

Otero County Working Group

November 13, 2014

Summary of Minutes

Present - Rick Merrick, Mark Cadallader, David Bales, Jay Northcott, Vicky Estrada, Kim Kuhar, Tony McWilliams, Bela Harrington, Frank Silva, Mark Naranjo and Ian Dolly

Planning Group – It was discussed that while we have Vicky available that the planning group would meet on alternate months. It was agreed to make this happen.

Mission Statement – Vicky Estrada passed out copies of document with examples of mission statements and posted on flip chart general characteristics of a good mission statement.

Group numbered off and then broke up into 2 separate groups to develop a mission statement. Two groups then reconvened and collectively put into one mission statement the various components from both groups. Vicky agreed to send out the mission statement before the next meeting and suggested group could take one last look at Mission Statement and finalize it at the next meeting.

Project Priority Area/s Exercise – Tony McWilliams reviewed the two maps he created. One map showed current and planned projects by various agencies within Otero County and another map displayed areas with greatest Fire Risk based on analysis done by State Forestry and The Nature Conservancy. Each person was instructed to place circles around the areas of greatest priority (current and future) for their organization on the projects map. This portion of exercise was completed. Next, Vicky Estrada showed the group the map of land ownership and current and future projects by treatment type created by NMFWR for another project. Group agreed that for data that was available, they would like her to produce a map for this working group for the next meeting for completion of the prioritization exercise.

Otero County CWPP – Question concerning the progress of the CWPP was brought up. No more information at this time.