



Draft Agenda
Dunes Collaborative Retreat
Location: Sycamore Mineral Springs
Resort
1215 Avila Beach Dr.
Date: Friday, March 13, 2009
8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Morning Session:

- 1. Introductions and Opening Remarks (15 minutes)**
- 2. Tough Issues Facing the Collaborative – The Year in Review (15 minutes)**
- 3. Report on the Dune Center’s Capacity Building Efforts to Date (20 minutes)**
- 4. What’s happening with the Endowment – have our worst fears have come true? (45 minutes)**
 - a. Maintain Principal, spend it down or adopt a hybrid?
 - b. Projected Levels of Funding for 2010 and 2011

Morning Break (15 minutes)

- 5. The Funding Puzzle – “It’s the money, stupid.” (~90 minutes)**
 - a. Who’s doing what to raise matching funds?
 - b. Discussion of dollar allocations to projects, constraints, frustrations, and opportunities
 - c. What needs to change and why?
 - d. Implications on Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement
 - e. What happens next year when there is less money, not more?
 - f. Where do we look for hard matching funds?

Lunch Break

Afternoon Session:**6. Decision Making and Governance Issues (30 minutes)**

- a. Should and if so how do we address the trend away from consensus in Collaborative Decision Making?
- b. Is there a different way of decision making that would better serve the group?

7. Looking Forward – What should an updated Management Plan for the Dunes System look like? (30 minutes)

- a. Restoration Efforts and the need for a more robust monitoring protocol?
- b. Visitor Services –Assessment of trends in visitor needs and services?
- c. Engaging Others?

8. Review of the updated Draft Work Plan (30 minutes)**9. Forward-Thinking Reports and Discussions from Task Forces and Subcommittees (30 minutes)**

- a. Fundraising Subcommittee
- b. Science/Research Subcommittee

10. Other Topics/Open Space Discussion –Time Permitting**11. Next Steps, Wrap Up and Closing Remarks**