

**June 18, 2014**

## **SWVMA – Advisory Board meeting**

**Wednesday June 18, 2014, Flagstaff, AZ ADOT Facilities building  
Board meeting 1-4 PM**

**Present – Justin White, Sharon Biedenbender, John Scheuring,  
Max Allen, Mike Carrigan, John Brock, Patti Fenner. Absent – Ed  
Northam, Kris Gade. Sign in sheet attached.**



Field trip 9-11 AM I-17 Christensen Rest Area; APHIS, Coconino NF biological control project

### *Board Meeting Agenda and Notes:*

March 18, 2014 Board meeting – minutes approved by board

### *2014 meeting site update:*

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting 28-30 October 2014 in Casa Grande

J Brock went to Casa Grande and signed a contract with the Francisco Grande Hotel for the annual meeting. Date set for next board meeting September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 at the hotel - Francisco Grande. Plan is to do lunch at the hotel and visit conference facilities.

### *Program:*

SWVMA advisory board

2014 meeting theme “Partners for Vegetation Management” – Approved last board meeting  
Change Annual meeting title from “Conference to Meeting” on handouts, agenda etc... **Patti F to do.**

### *Response to call for presentations:*

“Southern AZ Buffelgrass Coordination Center” group is proposing a session on Buffelgrass. Board would also like to hear about fountaingrass. Board would prefer not to have a whole day committed and rather have a session or half day. Would like to have sessions apply to CEU credits. FS (Allen White) has \$ available for conference sponsorship/use. **Sharon will call Allen to see how the funding works – to do**

### *Meeting presentation and proposal discussion:*

Dana Backer at Saguaro NP has done Imazapir Work, **Sharon to call**; Susan Myers on BioControl; Niel Kittelson has proposed; Ben Bloodworth from Tamarisk Coalition; Don Pike has group of volunteers mapping fountaingrass on Tonto using Google Earth – Volunteer mapping group. Johnsongrass control talk need **presenter (Kia Umeda) J Brock to make contact.** Dewey Murray APHIS and Laura Moser on biocontrol projects – **Patti to call Laura**, Kris Gade on thesis project, Justin White or Kris Gade to include discussion on ADOT partnerships, Borderlands restoration and Coronado partnership **Sharon Biedenbender to call**, “Sparky “ Taber BLM raft for shoreline vegetation management , Rene Bennaly on

Navajo EIS – **J Brock to call**, Saguaro National Park on aerial buffelgrass applications **Sharon B to call**; **Patti to search** for Hawaii paintball herbicide treatment; Ed Northam on invasive mustard ID (Black, sahara etc), Jack Peterson from OPM on new rules, **Kris Gade to contact** NPDES for pesticides Chris Henninger at ADEQ **Patti Fenner to contact**

*Keynote:*

Allen White? Brian McGrew (John Caravetta = McGrew's supervisor) State Noxious Weed Coordinator Dept of Ag; Kevin Kinsall, Gov's advisor on Natural Resources on State Program to manage invasive plants, but changing govs and might be unrealistic. John Carraveta dept of ag director of plant services division per J Brock might be better. Kim McReynolds UA extension on SE AZ WMA **Sharon to call**.

*Noxious weed list:*

Meeting with Brad McGrew said Gov sent out executive order moratorium for rules that have potential to impede private industry. So, new order may take time. To get rules opened up SWVMA would need to start at the Gov's office. Legislation may not be needed. Groups and users really need to be involved. Conflicting rules and regulations on weed provisions for regulated, restricted, prohibited etc. have conflicts. SWVMA, as the AZ state lead on the subject, will need to review and resolve some of these or provide clarity. Dept. of AG cannot go to Gov. SWVMA would need to send a letter on rule change with letters of support from key supporters (Cattlemens assoc. , nursery assoc.,) Sandy Bahr with Sierra Club is supportive. Sandy would encourage SWVMA to get grassroots efforts moving with groups and eventually media. Board decided current rules and laws need to be reviewed and then other State laws, rules should be reviewed for examples of what AZ might want to do.

**Justin will send links** to group for current Legislation for State Noxious weed laws

Patti handed out a list of contacts for Petition letters of support (attached) Other groups to add discussion: **John S will** check on Tucson Audubon, Kerry Ann with Sky Island Alliance **John S to contact** **Mike Carrigan will check** on industry and Ag Chem Assoc. contact.

*SWVMA members contact list:*

Contact list has been sent out. Some members are not able to open attachment. **Patti will resend**

*Vendors / exhibitors contacts:*

General discussion, 3 donor levels = silver \$300, gold = \$500 and platinum = \$1,000

*Bylaw revision(s) Hand-Out with changes review:*

Discussion of board member changes and potential to fund executive director position. Bylaw changes need to be sent out 30 days before the annual meeting

Revision discussion – would need to circulate to SWVMA members and have a vote at the next annual meeting on proposed changes

*Treasury Update :*

See handout from Patti with account balances. Discussion of the need for liability insurance for SWVMA

*Field Trip Discussion:*

NRCS for retiring farmland and dust control. Mike Ottman extension agronomist **John S will call** to see if he knows of any potential field site

*New business:*

State Forestry grant proposals are due 18 July

*Next meeting site and time:*

September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 Casa Grande

*Adjourn*