

**Candelaria Farm Preserve  
Technical Advisory Group**  
August 24, 2017

**MINUTES**

*TAG & Related Technical Assistance Members Present*

Steven Cox  
Beth Dillingham  
Brian Hanson  
Christianne Hinks  
Michael Jensen (Facilitator)  
Judy Kowalski

David Mehlman  
Peggy Norton  
David Parsons  
Carolyn Siegel  
Kent Swanson  
Nathan Todd

*Community Members Present*

Kathleen Hall  
Richard Barish

Linda Shank

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The meeting began at 2:40 with introductions.

**Announcements**

There were no Announcements

**Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment

**Discussion: Amended document on the purpose of the TAG & the Resource Management Plan**

There was a brief discussion of a draft document; there were suggestions to change “appropriate farming” to “appropriate agricultural activities” and to change “commercial farming” to “traditional farming. The amended version will be voted on at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Sub-Committee Reports**

- *Tree Nursery* (Christina Sandoval, Christianne Hinks, Dave Mehlman)  
There was no report from this group
  
- *South Candelaria SMA* (Peggy Norton, Kathleen Hall, Brian Hanson, Larry Shore, Kent Swanson, Caroline Siegel)  
Nathan Todd will replace Kent Swanson on the subcommittee; Brian Hanson is the new chair of the subcommittee. Dave Mehlman may be able to conduct a site-specific bird study to serve as a baseline for future management plans. Some of the subcommittee members met with a landowner along the parcel (on the Trellis Rd side) – Brent Ricks is a former Parks & Recreation lawyer and he has access into the South Candelaria parcel.

He wanted to complement OS for their occasional cleanups in the site. The Subcommittee will tour the site on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm before the next CFP TAG meeting.

- *Visitor Use Management & Outdoor Recreation* (Beth Dillingham, Steve Cox, Dave Parsons, Jennifer Owen-White)  
There were no updates from this subcommittee

### **Land-Use Workshop Update**

Peggy Norton gave a brief account of a tour of CFP with Jim Roberts of J&T Farms, which has been managing the CFP site since Spring 2016. The meeting included Judy Kowalski, Dave Parsons, Christianne Hinks, Carolyn Siegel, Michael Jensen, and Brandon Gibson (Interim Supt of Open Space Division). The walkabout included discussion of cropping, irrigation works upgrading, field levelling and how irrigation flow was more efficient and rational now, etc. It was a good discussion and has opened lines of communication between J&T and the TAG (and the neighborhoods). He distributed a rough draft of (most of) the expenses he has incurred since Spring, expenses he said he would not recoup under the new shorter contract required for the City to meet LWCF requirements. On the other hand, based on the expenses he presented, most of which are for one-time, large-scale field and irrigation work, it is possible that the costs to transition the fields and then maintain them is significantly less than imagined.

### **Final Comments**

- None

**Adjourn:** 4:15pm

**The next meeting date/time September 7th; Rio Grande Nature Center Education Building**