

**Candelaria Farm Preserve
Technical Advisory Group**
July 13, 2017 • 2:30pm – 4:30pm

MINUTES

TAG & Related Technical Assistance Members Present

Steven Cox
Beth Dillingham
Brian Hanson
Christianne Hinks
Michael Jensen (Facilitator)
David Mehlman

Peggy Norton
David Parsons
Christina Sandoval
Kent Swanson
Paul Tashjian

Community Members Present

Kathleen Hall
Brandt Magic

Larry Shore

The meeting began at 2:30 with introductions.

Announcements

- Bosque del Apache newsletter (July 2017) has an article on habitat management

Public Comment

- Clarification that public comment can come during this time form general public comment and during a specific agenda item after TAG members are done with their initial discussion

Update: Water Availability @ Candelaria Farms Preserve

- *1917/8 survey*: almost all the land that is now FCP was listed as “Timber” (Bosque), with some sandbars along the river and a small area in the SE corner (along what is now Veranda and the Duranes Lateral) designated as in agriculture and presumably with pre-1907 water rights
- *Wells*: RG-35823, RG-35823-Alternate (or -S), RG-74068 (for new ponds; denied); RG-9474 (1963 for supplemental irrigation, but no information on status after approval in 1963); incomplete documentation for the history of these wells, including any monitoring and reporting
- *Surface Water*: SD-04712 from the Duranes is listed by City as 110acre feet that is not part of the City’s water pool (which ultimately became part of the water supply for the ABCWUA) ; incomplete documentation for the history of this water supply and its current status

Sub-Committee Reports

- Sub-Committees would focus on parts of the site that do and/or will function as discrete units, for various reasons; the sub-committees will address such issues as: access (current

and future), outdoor recreation use, water availability, and neighborhood interactions/concerns

- Suggested Sub-Committees
 - Tree Nursery Options
 - South Tract Options
 - RGNC Role with Candelaria Farms Preserve
- After discussion, the list was changed and members sorted themselves into different sub-committees
 - *Tree Nursery* (Christina Sandoval, Christianne Hinks, Dave Parsons)
 - *South Candelaria SMA* (Peggy Norton, Kathleen Hall, Brian Hanson, Larry Shore, Kent Swanson, Caroline Siegel)
 - *Visitor Use Management & Outdoor Recreation* (Beth Dillingham, Steve Cox, Dave Hutton, Jennifer Owen-White)

Draft Resource Management Plan Template

- Brief discussion of the basis for the template (primarily the 2004 RMP, with influence from the 1979 Predock Master Plan, the 1983 Management Plan, and the 2010 Special Management Area plan)
- Recommendation that Section 3: “Natural Resource Conditions” be changed to “Ecological Conditions”

Final Comments

- None

Adjourn: 4:20pm

The next meeting date/time July 27th; Rio Grande Nature Center Education Building