

**Flip Chart Meeting Notes from “Future of the WWPG” Agenda Item;
from 26 Oct 2012; Watershed Wildfire Protection Group
Restart Meeting; 0900-1500; US Forest Service
Regional Office Auditorium; Golden, CO**

10 Dec 2012

In Attendance (32 people; 23 organizations):

Mike Babler, The Nature Conservancy
Judy Billica, N. Colorado Water CD
Jon Bruno, Coalition Upper S. Platte
Chuck Dennis, West Range Reclamation
Joe Duda, CSFS
Rich Edwards, CSFS
Kevin Gertig, Fort Collins Utilities
Jerry Gibbens, N. Colorado Water CD
Hal Gibbs, US Forest Service
Claire Harper, US Forest Service
Polly Hays, US Forest Service
Eric Howell, Colorado Springs Utilities
Don Kennedy, Denver Water
Cynthia Lane, American Water Wks Assoc.
Lucy Maldonado, Bureau of Reclamation
Sara Mayben, US Forest Service

Mike McHugh, City of Aurora
Margaret Medellin, American Water Wks Assoc.
Greg Naugle, CDPHE-Water Quality
Ed Perko, Pueblo Water
Justin Pipe, CDOT
Brad Piehl, JW Associates
Eric Reckentine, City of Greeley
Randal Ristau, CDPHE-Water Quality
Barbara Ruddy, USGS
Tom Schreiner, CDPW
Erika Shioya, Colorado Watershed Assmby
Will Stambaugh, City of Golden
Chris Sturm, Colorado Water Conserv Board
Travis Warziniack, USFS Rocky Mtn. Exp.Sta.
Bert Weaver, Clear Creek County
Scott Woods, CSFS

I. Focus Areas/Goals (Brainstorming):

- Watershed Management: CSFS high priority
- State Action Plan: Watershed driven
- Key State Forestry Legislation
 - Biomass related
 - Watershed related
 - Wildfire related
- Existing Watershed Assessments
- Connect Implementers with Funders
- Leverage Funding Between Cooperators
- Increasing Treatments on Non-Federal
- Outreach – Increase awareness throughout state re: group and issues; incentives (legislation)
- 3 “buckets” of activity
 - Implementing, want more
 - New
 - Future
- 15 Assessments – Aggressive toward implementation
- Engage CWPP re: water assessment – “multiple value intersections”
- Important to integrate CWPPs into Wildfire Watershed Assessments
- Soil, water processes – consider road sediment

- “Marquis” project – collaborative
- Pre- and Post- Activities – proactive vs. reactive
- Identify – Obstacles and barriers. How do we overcome?
- Merge “Green Trees” and “Dirt in River”
- Community based prioritization of treatments
 - Done locally
 - Facilitated/informed by group
 - “Decision Tree” – Assessment to project scale
- Mission/vision for the group! How to lead, empower, good stewards.
- Template/checklist to ID various players and roles to “Get ‘er Done” (funding and permitting)
- Who are the audiences that would receive information from the group?

II. Potential Membership:

- Federal agencies including:
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Bureau of Reclamation
 - Dept. of Defense
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - National Park Service
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - US Forest Service
 - US Geological Survey
- HOAs, citizens, subdivisions, communities
- Industry
- Legislators- as “users” of group information
- Local water providers and users
- Local fire protection districts
- Local county planners and specialists
- Local collaboratives and non-profits
- Research entities:
 - CSU Warner College of Natural Resources
 - Rocky Mountain Research Station
- State agencies including:
 - CO Association of Conservation Districts
 - CO Dept. of Agriculture
 - CO Dept. of Natural Resources
 - CO Dept. of Parks and Wildlife
 - CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment
 - CO Dept. of Public Safety
 - CO State Forest Service
 - CO Dept. of Transportation
 - CO Water and Conservation Board

III. Organizational Structure:

- Question: Become part of Front Range Roundtable? – Almost a resounding “NO!”
- How do we interact with other collaboratives as a stand-alone group?
- Formalizing structure will increase funding opportunities
- *A. Top 5 reasons why you want to be involved – “Survey”*
- *B. Next meeting? After survey! Meeting frequency?*
- **Focus on 1-3 things to do!**
- Find past mission/vision statement and Review!

IV. Funding:

- For group
- For Implementation – “Leverage”
 - Grant Opportunities
 - Match
- Potential Funding Source
 - Southern Rockies Landscape Cooperative
 - CO Parks & Wildlife – Habitat Partnership Program
- Develop list of potential projects/partners by entity
- “Watershed Condition Framework” – US Forest Service

V. Facilitation:

The Colorado State Forest Service will provide facilitation and leadership for the group