



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

February 28th, 2018

Conference Call

5:00 PM-5:20 PM

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### Committee members Present:

- Ron Garcia, *USFWS Representative*
- Alvin Kunugi, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Mike Maldonado, *Sportsperson Representative*
- Paul Minow, *BLM Representative*
- Roy Oliver, *Livestock Growers Representative*
- Brian Bechaver, *CPW Representative*
- Ty Ryland, *Livestock Growers Representative*

Administrators: Hanna Cook

Guests: Clayton BonDurant (DWM)

### Budget Report

The 2018 budget report was reviewed.

### New Business

#### Project Application Proposals and Reviews

##### Kathy Shoup Fencing-Clayton BonDurant

There was concern about whether a new fence is needed in this area, and whether that fence would fit within HPP's directives. Clayton BonDurant visited the property and determined that there is a lot of elk activity and damage to the fence in this particular area. Kathy has agreed to build a wildlife friendly fence with high visibility white wire on the top.

**The project was approved for \$2,500 plus high visibility white wire from the committee stockpile.**

##### San Luis Hills Cattle Guards-Brian Bechaver

Big game have been driven onto private property because feral horses are destroying forage on public property. This is causing damage to private agricultural lands. The San Luis Hills public property will be managed as a State Wildlife Area and public access is allowed. Fences have been built to keep feral horses off of public lands, but gates have been consistently left open which allows feral horses and trespass livestock back in. Cattle guards would prevent horses and livestock from entering the public area and will allow for the regeneration of forage. An increase in forage will encourage big game to stay on public lands and should reduce damage to private

property. The project has been approved by the HPP Coordinator, AWM, and regional manager.

The project was approved for \$13,000.

Next meeting: May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Oscar's Restaurant

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