

Minutes for Quay County Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Minutes from 2nd Core Team Meeting

July 17, 2007

1:00

Tucumcari Convention Center

1. Public Meeting

a. Review flyer

- make edit to include message about asking community members to show where the fire danger is
- add contact info for Mike Cherry and Donald Adams

b. Discuss distribution

- Quay County Sun
- Radio

c. Materials needed

- map of county for community members to mark areas most at threat, where they live, areas to be protected, and other
- display map of fire districts and corresponding chiefs (Quay County will provide this map)
- "What is a CWPP?"
- Info from State Forestry
- Summary of community protection work James Gurule and Rex have been involved with

d. Core Team members interested in being present at booth

- locals from VFD and FD will be at booth

2. Review Community Base Maps

a. Changes

- try to acquire CRP lands layer for Vegetation map
- add irrigation to Hydrology map (Arch Hurley)
- transportation map - tone down colors for hydrology
- transportation comprehensive map - tone down colors for hydrology and tone up minor roads
- Scot has more data

3. Review Initial Outline

a. No Edits at this time

4. Community Risk Assessment

Purpose:

- a. Identify where fuels treatments will reduce risks to communities and infrastructure
- b. Prioritize areas for fuels treatments
- c. Identify highest priority uses for financial and human resources

Methodology:

FlamMap

- a.
- b. Fire behavior mapping and analysis program that computes potential fire behavior characteristics (spread rate, flame length, fireline intensity, etc.)
- c. Medium scale
- d. Makes landscape comparisons
- e. Identifies hazardous fuel and topographic combinations
- f. Guides prioritization and assessment

5. Factors in Community Risk Assessment

Local Preparedness and Firefighting Capability

- a. Response capabilities of fire protection forces
- b. Equipment
- c. Number of firefighters
- d. Evacuation plans
- e. Safety zones
- f. Fire Assistance Agreements

Community Values at Risk

- a. Cultural Sites
- b. Historic Sites
- c. Recreation or Scenic Areas
- d. Critical Wildlife habitat

Critical Infrastructure at Risk

- a. Homes
- b. Businesses
- c. Farms
- d. Municipal Water Supply

Risk of Wildfire Occurrence

- a. Historical data
- b. What are common causes of fire?
- c. What is frequency?

- d. Typical weather patterns?

Define Wildland Urban Interface

- a. Discussion of how to include older communities, farms and ranches surrounded by wildland fuels
- b. Draft definition
 - "The area extending 1/2 mile from the boundary of towns, villages, and rural fire stations"

6. Signatories

- a. Quay County Manager or Quay County Commission Chair
- b. Quay County Fire Marshal
- c. EMNRD, Forestry Division, Las Vegas District Forester
- d. EMNRD, State Parks Division, Ute Lake State Park Supervisor
- e. Municipal Offices - Fire Chiefs
- f. Canadian River and Southwest Quay Soil and Water Conservation District Chairs
 - **We removed BLM, Roswell Field Office Supervisor from list**

7. Action Items

Task	Name	Due Date
Make Changes on flyer and send to Core Team	Emily Geery	ASAP
Send flyer to Quay County Sun & Utilities	Donald Adams	ASAP
Make Radio Announcement	Richard Primrose or Mike Cherry	ASAP
Hang Flyers in Library	Mike Cherry	ASAP
Hang Flyer in County Building	Richard Primrose	ASAP
Send map of fire districts to Emily	Donald Adams	July 31
Provide GIS data layers (roads, fire district)	Scot Jaynes	July 31
Provide Irrigation data layers	Clint Drockman (Arch Hurley website)	July 31

Look for data sets for communities of grasses from NRCS	Emily Geery	Aug 3
Provide materials for public meetings (defensible space / Firewise)	Terrell Treat	July 31
Provide RR fire protection plan	Rueben Rivas	July 31
Provide county map (town, ranges, and contact info) for public meeting	Emily Geery	August 10
Provide questionnaire for public meeting	Emily Geery	August 10

Next Meeting: September 21, 9:00am