



Meeting Notes
Dunes Collaborative
Thursday June 11, 2009
9:00am to Noon

Dunes Center
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1. Introductions/Opening Remarks

In Attendance: Bob Hill (Co-chair), Ronnie Glick, Jamie King, Larry Vierheilig, Greg McGowan, and Mario Castellanos

2. Review of Meeting Notes from April 9th Dunes Collaborative Meeting

Action Item: Approval of Meeting Notes – please review previously distributed meeting notes and action item listing.

Mario Castellanos was only person to review meeting notes who had attended last meeting. Bob Hill asked that folks review notes and email approval.

3. Update from Visitor Serving Task Force.

VSTF (Jamie and Mario)- Projects from the Interpretive Master Plan were consolidated into a table by Kanani Fox and the Dunes Center. Jamie King condensed the large list into a table that was reviewed by the VSTF members Rey, Jamie, Mario, Dan, and Kanani. The table was joined into the current Dunes Collaborative VSTF Needs List. Some projects were pulled by the appropriate land manager or put on hold. These notes are included in the Needs list.

The VSTF working group also discussed application deadlines for submitting projects using the criteria established in 2008. September 1, 2009 was discussed as the possible deadline. The group hopes to develop the RFP in July, 2009.

4. Update from Restoration Task Force.

The Next RTF date has not been set as of this meeting. The date for the next RTF meeting is tentative for August. Bob Hill commented that 21 LMU and 869 hours of treatment had occurred in the Invasive Species project.

5. Update from the Writing Subcommittee.

Writing Subcommittee has not met. Greg McGowan wants to participate. Dan McElhinney will also join the committee. June/July meeting to update 2009 Draft Work Plan for full Collaborative Review.

6. Set Dates for Upcoming Task Force and Subcommittee Meetings:

1. Restoration Task Force—Is tentatively scheduled for August.
2. Visitor Services Task Force – July 23rd.
3. Writing Subcommittee – June/July meeting to update 2009 Draft Work Plan for full Collaborative Review.
4. Fundraising Subcommittee—June/July meeting. Mario will set date with group.

Action Item: Set Meeting Dates

7. Mitigation Banking project—Next Steps

This item was moved to number #2 at the request of Mario Castellanos as Greg McGowan was only available for the early portion of the meeting.

Various aspects of the Mitigation Banking Project within the Santa Maria Levee Project were discussed including the possible scope, the process, and ways in which we might prepare.

At this time the project is believed to be 100 acres of impact possibly 4 acres permanent. USACE is initiating the project. However, the scope is not complete. John Markham (USACE) is our primary contact at this time. We should touch base with John as a Dunes Collaborative.

We need to keep in mind that there might be a Formal Mitigation Banking Project process. Absent of a Mitigation Banking Process they would probably use Public Land. What would our options be if this is the case?

What role if any will Flood Control have?

While there are many questions regarding the process and the details of the impact there are ways we can prepare a brief that positions us for possible project funding.

One suggestion is to review the RWQCB proposal and the projects that are currently listed within the proposal. These projects as well as additional projects could be summarized into a brief. The brief could include project summaries, maps showing locations of mitigation/habitat restoration projects as well a narrative summary describing the Dunes Collaborative.

It was suggested that the Dunes Collaborative Fundraising Subcommittee meet to discuss this specific tasks.

8. Other Information Items, Announcements, and Updates

Bob Hill - Land Conservancy of SLO county will/has submitted a pre-proposal submission to “Pulling Together” for \$224,000. Dunes Collaborative members offered to provide letters of support.

Brian O’Sullivan will be taking on other GIS contract duties. Ryan Ihm will be the new crew leader for the LC Invasive Species Project.

Mario Castellanos- Announcement: the Dunes Center receives anonymous \$10,000.00 donation in honor of Kathie Matsuyama. This donation will provide the matching support for the Admin contract.

9. Adjourn

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