



Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District

Lower San Pedro NRCs Initiative Committee Meeting

Minutes

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January 14, 2014

Central Arizona College, Aravaipa Campus, Room E102

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Attendees:

Stephen Williams, Walt Meyer (as proxy for Donna Woods), Francie Meyer, Scott Wilbor, Hattie Hedrick, Katie Cline, Andy Smallhouse (proxy for Stefanie Smallhouse), Sara Simmons, Josh T. Avey, Charles Ffolliott, Steve Turcotte, Bill Dunn, Bob Evans, Scott Cole, Diana Stirling

Approval of minutes:

Motion to accept minutes as amended was made by Francie and seconded by Andy. Motion carried.

Name of committee:

Possible names for this committee were discussed. A motion was made by Andy to approve the name Lower San Pedro Natural Resource Conservation Districts Initiative. Motion was seconded by Steve Turcotte. Motion carried.

Boundaries Committee report:

Stephen Williams explained the State Trust Land in Upper [sic] San Pedro Watershed map which was distributed to attendees. The map includes the boundaries of the NRCs in the watershed. (The boundary of the Initiative is automatically delimited by the watershed.) There was a discussion of properties that are just outside the two NRC boundaries that might be included.

Francie moved to stay within the WNRCD and RNRCD boundaries with provision for possible inclusion of contiguous properties upon approval by the Committee.

Francie amended her motion to read:

The Coordinated Resource Management Plan boundaries shall fall within area of the Lower San Pedro Watershed that lie within the WNRCD and RNRCD, with provision for possible inclusion of contiguous properties upon approval by the Committee.

The motion was seconded by Andy. Motion carried.

Francie moved that the approval process will involve the landowner making a formal request at a Committee meeting. Upon review by the Committee, a recommendation will be made to the WNRCD and RNRCD boards for approval. Walt seconded. Motion carried.

Coordinator Search Committee:

No report.

Additional Groups report:

Peter had sent an email message to the sub-committee. In his message, Peter s explained that Arizona Game and Fish and Pima County Natural Resources Management had responded to his query by saying that they were willing to be on the list to receive communications from the Committee. Contact information for these two agencies was provided in the email message. The agencies requested more information about the structure and process before committing to participation.

Peter further recommended that a description of the process and the various participation roles be sent to all the mjoy landholding groups and agencies in the planning area.

A letter will be sent to cooperators explaining the Initiative. Later there will be outreach to relevant agencies and stakeholders.

Funding Sources:

Bill made some inquiries and is waiting for responses. Josh has also made inquiries. ADWR funds may be an option.

Josh will contact Wally Dodds, Tyce Palmer, Norm Evenstad and Kevin Miller to get information about next steps with regard to funding and hiring a coordinator.

Charlie has been appointed to the Funding Committee.

Process and objectives of the Committee:

No discussion.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 10:00, at this location.

Motion to adjourn made by Walt. Seconded by Josh. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.