



Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District

LSPI Committee Meeting May 29, 2014 Minutes

May 29, 2014
CAC Aravaipa Campus, room E102

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

In Attendance:

Bill Dunn, Stephen Williams, Stefanie Smallhouse, Josh Avey, Walt Meyer, Francie Meyer, Scott Wilbor, Peter Else, Charles Ffolliott, Celeste Andresen, Donna Woods, Cathy Gorman, Phil Hedrick, Diana Stirling

Francie moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion of mitigation proposals

Josh introduced the draft of the Investing in Private Partners for Mitigation along the Lower San Pedro document.

There was a discussion of the details and potential implications of the document. After the discussion, Josh moved to approve the Investing in Private Partners for Mitigation along the Lower San Pedro document as a working draft, striking the second paragraph and the last 19 words. Charlie seconded. Motion failed.

Stefanie moved that we use the Investing in Private Partners for Mitigation along the Lower San Pedro document. as a starting point in developing a supplemental tool for conservation in the Lower San Pedro River valley. Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

There was further discussion of potential edits to the document, including the Safe Harbor requirement and possible alternatives.

The potential boundaries of this project were discussed. Alternatives include using the watershed boundary that was identified for the watershed CRMP project or using the existing District boundaries (Redington and Winkelman).

Next steps:

Josh proposed fleshing out more details of the plan, particularly after examining the overlays in the planning area, before approaching USFWS with questions. Overlays could include riparian areas and uplands, species, land ownership and conservation, and land status to identify how many acres are eligible for strategies. Stefanie proposed looking at a land ownership/land use map as an important step early on in this process. Francie suggested also getting a list of species.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, at 10:00 at this location.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.