

# MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM QUARTERLY MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2013

**Date of meeting:** Friday, October 11, 2013, 12:30 – 1:50 p.m.

**Location:** Conference Call

**Date minutes posted:** 10/16/13

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## ATTENDEES

Gali Beh (Beh Management Consulting), Carol Ekarius (Coalition for the Upper South Platte); Pam Motley (West Range Reclamation); Mike Lester (CSFS); Paige Lewis (The Nature Conservancy), Terra Lenihan (Beh Management Consulting); Commissioner Sallie Clark (El Paso County)

Absent: Glenn Casamassa (USFS, ARP); Megan Davis (Boulder County); Commissioner Cindy Domenico (Boulder County); Jerri Marr (USFS, PSICC)

## AGENDA:

1. **12:30 – 12:35 – Welcome, introductions**
  2. **12:35 – 2:00, Plan next Roundtable meeting Nov 22. :**
    - Which agenda items from the September cancelled meeting do we carry over to November? (see slide 13)
    - Upper Fountain Creek (Carol/Paige) & Lyon Buttonrock (Chad Julian)
    - UMC (Paige)
    - Report from the Missoula Fire Lab (suggested by Paige)
    - Working Team Progress Updates?
    - Next steps on 40 year vision - send questions to RT members ahead of time
  3. **2:00 – 2:30, Letter to DNR and CSFS:** Discuss letter to the Department of Natural Resources and the Colorado State Forest Service (and other applicable groups involved with prescribed fires). The topic is “Maintain Prescribed Fire Capacity.” (slide 8 has Roundtable input)
  4. **2:30 – 3:00, Housekeeping:**
    - Report on fundraising (Carol) and expenses (Gali)
    - Review remaining 2013 calendar: Roundtable & ET
    - Plan 2014 calendar
  5. **3:00 – 3:30: other next steps?**
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1. **12:30:** Welcome, Gali reviewed the agenda.
2. **Plan November 22 Quarter 4 Roundtable Meeting:**
  - **Partner update** – time at the beginning of the Q4 meeting for Commissioner

Clark to give a partner update.

- **CFLR Monitoring field trips** - Debrief from summer field trips. Carry this agenda item over from the cancelled 9/13/13 meeting. Terra will confirm with all of the CFLR speakers.
  - Terra asked to confirm that Wildlife Team members will attend the next Landscape Restoration team meeting, to integrate CFLR comments and then also add to the agenda.
- **Community Protection Team update** – carry this agenda item over from the cancelled 9/13 meeting as well. Need to check if speakers still available. Carol will confirm with the Insurance Task Force speakers. Carol said a final report should be available by the Q4 meeting. Don't need Lyle or Mike B to present. Carol will check with Scott, Kelly and Kevin on speaking on this issue.
  - Terra will confirm with Megan on CP Team update.
- **Policy discussion** - Paige suggested we have a policy session at the Q4 meeting. This will be an optimal time to hold this discussion before the legislative session. Paige will lead and recruit appropriate speakers.
- **Wildfire Interim Committee, Governor's Task Force** – need at least ½ hour.
- **Biomass discussion**– Pam wondered if someone from CSFS would be more appropriate to lead this discussion. It was clarified that Rob Davis is working with Mike Eckhoff at the USFS on this so it should be a balanced discussion from private/public sectors. Paige will check with Rob and Mike on their parts.
- **Flood Insurance** - Commissioner Clark brought up the issue of flooding in Ute Pass and Manitou Springs. She would like more discussion around flood insurance. Can we get someone from NFIP since there is a lot going on at the national level with insurance rates. She'd like to see a Roundtable speaker on this.
  - Carol said the Insurance Task Force hasn't yet talked about this. She suggested we add this to the policy discussion.
  - Paige can add this to the discussion since it is a national policy issue.
  - Sallie suggested looking at some Louisiana legislation that some Colorado legislators have signed onto.
  - Paige and Sallie to discuss before the 11/22 meeting.
- **Support policies that stabilize funding...** Terra will send email #3 to entire Roundtable on giving us ideas around this measure. Will ask members to bring their ideas to the 11/22 meeting.
- Terra will send draft agenda to Executive Team before it is finalized.

### 3. **Letter to the Department of Natural Resources and CSFS on prescribed fires:**

Paige suggested we talk to Lisa Dale at DNR for input. We need to target the right issues. Mike also suggested talking to Lisa. Mike mentioned that the governor didn't remove the ban on broadcast burning. When does moratorium end?

- Carol, Paige and Gali will talk to Lisa. We will send date to all Executive Team in case anyone else would like to join the conversation.
- Suggested we talk to Paul Cook with the Division of Fire Prevention and

Control as well.

- Gali asked if we should do this before the Q4 meeting? Paige said yes, and then it can be part of the prescribed fire discussion. We can write the letter after the Roundtable meeting.

**4. Fundraising:** Carol, Paige and Megan will talk after the ETeam meeting.

- JeffCo hasn't paid. Commissioner Domenico planned to touch base with them.
- Why did Larimer only pay \$500? Decided that Exec Team should encourage Larimer County to participate more. Sallie will ask the Larimer Commissioner to attend.

**5. Next Steps list:**

- Carol was asked if Adam from CUSP was ready to start attending meetings. He's not quite ready to dig into financials but to keep copying him on emails.
- Greeley Water – Donna attended 5/31 Quarterly meeting. Carol will ask her if they would like to join the group.

**6. Other - Post-fire Flood Analysis:** Carol suggested getting Bob Jarod (retired USGS analyst) to look at Hyde Park and Four Mile areas and how these areas are dealing with the post-fire flooding. Commissioner Clark is also interested in that type of analysis for El Paso County. Would be good to look at Waldo Canyon. Pam agreed it's a great data to have. Her company is asked if fuels treatment makes flooding worse. Paige mentioned looking at the Joint Fire Science Program; she'll look into RFP. Paige and Carol will discuss on their call and brainstorm ideas.

**7. Legislative issues:** Pam asked if we can include a topic on what to do in between Roundtable meetings regarding legislative issues. What to do if someone supports or opposes something.

**8. Budget:**

- Gali presented budget numbers. Expenses from July to September 2013: \$8,596.25 with an annualized estimate: ~\$35k
- Wildlife Team asked if we can use Terra's help for helping write their Wildlife Monitoring Plan. Cost would be ~\$400-500. Everyone agreed that would be fine.
- Gali said she had not received a written contract for our current 6-month contract term. Carol will send Gali a copy of the contract.

**9. Calendar:** There are no more Executive Team meetings for 2013.

- Q4 Roundtable Meeting RSVPs – Mike, Sallie, Paige, Carol, Pam, Terra, Gali
- 2014 Executive Team meeting dates – sooner is better to get these scheduled. Paige suggested we send 2 Fridays/month to the team. Commissioner Clark mentioned CCI meetings and asked we work around those. Get these dates set before the 11/22.
- Terra will send a Doodle poll to the group for 2014 ET dates.

