

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership Meeting agenda for Friday, January 18, 2019

Location: PAWSD Administration Office, Pagosa Springs, Colorado

Time: 9:00 – 11:30

"When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe."
-John Muir

Action Items:

- Develop a 1 pager for PAWSD Board
- Develop a 1 pager for County Commissioners
- Outreach & Events committee coordinate with finance committee for plan for 2019 budget
- Circulate proposed event calendar
- Confirm indirect rate for contract with CFRI

Upcoming Events:

- 1/23, 10 am – 12 pm : **Environmental Impact Bonds – Informational Meeting w/Quantified Ventures** – At CSU Extension Office - 344 US-84, Pagosa Springs
- 1/25, 9 am – 4 pm: **Prescribed Fire on Private Lands Workshop** – Chama Senior Center – Chama NM
- 1/30, 5-7pm: **Resilient Archuleta Community Meeting** – CSU Extension Office – 344 US-84, Pagosa Springs
- 2/1, 10 am – 4:30 pm: **Woman Owning Woodlands** – Intro to Forestry Workshop – at the Upper Chama Soil & Water Conservation District in Tierra Amarilla, NM
- 2/23, 8 am – 5 pm: **Rio Chama Watershed Congreso** – Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu NM

9:00 – 9:10 Welcome and Introductions

- **Attendance:** Matt Ford, Jerry Archuelta, Aaron Kimple, Doug Secrist, Emily Hohman, Justin Ramsey, Matt Cook, Mandy Eskelson, Bill Trimarco, Anthony Culpepper, John Porco, Becky Herman

9:10 – 9:30 Updates

- **Round Robin**
 - Environmental Impact Bonds
 - Meeting 1/23 10am-12pm at CSU extension
 - This effort spans across the San Juans
 - Emily H - CPLA
 - Rx workshop in Chama – 1/25/18 – 9am-4pm
 - At Chama Senior Center
 - Focus is on the operational/technical side of Rx treatments

- Liability, risk, insurance , state/county regulation
 - We have resources available but don't have landowners ready
 - Emily will send outreach materials – Headwaters will circulate
 - All day event – morning covers regulations, liability, risk – afternoon more interactive
 - Should we put this in the paper? Or radio?
- San Juan Chama Watershed Partnership
 - Woman owning woodlands – 2/1/19
 - In Tierra Amarilla at the Upper Chama Soil & Water Conservation
 - Intro to forestry workshop
- Rio Chama Watershed Congreso – 2/23/19 – 8am-5pm
 - At Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM
- Bill T – WAP
 - 1/30 – resilient Archuleta first big meeting – open to general public
 - Looking at the economic, social, and environmental aspects
 - CSU extension from 6-8pm
 - What are the shared values of the community? – this is focus
 - What do we want here? What do we need?
 - Hoping to gain enough interest to carry group forward
 - WAP will not have any cost-sharing programs in Archuleta county
 - Includes chipper rebate program
 - Lack of funding
 - Will be able to do site assessments and create mitigation plans
 - Trying to get Wildfire Partners program going
 - CWPP in Archuleta county will be updated
 - This process being completed in house, old one is 11 years old
 - Should Headwaters / 232 be included in this effort?
 - Pods effort would fit in well with this new CWPP
 - Matt F: How much buy in is there from the local community?
 - Wants to make sure there is enough community support before too much work/time is dedicated to any effort
 - Aaron: This is a Federal process but wants to bring in key community members into the conversation early on.
 - Emily H: Looking forward for a PODS effort on private lands
 - Can also help identify areas that need treatment
 - It is a federal process – the challenge is how we expand this towards private lands
 - This came from a fire suppression perspective
 - Lots of us see this as a tool for Rx treatments
 - High Country News: Article on wildfire and insurance
 - Writer looking for people to fill out a poll
 - Data from this story can be viewed and circulated
 - Pagosa Area Realtors

- WAP/Bill giving presentation
- They trying to get ahead on Wildfire insurance
- WUI – international building codes
 - WAP/Bill planning commission presentation
 - To give familiarity to building codes
 - Hoping to see if the county will adopt some form of these
 - Matt F: cost increased 30k for simple metal building if it complies with 2012 international energy codes
 - A lot of the code states using more nonflammable material
 - Hoping to encourage this as guideline for new building
- CAFA grant
 - Free D-Space mitigation for low income households in Aspen Springs and Twin Creek Village
 - Soft opening last year
 - Hoping to expand that effort this year
- Hoping to organize a contractor workshop
 - Build more capacity in local region
- Looking into NFPA grant for wildfire preparedness day
 - Wildfire movie night? Open to new ideas
 - How can we get a broader group to show up
- After the Flames – Workshop and Conference – 4/1-4/3
 - At Embassy Suites – 1420 Stout St, Denver CO
- Doug S - SJWCD
 - Work session Monday 2pm
 - Looking at strategic planning
 - Very preliminary – looking at objective
 - Focused on community buy in strategies
- 2nd round of RCCP open
 - Actually closes this weekend
 - Jerry: Going big isn't necessarily a good thing for RCCP – cautions against going to big for RCCP for Headwaters.
 - On the ground treatments are better suited for smaller efforts lead by single org rather than 232
- Matt F - FHC
 - Considering adding briquetting line to operation
- Justin R - PAWSD
 - Broke ground on new UV system
 - Aaron to present to PAWDS Board

9:30 – 10:00 Budget/Agreements

- Gov't Shutdown
 - Can't access Cohesive dollars during shutdown
 - MSI is feeling out comfort level carrying debt going forward
 - Finance Committee approved contribution dollars for SJHFHP coordination

- Discuss and approve MSI agreement for 2019
 - Further discussion on CFRI proposal
 - Long-term funding discussion post-Cohesive; 2019 is the year to plan
- Finance Committee Meeting
 - Last year's budget
 - We will get quarterly updates in the future
 - 13,3777 in direct donations
 - 12k was in large donations
 - Banded Peak Ranch contributed to a huge part of this
 - 477 small donations
 - But not close to 3k goal for small donations
 - Within 81% of budget
 - CFRI contractor was factored into 2018
 - But funds were not drawn out for this
 - So the 81% number is a little misleading
 - Looking for budget next years
 - Hard to plan for until we know what events will be put on
 - Generally we can expect an increase in education, increase in planning costs (science included in planning & evaluation),
 - Cohesive dollars end in 2021
 - Need to start thinking about fundraising now in 2019
 - 108k was total expenditure for SJHFHP
 - No county funding for Headwaters
 - Discussion on why
 - There's been an identified priority that wildfire is biggest risk to community – so why the disconnect in funding?
 - New commissioners, no big local wildfires recently,
 - Do the not understand the issue as a community safety hazard? Or do they not understand the value of the Headwaters group?
 - If it is the ladder, then we need as a group need to communicate our value better
 - We are a relatively low cost tool to help mitigate against a bigger risk of wildfire
 - We can leverage dollars to get additional grants
 - Are we communicating the economic benefit to the community?
 - They are going to ask who else is giving? Should we get smaller donations from multiple donors
 - "Cash" account – direct funds raised not tied to specific grant objectives
 - Coordination, supplies, materials
 - Hoping to hold on to \$7,500 in cash account
 - At \$6900 currently – will have to be drawn on during shutdown

- CFRI Agreement
 - Presented 2 options
 - Option 1 - Deliverable with peer reviewed publication
 - Option 2 – Deliverable w/Webinar
 - Finance committee met
 - 5k above what was budgeted
 - 5k will be pulled from evaluation cohesive
 - Deliverables adequate on agreement
 - 34% indirect – no one was very happy about that
 - Aaron/Anthony will inquire about a lower rate due to non-profit status, but the group was in agreement that the 34% rate was acceptable even if we are unable to get a lower rate
 - Have they used the appropriate indirect rate for us?
 - Since we are 501 c3 Non-Profit
 - 2 big deliverables are for MSI – MSI is on the hook

10:10 – 10:45 2019 Planning – Goals & Objectives

- End of the Year Report for 2018
 - Currently being developed by Matt C.
 - Using template from last year
 - A draft was circulated at meeting and this draft version will be circulated via email
 - Please let Matt know your input on current draft for things to add/edit/change
 - Want to have a completed version ready for next meeting in Feb

OUTCOMES:

- Welcome 2019
- Outline SJHFHP main goals and objectives for 2019
- Review and approve 2019 budget
- Review and approve 2019 MSI agreement
- Reinvigorate the SJHFHP committees
- Discuss marketing/outreach/events for 2019
- Understand how to make information more accessible to group members