



## Meeting Notes—Draft

Dunes Collaborative

Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009

9:00am to Noon

Dunes Center

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### 1. Introductions/Opening Remarks

John Jostes, Larry Vierheilig, Rey Monge, Jamie King, Dan McElhinney, Mario Castellanos, Ken Wolf, Kaila Dettman, Bob Hill, Daniel Bohlman, Christina Holenda

### 2. Review of Meeting Notes from August 13<sup>th</sup> Dunes Collaborative Meeting

**Action Item:** Meeting notes approved.

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

#### 1. Restoration Task Force—Update—Daniel Bohlman

For 2010 the Restoration Task Force recommended taking a no change approach to invasives species removal and dropping the monitoring effort due to the outcomes from reviewing 5 years of trend data.

The RTF also recommended a Dunes Complex-wide assessment of invasives species with the goal of a better perspective on invasive species and how to address them within the Dunes Complex.

The RTF also stressed the importance of accounting for other factors in deciding how to prioritize treatment of invasives species, the current model takes into account presence of invasives and biodiversity of native plants. A new model should address faunal components and other factors.

#### 2. Visitor Services Task Force—Update—Rey Monge and Mario Castellanos—Next meeting: September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9am at the Dunes Center

The Dunes Complex Wide Interpretive brochure is finished; 5,000 copies have been printed and the VSTF is discussing a distribution strategy. Reordering can be done through State Parks. State Parks can order reprinting and individual agencies can then reimburse them for the cost.

The VSTF is developing a proposal process and we are hoping to put the RFP out by September 15<sup>th</sup> receive proposals by October 15<sup>th</sup>. We don't know what the funding ceiling is yet but will reference past projects for guidance. The following month, by 11/15 the VSTF will have a list of projects to recommend projects. NOTE: The VSTF Request for Proposals has been pushed back to October 1 -November 1, 2009.

**Action Item:** Dan McElhinney will send list of possible distribution sites and request additions from the group.

### 3. 2009 5 Year Work Plan Progress Report—John Jostes

John Jostes summarized the comments from the Writing Subcommittee's work on the 2009 5-year Work Plan Update. There were multiple sets of comments some requesting more focus and some requesting broader strokes. A final draft is due by the next Collaborative meeting; the Restoration Subcommittee has requested that a final draft be ready to recommend along with 2010 project proposals.

The group also discussed the history of the Dunes Collaborative taking into account the original list of members who were "appointed," as stated in the current Work Plan. The group discussed how to engage "appointed" members in the process of the Work Plan revision and the in the Dunes Collaborative in general.

The group reached agreement that the comments provided in the draft Work Plan would enhance the next draft by tightening up some of the language and referring more specifically to the work we are doing in the mission statement section and to consolidate the list of guiding principles and approaches.

There was discussion on how the Dunes Collaborative functions as an advisory group and what the status of the group is and should be as it seeks funding from outside sources. There was general agreement that the more information we have regarding funding levels, the more effective a committee the Collaborative would be. The group also suggested that this subject should be included in the work plan. The overall conclusion of this conversation was that the Collaborative serves in an advisory capacity and recognizes that the Restoration Subcommittee must work within certain parameters and that in general the Collaborative requires their support to proceed in any given direction and will work with an understanding to address the Restoration Subcommittee's feedback in a meaningful way.

**Action Item:** Everyone: comments on Draft 2 by Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Item:** John Jostes will follow up on language of appointment.

**Action Item:** John Jostes will follow up on issue of boundaries and we need a map for the Work Plan. Note: Mario Castellanos has requested information regarding the boundaries to Melissa Boggs as it was relevant to the VSTF RFP process.

**Action Items:** Bob Hill will provide to the group a map of the Dunes Complex.

### 4. Fundraising Subcommittee—Update

Mario Castellanos provided a suggestion regarding the Dunes-wide assessment and in-kind offer of support from Smithsonian Conservation and Research Center and that there are specific foundations that would be a good match to fund this assessment with matching funds from outside of the Collaborative.

**Action Item:** Jamie King will follow up regarding whether or not CNLM is appropriate to receive mitigation funds at RGDP.

### 4. Timeline for 2010 Project Proposals and RFP Process

The group discussed recommending projects for 2010. The VSTF plans to post a Request for Proposals online by late September, they had hoped to have this posted by 9/15/09 but have not completed the documents. The VSTF is working on completing those documents. See note under VSTF regarding RFP timeline.

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

Restoration Task Force proposals will be presented at the October meeting and will include RTF Coordination, Invasives Species Removal, and Dunes Complex-wide Reassessment.

#### **6. Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: Tentatively, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9am-12pm at the Dunes Center**