

**Curry Wildfire Preparation Team
Meeting Notes
Gold Beach Ranger District
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Meeting Status: Mike Pope is on a fire, Chris and John Hawkins were unavailable for the first half of the meeting because of an emergency call.

Updates

- Defensible Space – Don reported that neither archeology firms with whom the County has had contracts have called him back. He will try again to call this week, and if there is still no response, he will put an advertisement in the newspaper. The Team agreed that it would be good to get the Press Release about the program out to the public this fall, so that CFPA can begin locating and ‘clumping’ probable home sites for the archeology surveys.
- Firewise Forester – Chris is trying to keep one staff person on over the winter to work on Firewise (Defensible Space) projects. The Team will submit a memo to the County Commissioners when we determine our timeline for this project so they will have documentation that the Title III funds are being used. Maggie will draft the memo when this information is available.
- Firewise Outreach – Chris will check to see how much is left in this grant. The Team discussed ways in which to use any remaining funds: brochures or flyers to home owners, signs at project locations, the elusive Water Brochure.
- Harris Beach – Jeff and Kim described their impression of the Harris Beach gorse project. State Parks did not spray after the slash and burn treatment, so the gorse is growing back. Jeff said there is a huge need for continued treatment, including cutting, burning, and spraying. State Parks expressed their desire to re-treat the area, including spraying. At the next meeting, the Team will discuss this project with Mike to determine how the NFP grant modification can be used in conjunction with whatever treatments State Parks decides.

Old Business

- Water brochure – The Team agreed that Bill Sharp had the original materials developed by Joanne Ruoff. Andy’s flyer was a good start at condensing the material, but didn’t have the ‘kick’ that the Team feels is necessary for effective outreach. Don offered to research materials already available in California (Fresno County) and download appropriate materials to share at the next meeting.

- Out-year Training – Kim shared that our training program (3 workshops across the County) were good but poorly attended. The Team agreed that we should re-visit our approach and our audience. After much good discussion, the Team agreed to work directly with Cal-Ore Training Association and the local volunteer Fire Departments to see how we could work with them to offer training to both the fire departments and their communities at their fire halls. Chris suggested that we try this more targeted approach, and then re-visit our training goals and objectives, especially after we begin the Defensible Space Program. Chris would like to start CFPA home visits again to update our evaluations. The Team felt we should update the information shared with the homeowners to include the Defensible Space assistance and SB360 requirements.

Don and Chris will contact Jim Watson at Brookings ask about topics CODA would like to have covered, especially our CWPP goals for defensible space and community awareness.

- Billings Creek II – Chris stated that his crew plans on working on the Billings Creek brushing/fuels break work in the next 4 to 5 weeks. They will have the work completed by the end of the calendar year. Chris and Monty (nee Jeff) will visit the site and take photos to help with documentation for the final report.

New Business

- CTR Recognition – Kim and Maggie will draft a certificate of appreciation for CTR for their Free Brush Days, citing their contribution to helping reduce wildfire risk around residences.

Tasks – CWPT

- Kim and Maggie – draft certificate for CTR
- Chris – brushing crew to Billings Creek
 - Check on Title III Firewise Outreach funds
- Don and Chris – contact Jim Watson about training opportunities
- Don – call archeologists and/or place ad in newspaper
- Don – check out California water requirement materials
- Maggie – re-send modified Goals to Team members

Next Meeting:

October 18, 2011; 1300 – 1400; Conference Call - Maggie will send agenda, call number.

Agenda topics for next meeting include:

1. Harris Beach decisions – **Mike, Chris**
2. Status of Archeology contract – **Don**
4. Status of Water Brochure information – **Don**
5. CODA and Out-year training – **Don and Chris**
6. Updates – **CWPT**

Please send all corrections or edits on the notes, and additional **agenda items** to me by **October 15**. You can contact me at maggie.mchugh@currywatersheds.org, or at 541/247-2755, ext 4#.

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