



Dunes Collaborative—VSTF

Thursday July 23rd, 2009

9:00am

Dunes Center

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Chair: Rey Monge

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1. Introductions/Opening Remarks

a. In attendance:

- (1) Rey Monge (chair)
- (2) Jamie King
- (3) Dan McElhinney
- (4) Mario Castellanos
- (5) Jenna Scimeca
- (6) Kanani Fox

2. Approved Meeting Notes.

3. Discussion of Catalogue of Interpretive Panels/Signs Available through CA State Parks

The group discussed the State Parks catalogue of signs with interpretive information available online at the state parks website. These panels are less expensive than creating new from scratch. They are open to the general public so with confirmation from the producers we can say they are customizable.

4. Discussion of Potential Interpretive Panels at Oso Flaco Lake

The group discussed the development of new interpretive panels for Oso Flaco which will be dune specific. State Parks is in the planning phases of installing new panels and is seeking input from the VSTF for content ideas. The group suggested several ideas such as a panel in the riparian corridor addressing the birds and plants that live there and one at the overlook with an orientation to the geography around the area.

CNLM is working on finding funding to put up new panels for the beach kiosk and plover boundaries (12"x18"). The group discussed that one of the key points to provide effective signage and information is at the edges of fence lines. We need to provide information so the public can make informed decisions based on that information. They may or may not trespass after that but we must provide them with the information.

The group then discussed issues surrounding Mussel Rock safety. It was agreed upon that the area is a concern for the Collaborative because it poses public safety risks, however, the county cannot post signage there warning about the hazards because it

isn't their property and the liability issues surrounding that are complicated. One suggested solution was to emphasize the edge of the county property with signs that alert the public to some of the hazards that exist beyond those boundaries.

5. Dunes Collaborative Website

a. What content has been requested by the Restoration Subcommittee?

(1) Does the website content reflect what we need/want to share with the public?

Proposed content to be updated:

- (a) Meeting notes for 2009 and 2008
- (b) Agendas
- (c) Next meeting dates
- (d) RFP—Timeline
- (e) Selection Criteria
- (f) Information about the parks—links to individual agency websites.
- (g) Current announcements.
- (h) Reports/summaries.

6. The group set a timeline and next steps for 2010 projects.

Action Item: Dan: locate old RFP and do a quick review and provide to Jamie.

Action Item: Jamie: Update and get out final DRAFT of Evaluation Criteria

Action Item: Mario: Template for application.

Action Item: Latest needs list is available.

Timeline: RFP Opens September 1st, Close October 1st, Review mid October in Task Force, finalize the list and submit November 1st.

7. **Update:** County money to fund projects in the preserve.

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:

- a. Overlook funding on the road, shelved due to cultural resource issues and technical issues (road washing out over time).
- b. Preserve improvements and five year maintenance currently being funded.
- c. Parking lot signage and parking lot has been completed.

8. Suggested Agenda Items for possible Wednesday, August 19th, 2009 9am meeting date.

- a. Review and approve an RFP for VSTF Projects.
- b. Review and approve criteria for VSTF Project Evaluation.
- c. Set dates for proposed project review.

9. Other/Upcoming Events and Announcements

- a. Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve Fishing Derby is cancelled for 2009.
- b. Oso Flaco Cleanup—September 19th.
- c. Oso Flaco Moonlight Hike, August 5th.
- d. Land Conservancy Black Lake Hike September 4th.

e. Plover/Tern Trailer at RGDP available for transport.

10. Adjourn