

Upper Arkansas River Cooperative Weed Management Area
January 11, 2017

Quarterly meeting minutes

Attendance: Patty Knupp-NRCS, Jana Rapetti-Fremont Co, Jeremy Buss-NRCS, Kayla Malone-Chaffee/Lake Counties, Tony Telck-Fremont Co., Marisa Neuzil-Teller/Park CD, Debbie Mitchell-Fremont CD, Tina Travis-El Paso Co, Charles Blake-CPW, Bryan Welding-El Paso Co. Bec Veerman- USFS, Angela Safranek-USFS, Robin Young- CSU Ext and Nick Padilla-USFS

Welcome & Introductions: See attendance

Patty: Call to order

Approval of minutes: Jana makes a motion, Kayla seconded. Oct minutes approved

Patty and group: Discussion about the evaluations for the UACMWA annual conference. 76% return rate.

For future annual conference- Strong interest in the rust fungus for thistles. Weed Identification and Bio-control are also of interest. Licensing for Turf/ornamental etc. info needed/wanted. Data management and mapping information. Kayla will share management spreadsheets if needed.

Patty: all please read the revised course evaluation and give feedback on how to make it can be approved for attendees.

Patty: UACWMA account balance of \$5863.30. Some of these funds available for branding UACWMA.

Grant updates

Jana: 2016 grant update, payments are coming in.

Kayla: 2017 grants. Working on current app. More info needed for grants like maps, species and other details. Work session today after meeting to work on grants.

Tina: New partnership with El Paso Co Parks dept, will be spraying for the Parks dept. this year 2017

CWMA update

Robin: conference was really great. Good comprehensive content, wildlife, organic production and laws/regs.

Jana: Charlie Blake received partnership award. Congratulations to Charles.

Patty: Jana won weed manager of the year. Congratulations to Jana.

Phragmites update

Kayla: Phragmites update. Letter to CDA. CDA is working on collecting data

Getting some populations tested genetically together as a group to save money and logistics.

Tina: Phragmites and Arundo donax in El Paso co on down towards Pueblo.

2017 Calendars

Jana: please take some CWMA weed calendars for your colleagues.

Round table Discussion:

Debbie: NRCS-TCP Russian olive/ Tamarisk work going on, phase two NRCS TCP grant app turned in.

Marisa: Weed program is in flux, working on finding a new weed manager. Having difficulties finding a good contractors for spraying weeds.

Bryan: Working with El Paso parks dept this year on noxious weeds.

Bec: Mapping and getting things ready for seasonal.

Jeremy: reiterates what Debbie said about FCD and NRCS Russian Olive project happening in Fremont County.

Tina: Looking forward to working with the El Paso co parks dept.

Kayla: Chaffee and Lake co. Larry Walker has officially retired. Working on transitioning into the County weed manager.

Tony: Working with NRCS and FCD on the Russian Olive/ tami Removal. Gearing up for the spring summer season

Charlie: Brush hollow work/ tamarisk work with Jana/tony went/going really well. Looking to develop weed management plan for Beaver creek property.

Jana: Maybe saw yellow toad flax in the Beaver creek area. Ref (Charlie)
New contact for BLM in Aaron Richter
Working with NRCS and FCD on the Russian Olive control.

Patty: NRCS has EQIP funding for folks, deadline is Feb 17.
Interagency project potential in the Badger Creek watershed in Park County.

Nick Padilla: USFS able to acquire some BAER money from fires to manage weeds.

Angela: Would like to meet with Tina (El Paso) and Kayla (Chaffee) for USFS stuff

Robin: Gearing up for 2017 spring and summer. Will not be participating in CDA 2017 grants due to workload.

All: UACWMA website is paid for 2 years. UACWMA will also pay Mary Menz for website work.

Need success stories and weed of the month photos and stories for the website.

Branding/Mission/Vision meeting: Feb 15th location and time TBD

Next Quarterly Meeting is April 13th 930 here

Garden Park Building 201 N 6th, Canon City 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adjourn – 12pm

