



Meeting Notes
Dunes Collaborative
Thursday August 13th, 2009

9:00am to Noon

Dunes Center

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1. Introductions/Opening Remarks:

- a. Bob Hill, Land Conservancy of SLO County
- b. Daniel Bohlman, Land Conservancy of SLO County
- c. Kaila Dettman, Land Conservancy of SLO County
- d. Larry Vierheilig, Nipomo Native Garden
- e. Rey Monge, CA State Parks
- f. Brent Marshall, CA State Parks
- g. Ronnie Glick, CA State Parks
- h. Christina Bird-Holenda, Dunes Center
- i. Dan McElhinney, the Dunes Center
- j. Ken Wolf, public citizen
- k. Mario Castellanos, the Dunes Center

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

Action Item: Meeting Notes Approved

3. Upcoming Task Force and Subcommittee Updates, Meeting Dates, and Discussion Topics:

- a. **Restoration Task Force**—meeting date Thursday August 27th 3-5pm
 - (1) Daniel Bohlman provided an update from the RTF. The RTF is looking at revisions to the monitoring program; there are several different scenarios outlined in the pre-meeting handout provided by the LC. The group is reevaluating objectives, methods, and tools. Daniel stressed the importance of the meeting noting that that if they do make some changes that they could effect 5 years of restoration work. There will be costs associated with the changes and that should be evaluated as well. Daniel noted that the RTF will have to be nimble when adjusting to funding changes.

Action Item: Dan will forward out the attachments for the upcoming RTF meeting.

- b. **Visitor Services Task Force**—Update. Next Meeting Thursday, August 20th, 2009
 - (1) Rey Monge, Dan McElhinney and Mario Castellanos provided a brief update from the VSTF. The VSTF has been discussing interpretive panels. State Parks informed the group that they have pre-designed panels that can be ordered and they are significantly cheaper than setting up new panels. The catalog of panels can be viewed here:
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24257.

- (2) Jamie King from CNLM updated the group on the status of county funds that had been set aside for Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve. Those funds have/have not been spent as follows:
 - (i) Overlook funding on the road, shelved due to cultural resource issues and technical issues (road washing out over time).
 - (ii) Preserve improvements and five year maintenance currently being funded.
 - (iii) Parking lot signage and parking lot has been completed.
- (3) The VSTF has also been working to set a timeline for 2010 project proposals and will finalize that at the August 20th meeting.

c. Writing Subcommittee Reminder

- (1) Reminder to submit comments on Work Plan to John Jostes.
- (2) Requirement to update the work plan is being fulfilled.

d. Fundraising Subcommittee—from the July 15th meeting—a follow up email to set the date for this meeting once we know John Jostes availability.

- (1) Mitigation funding was discussed at the July 15th meeting and CNLM would have the best site for mitigation, however it does not look like these mitigation dollars are a good match at this time.
- (2) The fundraising subcommittee has discussed a need for a marketing piece which will hopefully include a few projects that have been teased out to include conservation values.

4. Dunes Collaborative website content (www.dunescollaborative.org)

The group discussed the Dunes Collaborative website and Dan McElhinney gave a brief introduction to the current site during the meeting. Meeting notes and agendas are currently being posted to the site at <http://dunescollaborative.org/MeetingNotes.html>. There was some discussion on how to prioritize documents that are currently archived in the Dunes Center for posting to the website. Collaborative documents receive a high priority because of their relevance and the other documents should be prioritized in reverse chronological order unless after reviewing the extensive archive list the group sees other possibly criteria.

Action Item: Dan McElhinney will distribute the archive list.

For Follow-up: The group requested clarification regarding property of data in the contracts of the Dunes Collaborative.

5. Other Information, Announcements, and Updates

- a. Interpretive brochure is printing and we are hopeful that we will have copies to distribute at the September 10th Collaborative meeting.
 - (1) Distribution plan for new brochure was added to the next VSTF agenda.
- b. Water Board Projects
 - (1) It was announced that the Water Board signed a measure to approve projects.
- c. The group also discussed the role of the Collaborative and its status when seeking outside funding. Two questions for discussion were raised:
 - (1) When we are seeking outside funds, what are we defined as?
 - (2) How do we define and reach consensus formally?

Action Item: Follow up with John Jostes to review some outside models for guidance in answering some of these questions.

- d. LCSLO is planning on purchasing their new Polaris/Honda/ATV.
 - (1) Increase of efficiency and crew moral. Very positive impact on effectiveness of work. This machine will only be used in the dunes and will be owned by CA Fish and Game.
- e. Surfperch fishing derby is cancelled. Original organizer backed out.
- f. Oso Flaco Cleanup Coastal Commission—September 19th.
- g. Oso Flaco Moonlight Hike, August 5th was very successful with State Parks and the Dunes Center. 55 participants.
- h. Land Conservancy Black Lake Moonlight Hike September 4th.
- i. Plover/Tern Trailer at RGDP available for transport.

Action Item: Rey Monge noted that the plover/tern trailer needs steps.

Action Item: Dan will send Brent photos from moonlight hike brief summary from the Moonlight Hike.

- 6. Introduction of special guests (11:30am) Suzanne Parker and Bob Skiba from Chevron. The group had a brief question and answer period with Suzanne Parker and Bob Skiba from Chevron Corporation. Mr. Skiba is the Project Manager of the Guadalupe restoration site as of this past spring. The discussion was very positive with opportunities for collaboration in the future including a possible site visit by Collaborative members and engagement in the Restoration Task Force by Chevron representatives.

7. Adjourn

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