

**GRANT COUNTY ECO WATERSHED PLANNING GROUP
NOVEMBER 5, 2014 MEETING**

SUMMARY MINUTES BY VICKY ESTRADA

Membership Letters of Interest

Gabriel Ramos was not able to attend this meeting. Joe Mondragon spoke on his behalf stating that Gabriel was looking for letters of interest for membership in the Grant County Eco-Watershed Working Group. Current members as well as current participants were invited to apply. USFS participant Art Telles mentioned that the USFS wanted to be an active and regular participant in the working group but would not be applying for formal membership. Gabriel Ramos will be reviewing the letters of interest for membership and will pass them on to the County Commissioners for approval at their next meeting.

Priority Project Area Criteria for Selection Exercise

Vicky Estrada facilitated group exercise to identify and summarize what criteria working group members and participants in the process to select the County Priority Project Area. Group agreed that there are two broad objectives that the group wants to accomplish in treating the project area; improving water quality and quantity, particularly as it relates to recharge of community water sources; and increasing/improving watershed resiliency (ability to withstand events like wildfires, drought...that. Group then came up with list of criteria which Vicky recorded on flipchart. She will type up this list and send out to the group for review at the next meeting.

The group also used this list of criteria to identify which of these would be most important in determining where within the priority project area, the working group would want to focus efforts. Vicky will have Adrienne from NMFWRRI add these criteria to the map for the next meeting.

Storage of Maps and Working Group Information

Vicky presented options for data/map storage that the group would all have access to but would also have restrictions. She will work with the NMFWRRI to identify best option for the group and share this at the next meeting.

Potential Partners and Stakeholders

There was a group discussion about potential partners and stakeholders for the priority project area. Group went through a brainstorming exercise to compile a list of potential partners and stakeholders. She will send this out to working group members and participants prior to the next meeting.

Meeting participants Included:

Denisha Lucero, County Administrative Assistant for the
*Art Telles, Natural Resource Officer, USFS Gila NF
Tonya Vowles, NM State Forestry
Mick Deubel, Alternative Forestry Unlimited
*Joe Mondragon, citizen
*Ralph Pope, Consultant – Southwest Native Ecosystems Management
*Leroy Holguin, Fire Management Officer, USFS Gila NF
Martha Cooper, TNC
Diane Taliaferro, USFS Silver City Ranger District, Gila NF
Mark Bernal, BLM
Leroy Holguin, USFS Gila NG
Pat Hunt, NRCS
Ellen Soles, citizen
Gilbert Helton, Grant County
*Gordon West, Gila Woodnet
Vicky Estrada, consultant representing NMFWRI

*Grant County Eco Watershed Planning Group Members