

Save Our Bosque Task Force

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 Minutes

Attendees: Tracey Hamilton, Matt Mitchell, Connie Robnett, Gina Dello Russo, Bear Albrecht, Kathy Granillo, and Yasmeen Najmi (by phone).

9:15 AM Save Our Bosque Task Force Meeting

1. Approve Agenda. *Motion made by Connie to approve, second by Matt, approved.*
2. Approve Minutes from March 2015. *Tabled until June meeting.*
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. *Tabled until June meeting.*
4. Project Updates
 - a. Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Project: Tracey reported on new developments. Three years to implement, edits needed and team working on proposal, which includes the Task Force, will meet with Kevin Dodge, state FEMA office, tomorrow to discuss this project and the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The project has tentatively begun as of April 30, 2015 as long as we get edits to them soon we should be funded and get started. Again, partners in the project are Socorro County, Socorro Soil and Water Conservation District, NM State Forestry, and the Task Force. Discussed Notice of Intent to submit an additional proposal by the deadline in June; can be submitted any time we are ready. "Green infrastructure" projects were mentioned and that FEMA will fund these and that there is the potential for them funding acquisition. More to come on what this might mean for our group.
 - b. Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program: Doug and Gina will follow up on Perry project.
 - c. Riverine Parks/SNA: The Inmate Work Crew is done in Unit 2 and 3 for the season (Otero Street to the North Diversion and Hope Farm to Brown Arroyo) with additional funding from NMSF and MRGCD. More work may be done this fall. Trash pick up day next fall can focus on stretch from Hope Farm to Brown arroyo at least, lots of trash exposed by IWC working in the area. They were not tasked with picking it up, but we can next fall.
 - d. Healthy Kids Socorro: tabled.
 - e. Other Projects: 1) Levee project tour cancelled for second time. Left to COE manager of project to reschedule. There is interest to get out there and see their work, just tough to schedule it seems. There is a trespass issue that was reported to the Task Force when we met people to let them know about the tour. We need to follow up on this with COE, MRGCD, and others. 2) Sevilleta NWR reported on projects underway (since we had to cancel that tour due to rain). Lots of work going on in wetland areas including tamarisk clearing, willow plantings, and infrastructure changes. We look forward to seeing it when their schedule allows; possibly in August.
5. Any updates on other funding opportunities? Yasmeen and Gina will meet to talk about strategy for fundraiser for this year.
6. Website: Bear updated as per our discussions.
7. Other agenda items: none
8. Calendar: Next meeting is June 2, 2015. Public meeting for the Drought Response Planning effort on May 13 at the County Extension Office, two open meetings: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm (sent out notice to Task Force members prior to meetings).
9. Individual Reports: Connie reported that mistletoe-laden trees were cut down at Escondida Lake. Bear and Yasmeen traveled farther afield.
10. Adjourn: *At 11:00 AM, Connie made a motion to adjourn, second by Yasmeen, approved.*