00am to Noon
Dunes Center
1055 Guadalupe Street, Guadalupe, CA 93434
Co-Chairs: Bob Hill bobh@lcslo.org and
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1. Introductions/Opening Remarks

- a. John Jostes was on the phone for first 15 minutes.
- b. Rey Monge, Ronnie Glick, Glenn Greenwald, Mario Castellanos, Dan McElhinney, Bob Hill, Daniel Bohlman, Kaila Dettman, and Larry Vierheilig

2. Review of Meeting Notes from October 8th, 2009 Dunes Collaborative Meeting

Action Item: Approval of Meeting Notes. Meeting notes approved.

3. Communication Protocols–Brief Introductory Remarks by John Jostes

- a. No comment on this document, other than that it was well received.

4. Restoration Task Force 2010 Endowment Project Proposals

- (1) Invasive Species Removal and Monitoring
- (2) Invasive Species Reassessment/Remote Sensing Project
- (3) Restoration Task Force

The Land Conservancy staff members, Daniel Bohlman, Kaila Dettman and Bob Hill followed up on comments on the three projects from the previous months meeting by providing by Dunes Collaborative members a matrix outlining each comment and the response to each comment. The Land Conservancy staff followed up on each comment which had considerable follow-up discussion with those in attendance.

Discussion was focused on questions regarding the proposed projects and what components were built in, where, and why. The group discussed these questions with an eye towards making the proposals as strong as possible.

The group discussed potential limits in funding for 2010 projects and Mario Castellanos asked the Land Conservancy to what extent the Invasive Species Removal and Monitoring Project is scalable. Daniel Bohlman and Bob Hill argued why this project is scalable to some extent but with much less funding they would lose efficiency by requiring either cutting staff or cutting the time staff is doing work. With significantly less funding, efficiency will decrease significantly due to the loss of certain resources, such as time and staff.

The **Restoration Task Force** Coordination project and the **Invasive Species Removal project** were are very similar to previous years' projects with the exception that monitoring of invasive species has been formally abandoned following the

advice of the Restoration Task Force due to the conclusion of a 5-year monitoring cycle which provided good data that can be extrapolated to 2010's work and in order to reduce the cost of the project.

Other highlights from the Invasive Species Removal Project include:

- A line item for seeding. Recent research conducted by the Land Conservancy concluded that seeding is an important task to increasing the speed with which native habitats can be restored.
- Task 3 was broken out specifically as Nipomo lupine monitoring. Though the invasive species are not being monitored, the Land Conservancy included this task in order to continue important work on an important species of plant.

The **Invasive Species Reassessment/Remote Sensing** project was significantly revised since the first submission. The second draft included significant matching in the form of staff time from California State Parks (Ronnie Glick and his staff) and US Fish and Wildlife Service (Glenn Greenwald). Both agencies are able to provide \$12,500.00 worth of time. The Land Conservancy staff noted some discrepancies with the \$25,000 combined match due to some miscommunication and would follow up with each agency to clarify the levels of matching costs.

All three Restoration Task Force projects receive support from the group during the discussion.

The group voted on whether or not to recommend these projects to the Restoration Subcommittee, votes were cast as follows:

1. Glenn Greenwald of US Fish and Wildlife Service expressed his support for the projects but was not present for the vote
 2. State Parks: yes
 3. Dunes Center: yes
 4. Land Conservancy: yes
 5. CNLM was not present
5. Other Information, Announcements, and Updates
- a. Brief discussion of the Work Plan V. 4
 - (i) Greg McGowan improved the readability with his comments and the draft is ready for submission to the Restoration Subcommittee with the proposed 2010 projects.

6. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tentatively, December 10th, 2009 from 9am-12pm at the Dunes Center