



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

October 6th, 2020

6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Zoom Video Conference

Members Present: Mick Davis, Dale Gomez, Eduardo Duran, Carol Lee Dugan, Brent Woodward, Rick Davie, Mark Bechaver

Guests: Rod Ruybalid (CPW-DWM), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator)

Administrative Assistant: Hanna Cook

Budget Report

The 2021 budget report was reviewed.

New Business

Wagon Wheel Well Pump and Tanks-Mick Davis

Mick is asking HPP for \$5,500 for a pump and tire tank to distribute water from an existing well on Roberto Garcia's property. This well was drilled during the 2020 fiscal year with the help of the SLV committee. The well was successful, so now that there is confirmed water Roberto would like to install a pump and tanks to distribute the water for wildlife and livestock. The water development should help to intercept some of the antelope that are damaging agricultural fields. HPP will be paying 50% of the total costs, and Roberto will pay the other 50%. Roberto has agreed to keep water in the tank year round (when possible) whether cattle are in the area or not.

Mick abstained from the committee decision.

The project was approved for 50% of the total project cost up to \$5,500

East Cerritos Well-Mick Davis

Mick is asking HPP for \$9,000 to drill a new well on Roberto Garcia's property. This will be the second well drilled on this property, and this one will bring water to an important area that wildlife use a lot. HPP will pay for 50% of the costs on a 400ft well, even if it is a dry hole. This area is otherwise very dry, so a new water source will be very beneficial for wildlife, and should help to reduce game damage on neighboring agricultural lands.

Mick abstained from the committee decision.

The project was approved for 50% of the total project cost up to \$9,000.

2022 Wolf Mountain Mastication Project-Dale Gomez

Dale is asking HPP for \$24,500 to re-treat habitat in the Wolf Mountain area. More than 1600 acres of pinion juniper were treated from 2001 to 2005. The treatment was very beneficial for wildlife, but pinion juniper have started growing back in some areas. The area needs to be re-treated to ensure that it remains good wildlife habitat. Dale has secured funds from the USFS, Muley Fanatics, and CPW Auction and Raffle, and is applying for additional funding from RMEF and NWTF. They are estimating this will cost approximately \$250/acre, and they plan to re-treat 540 acres. If funding from RMEF and NWTF is not secured, then they will reduce the acreage and re-treat as many acres as possible with the funding they have. This project will take place in July of 2021.

Dale abstained from the committee decision.

The project was approved for \$24,500 for FY 2022.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

Mick let the committee know that he is planning to retire from HPP at the end of the fiscal year. The committee will need a new sportsperson representative. Hanna will send a vacancy announcement out to the committee and the committee contact list to start the process of finding a new sportsperson representative.

Mick is working with Rick on a potential new water project for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: November 17th, 2020 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

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