

Meeting Notes for the Santa Fe Fireshed and Cohesive Strategy Planning Session
February 19, 2016
The Nature Conservancy of New Mexico, Santa Fe NM

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Next Steps:

1. Next meeting: **3/4/16, 9:30-11:00 am for the Core Team** (see table from 2/9 notes) at The Nature Conservancy Santa Fe Office (<https://goo.gl/maps/kNo9EVGikS82>). **We will be taking names for planning and running the 4/14 event!**
2. Eliza and Eytan will present progress to the broader Cohesive Strategy group on 2/22.
3. Eytan will move the shared collaborative goals into a vision statement in Anne's outline and send it out for review.
4. Eytan will send out the current boundary shapefiles.
5. Steve will look to acquire acequia, diversion, and water intake data from the Office of the State Engineer.
6. March 9th is public comment for the City Council on using water trust funds in the watershed. Once a Forest is mobilizing against this. **Please consider attending at City Hall at 7pm on 3/9.**
7. The group is planning a public outreach event on April 14th in Santa Fe. It will be focused on values, risks, and the boundary of the fireshed effort. Potential event title, "*Learning and Listening Session about Wildfire and Santa Fe.*" **Be prepared on 3/4 to sign up to help.**
8. Sandy agreed to reach out to Nambe Pueblo Governor to discuss the effort.
9. Homework for the group:
 - a. Review the relevant CWPP documents (linked above)
 - b. Review the project webpage to see how it serves our engagement of the public and communities
 - c. Look to see how we can use All About Watersheds or the NMFWR I FTP site as a workspace for file sharing.

Attendees: Lawrence Crane (State Forestry, Bernalillo District), Carmin Austin (State Forestry, Las Vegas District Forester) Joe Julien (Pecos Ranger District, Fire Management Officer), John Boe (Espanola District Fire Management Officer), Bill Armstrong (Santa Fe National Forest), Jose Varela Lopez (Santa Fe – Pojoaque SWCD), Porfirio Chavarria (City of Santa Fe Fire Department) , Ryan Swazo-Hinds (Tesuque Pueblo), Eytan Krasilovsky (Forest Stewards Guild), Anne Bradley (The Nature Conservancy), Krys Nystrom (Wildfire Network), Eliza Kretzmann (State Forestry and NRCS), Jon Williams (Santa Fe National Forest), Steve Bassett (The Nature Conservancy), Dave Sperling (Santa Fe County Fire Chief), Sandy Hurlocker (Espanola District Ranger), and Jordan Stone (UNM).

Meeting Notes:

- 1) The meeting began with introductions. Anne then provided background of why this meeting was convened and reviewed the agenda. She mentioned the 2/22 meeting convened by NM State Forestry and the City of Santa Fe Fire Department. Anne covered the objectives of this meeting and what the outcomes need to be to carry the effort forward. This meeting's objectives were to 1) review our goals and process, 2) discuss the boundary, and 3) discuss an outreach and communication strategy.
- 2) Anne then clarified some immediate roles and their backups.
 - a) Anne will be the lead coordinator with Eytan as a backup.
 - b) Eytan will be the lead note taker with Eliza as a backup.
 - c) Eytan will be the lead on managing the public webpage.
- 3) Anne initiated the discussion on the public engagement with these questions. "How do we engage the public and communities?" "How does this connect with the county [Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#), the [county update](#), the [city wildfire mitigation plan](#), and FEMA hazard planning?"
 - a) This led to homework for the group:
 - i) *Review the relevant CWPP documents (linked above)*
 - ii) *Review the project webpage to see how it serves our engagement of the public and communities*
 - iii) *Look to see how we can use All About Watersheds or the NMFWRRI FTP site as a workspace for file sharing.*
- 4) Next the group discussed our collaborative and shared goals. Eytan will work these into a paragraph in the document outline started by Anne.
 - a) To protect lives from wildfire and post-fire flooding.
 - b) To reduce the risk homes and property face from wildfire and flooding.
 - c) To protect traditional and cultural uses by the Pueblo of Tesuque in the fireshed:
 - i) Irrigation for agriculture.
 - ii) Hunting as a traditional use.
 - iii) Forest products for ceremonial purposes.
 - iv) Other traditional uses on the landscape.
 - d) To protect acequia groups use of water for irrigation for agriculture.
 - e) The economic vitality of the Santa Fe area economy as it relates to real estate, recreation, tourism, and the watershed that are at risk from wildfire.
 - f) To protect public drinking water.
 - g) To work towards a landscape that is resilient to wildfire and drought.
 - h) To maintain or improve forest health.
 - i) To increase the public understanding and acceptance of wildfire, fire adapted ecosystems, and management options.
 - j) To maintain or improve wildlife habitat (which species and what type of habitat?).
 - k) Increased public acceptance of wildfire as a process.
 - l) Increased public understanding of the role of smoke in ecology.
 - m) To maintain or enhance ecosystem services provided by the landscape.
- 5) The group briefly discussed:
 - a) Nambe Pueblo

