

# Curry Wildfire Preparation Team

Conference Call Meeting Notes  
February 17, 2010  
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## Attending:

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## Updates:

NFP Budget Modifications: Don reported that Mike Pope had sent him the budget modifications requested after the last CWPT meeting that requested remaining funds to be allocated differently between project work and homeowner cost-share. Mike also included the change from \$400 to \$500/landowner reimbursement. Don will share this information with the Commissioners, then mail it back to Mike. At that point, funds will be available for use.

Homeowner Assistance: Chris has the draft press release and will review and modify. He has been frustrated in trying match available skills with the project description, but will keep working on finding someone appropriate to administer the work load generated by the Firewise program. When Chris targets the 'Firewise Forester', hears from Don that the grant funds are 'good to go', and gets the press release ready, Kim will mail him a list of media to distribute information about the program. The CWPT in a previous meeting also recommended personal visits and/or calls to editors along with the press release.

Firewise Outreach: Maggie reported that she authorized production of 1 6' x 2' banner, and 18 ~ 3' x 4' metal signs with the defensible space logos selected by the CWPT. She gave grant identification and billing instructions to In-Motion Graphics, along with Chris's phone number as contact person.

Water Storage Brochure: John Hawkins shared that the additional requirements and recommendations given to Pistol River FD are probably not appropriate for individual use. Maggie will check on the brochure progress with Bill Sharp.

Annual Reports: Maggie reminded everyone that their annual reports are due by the end of this month. Amy, Kim, and John Hawkins have completed their tasks.

Defensible Space Training: The North County training to be held in Port Orford was scheduled for April 23. All was on board until we realized this was Easter weekend. The training is now TENTATIVELY scheduled for May 14. Kim will again call presenters and the PO Library to check on availability. If anyone has changes in the curriculum to recommend, let Kim know by Friday, February 25. Kim will also follow up on renewing our instructor certification for insurers and realtors. The CWPT suggested Commissioner Waddle to open the session, and if he is not available, to contact the mayor of Port Orford.

Title II Ideas: The group discussed options for a Title II grant submittal. Applications are due on April 1, 2011. Jeff suggested focusing on fuels reduction in the Agness area that would tie nicely to the Lower Rogue project area. Maggie will send out a reminder to the team next week for suggestions.

Billings Creek Phase II: Kim set times to meet with Maggie and Chris to develop Participating Agreements. Kim, Maggie, and Chris then discussed how to accomplish the shaded fuels break along the road so that it meets the intent of the RAC and the grant. There are insufficient funds for CFPA to accomplish a 'true' shaded fuels break along 3.5 miles of road. Jeff suggested concentrating the work along the private lands along the road, or being selective as to which areas in which to work – i.e. where breaks would be most effective serving as a fire break and defensible space. The group agreed that the second approach would be the most effective use of the funds and would meet the intent of the grant.

**TASKS:**

- Don will share budget information with Commissioners, return the modifications to Mike, and let Chris know when funds are available
- Chris will finalize the press release, hire or assign a Firewise Forester, then distribute press release to media to 'kick-off' the Defensible Space program
- Maggie will contact Bill Sharp re: water storage brochures
- CWPT will complete their assigned Annual Reports and return to Maggie by 2/28/11
- CWPT will send any curriculum changes to Kim by 2/25/11
- Maggie will send a request for Title II ideas to the CWPT next week

**Next Meeting: March 15, 2011; 1100 – 1200; Conference Call**  
**April 15, 2011; 1000 – 1300; Gold Beach RD Conference Room**

Agenda: Task review  
Project scheduling  
Homeowner Assistance Program  
Other projects  
Annual Report review

Please send all corrections or edits on the notes to me by **March 11**; you can always contact me at [maggie.mchugh@currywatersheds.org](mailto:maggie.mchugh@currywatersheds.org), or give me a call at 541/247-2755 ext 4#. **PLEASE NOTE** new e-mail address!

*Maggie*