

**Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition Meeting Notes**  
**Pueblo of Tesuque Administration Building**  
**December 7, 2017**

**Meeting Notes**

Porfirio Chavarria called the meeting to order on behalf of Chief Litzenberg, and led introductions.

In attendance:

Anne Baldwin (SFNF)	Alan Hook (City-Water Division) (by phone)
Alan Barton (NM FWRI)	Sandy Hurlocker (USFS – Espanola RD)
Steve Bassett (TNC)	Carol Johnson (NMWA)
Hannah Bergemann (SFNF)	Eytan Krasilovsky (Forest Stewards Guild)
Sam Berry (Forest Stewards Guild)	Michael Martinez (Pueblo of Tesuque)
Brent Bonwell (SFFTS)	James Melonas (SFNF)
Anne Bradley (TNC)	Mark Mitchell (Pueblo of Tesuque)
Mike Bremer (SFNF)	Joe Norrell (SFNF)
Eric Castillo (Sen. Heinrich’s office)	Andy Otto (SFWA)
Porfirio Chavarria (SFFD)	Susan Rich (NMSF - FWFO)
Jacob Davidson (NMDGF)	Steve Romero (USFS – Pecos/Las Vegas RD)
Patricia Dominguez (Sen. Heinrich’s office)	Teresa Seamster (Sierra Club)
Joy Esparsen (NMAC)	Estelle Smith (USFS)
Tim Fowler (SFFTS)	Ryan Swazo-Hinds (Pueblo of Tesuque)
Andrew Frederick (NMSF)	Dee Tarr (Claunch-Pinto SWCD) (by phone)
Greg Gallegos (SFFD)	Aelysea Webb (NMAC)
Todd Haines (NMSF - Bernalillo)	

**Action Item Updates**

**Membership procedures** – Alan Barton distributed a writeup describing the three membership categories: partners (signatories), advisors, and contact list. Individuals can sign up for contact list via the website and indicate interest in more involved category. Members agreed that interested parties willing to sign on and ascribe to GSFFC Operating Principles and Landscape Strategy should be accepted in based on their agreement to participate cooperatively. Alan will update language accordingly.

**GSFFC Logo** – Alan Barton shared draft logos. Members offered many suggestions for the committee to use to refine the favored draft. Preference is a simpler design, at least for letterhead.

**Website and FAQs** – Alan Barton reported that Esmé has been working on making the website nicer looking and more interactive. FAQs are still under development.

**Task Team Reports**

**Communications Task Team**

- Eytan Krasilovsky briefed members on the September 22 public meeting. It was a good design to allow people as much space as possible to air concerns. Presentations were positive; having hard data and risk assessment helped address some concerns.

- Porfirio Chavarria reported on SAF field trip – 29 attendees, presentations at SLO, Hyde Park, Ski Basin were well received; got good feedback from participants.
- Farmers Market tabling has been getting good response, so will continue.
- Public meeting planning committee is getting ready to hold a smaller community meeting in Tesuque area in January, using a Q&A/small group format. This will be a pilot for future outreach meetings.
- Alan B. and Mar Reddy-Hjelmfelt are looking into setting up a photo-sharing site for GSFFC members.
- Sam Berry and Esmé Cadiente are working on [3-panel design](#) for trailhead kiosk. Design could be modified for smaller signage, portable display board.

### **Implementation Task Team**

Todd Haines reviewed data from the [handout showing project status](#) and gathered additional information for the GSFFC project spreadsheet. Todd noted that there are other types of activities that are not captured in the spreadsheet, such as a recent request from a private landowner for a forest management plan for 1,100 acres in the SE Santa Fe corridor.

### **Landscape Resilience Strategy Task Team**

Anne Bradley and Hannah Bergemann continue work on the Landscape Strategy. Teresa Seamster and Hannah are drafting general principles for a monitoring strategy. Goal is to evaluate treatment impacts and effectiveness vs. assumptions/expectations. GSFFC monitoring group can borrow from Santa Fe Watershed monitoring tech panel, Rio Grande Water Fund monitoring workgroup and subject matter experts, use lessons learned to come up with detailed plans for cross-boundary and project-specific monitoring. Members brought up potential for citizen monitoring - less rigorous but still valuable.

### **New Business**

**Risk Assessment** – Steve Bassett reported the assessment is 99% complete; draft is 25 pages plus appendices and 4-page executive summary. Risk Assessment maps and data will inform the landscape strategy and can be used for other applications. Andrew Frederick, Porfirio, Hannah and Ryan offered to do a pre-release critical review. Steve, Porfirio and Eytan will look into presenting the Risk Assessment to county commissioners soon, and to the new mayor and city councilors in March. Members discussed building and hosting a Coalition story map to help people interpret and understand the risk assessment and landscape strategy. Forest Stewards Guild offered to take the lead.

**Election of 2018 Chair** – Porfirio Chavarria led the call for nominations. José Varela-Lopez had previously submitted a nomination for Forest Stewards Guild. Anne Bradley nominated Pueblo of Tesuque. Eytan accepted the nomination on behalf of FSG and Ryan Swazo-Hinds accepted on behalf of the Pueblo. Todd Haines made a motion, seconded by Teresa Seamster, that the Pueblo of Tesuque serve as Chair in 2018 with FSG as Vice Chair, and the FSG be incoming Chair for 2019. Motion adopted by consensus of the full group.

**2018 NM WUI Summit** – Eytan introduced Joy Esparsen from NM Association of Counties, who described the annual WUI Summit ([see handout](#)). Joy will report back on the 2018 location and date, to be determined soon and posted on nmcounties.org. Scholarships are available courtesy of the Southwest Fire Science Consortium. Joy also spoke about the NMAC/BLM Wildfire Grant Program ([see handout](#)). RFA will be rolled out mid- to late January with applications due back in March.

**Pre-fire planning for post-fire recovery** – Porfirio Chavarria described what some communities in the Northwest are doing and asked if GSFFC members would consider developing a strategy to plan ahead for post-fire recovery. James Melonas suggested using AfterWildfireNM as a template. Members cited Dee Tarr’s WUI Summit presentation on lessons learned after the Dog Head Fire. Porfirio circulated a sign-up sheet and will convene a task team to work on a plan for this community.

**NEPA Steering Committee** – SFNF wants to be open and transparent in its NEPA process. Forest Supervisor James Melonas proposed forming a steering team to develop a collaborative framework for moving into the upcoming broader areas of analysis and coming up with proposed actions. Anne noted this could provide a link between the Coalition and the Forest’s NEPA process. The idea is to have a small team set up the framework and process for the NEPA public process, then bring in a larger group with representatives from special interests for broader interaction with the public. Teresa, Porfirio, Todd, Eytan, Brent B, Patricia, Anne, Mike M. and Alan B volunteered to help, and José will be invited.

### **Updates from partners**

Hannah: SFNF is awaiting review comments on Inventoried Roadless Areas for Hyde Park project. Will update via conference call to brief everyone before a decision is rendered. They expect to render a decision for Pacheco Canyon in March. [See attached handout](#) for more details.

Sandy: Watershed prescribed burn was done in November; fire behavior was more like you’d expect in summer. City and county crews helped with the burn.

Eytan: The Rio Trampas TREC provided an opportunity for training crew members from Tesuque Pueblo. Forest Stewards Guild secured state and private funding for a fall crew based at the Espanola Ranger District to help with prescribed fire in the Fireshed and other locations in the national forest.

Alan B.: The NM Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute is making good progress on the vegetation treatment database. Go to [vegetationtreatments.org](http://vegetationtreatments.org) to check it out.

### **Action Items**

- Add language to membership procedures about accepting new members who sign on to Strategy and agree to abide by operating principles – **Alan B.**
- Complete FAQs – **Alan B. and Esmé**
- Plan and hold community meeting in Village of Tesuque in January – **Alan B. and planning committee**
- Update projects spreadsheet – **Todd, Susan**
- Convene monitoring workgroup – **Hannah**
- Build story map re: Risk Assessment and Strategy– **Eytan/Forest Steward Guild**
- Review draft Risk Assessment report by Dec. 17 – **Andrew, Porfirio, Hannah, Ryan\***
- Look into arranging presentations to Santa Fe County Commission and City Council – **Porfirio, Eytan, Steve B.**
- Send info re: dates and location of WUI Summit to Susan – **Joy, Aelysea**
- Convene committee to work on pre-fire planning for post-fire response – **Porfirio**
- Convene ad hoc team to set up framework and process for NEPA public participation – **James**

**The next meeting will be Thursday, March 22, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Pueblo of Tesuque Administration Building, Tribal Council Chambers.**