

CARRIZO PLAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 8, 2003

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Welcome – Ron Fellows, BLM Field Manager**

Committee received authority from Secretary of Interior – role is to advise designated federal official (Ron)

- Each member has copy of charter

Announced opening of session – gavel will be turned over to new Chairman later when officers elect him/her.

Went over Advisory Committee Roles

Emphasis on #4. Honestly represent the interests of the member's constituency to BLM officials. Contribute to consensus building among other members and interests.

- 6 members to pass recommendation
- 5 must be present (quorum)

Carrizo already had a Plan in place prior to proclamation of Monument status

Introductions : BLM staff: Marlene Braun, Monument Manager, Johna Hurl, Assistant Monument Manager, John Skibinski, Assistant Bakersfield Field Office Manager, Kathy Sharum, Wildlife Biologist, Larry Saslaw, Wildlife Biologist and Don Maruska, Facilitator

**2. Introduction of Advisory Committee (AC) Members - Don Maruska, Facilitator**

Don went over his role as facilitator

Introductions:

- Dale Kuhnle – Represents grazers on Monument – 4<sup>th</sup> generation local family who worked Carrizo prior to federal ownership
- Ellen Cypher – Represents public at large, Endangered Species Recovery Program – 15 years
- Kirk Brettschneider – Director, Friends of the Carrizo Plain; family volunteers on CPNM & now represents west side and Taft.
- Neil Havlik – Public at large, Works for City of San Luis Obispo as resources manager.
- Bill Vanherweg – Represents the Central CA Resource Advisory Council – Wildlife Biologist – Consultant
- Ray Watson – 4<sup>th</sup> District County Supervisor (Kern County) – First time on Monument – Represents everyone in his district – make sure to preserve Monument, being fair to all interests
- Bob Binneweis – Public at Large – former Superintendent of Yosemite National Park .
- Michael Khus-Zarate – Representative of Native Americans (Chumash) – serves on Native American Advisory Council – first management plan – ceremonies, cultural, spiritual relationship - always has been a Monument to Native American – shares common goal w/council
- Mike Ryan – Chairmen of Board of Supervisors (San Luis Obispo County) –
  1. supplying resources to public – good relationship w/BLM – Fire
  2. Public access – utilization – has water skied on Soda Lake!

**3. Lessons from his experience with advisory councils – Don Maruska**

### “Best Practices for Advisory Committees”

- advisory capacity only
- problem solving not position taking
- attend regularly
- focus on issues not personalities
- take time to build relationships – through field trips, etc.
- be candid
- target efforts of most value
- use working groups
- develop areas of broad-based agreement

Do members have anything to share?

**Neil Havlik** – Mutual respect and issues – cartoon – Gen. McArthur “Hit the ball – not the players.

**Kirk Brettschneider** – find common ground – takes longer but have buy-in of whole group

**Bill Vanherweg**– get to know one another – you find the common ground and realize we are all on same page

**Ron Fellows** – In nearly 20 years – most successful committees are ones where members have gelled. Where everyone got to know each other. Good for CPNM – focus is specific.

**Ellen Cypher** – most difficult – maintain link with constituency – the more public involvement the better.

**Bob Binneweis** – How does the Advisory Committee and the media interact?

**Ron Fellows** – Just say what you need to say.

**Don Maruska** – If Press is interested – committee will be provided summary of minutes – can refer to those  
Encourage members – look at all issues

**Mike Ryan** – said he has pre-conceived ideas – but must work with everyone to get what you want.

## 4. History of Carrizo – Johna Hurl, Asst. Monument Manager

History of Carrizo – 1984, 1985 steering committee

1988 – first purchase of property from Oppenheimer

Current management is Cooperative – Monthly coordination meetings with TNC and CDF&G

- Listed native species of flora/fauna
- Management for native species – fire, grazing
- Grazing under different permits – more flexible
- Outdoor laboratory – species found in own habitat/research blunt-nosed leopard lizard, giant kangaroo rat, burrowing owl, geology.

- Cultural resources – Painted Rock, Saucito Ranch for history of farming or ranching
- Native American Advisory Council – advises on management of cultural sites.
- Recreation – hunting, birding, wildflowers, bicycling, Ed. Center tours
- Friends of Carrizo – volunteer service, public and community outreach. Funding of projects in future.
- Dedication of the Monument
- Advisory Committee

## 5. Managing Partners –

**Ann McMahon – TNC** – gave handouts for committee members

Honored to work with partners

Spoke of past and where we are now and looking to the future

Carrizo is classic example of what TNC does

Allow natural process to take place

Thanked all for their comments

**Peggy McNutt – Central Coast Regional Manager of TNC**

Recently began new position – pleased to offer expertise on issues

**Bob Stafford – CDF&G**– interests – land holdings from 1972

Endangered species issues (also state listed) and hunting issues

Monitoring elk and pronghorn antelope

Idea of seamless management

Introduced Deb Hillyard and Alice Koch, CDF&G botanist and wildlife biologist

**Bob Binneweis** asked question, “ Why is east side of Temblors left out of the Monument? Aren’t there BLM inholdings on other side of boundary?”

Ron Fellows answered:

Monument boundaries are the same as the Natural Area. Process didn’t change.

**Larry Saslaw** – Ridgeline to ridgeline concept.

**Jerry Diefenderfer** – east side of Temblors perceived as San Joaquin Valley not “Carrizo,” areas of most sensitive and easily acquired.

## 6. CPNM Planning Overview – Marlene Braun, Monument Manager

Advisory Committee members – next meeting we hope to review the Plan

Distinguish Caliente RMP from CPNA Activity Plan

We are developing our own RMP and activity plan & update

Explanation of RMP – land use plan decisions

- Discussed BLM Planning guidance
- Steps for planning process
- Timeline for CPNM Plan
- Requests to meet with Advisory Committee before fall.
  - Don** - 2 key points of involvement before fall
- Discuss – alternative before fall (draft)
- Or, wait until after draft and decide level of involvement
  - Marlene** -must also coordinate with management partners and public comment period.
- Explained role of NEPA
- Role of the public
- Decision maker (State Director – Mike Pool)
- Appeal process – BLM Director or IBLA

- Management direction – no drastic changes
  - Mission & vision of CPNM
  - Explains for AC members how grazing is being used as a tool to restore the CPNM to healthy ecosystems – 2 permitting systems
- Larry Saslaw** – invasion of non-native grasses – alters the function of ecosystems – fire regimes, competition with natives
- Changed structure for survival of species
  - Cattle used as tool to reduce competition and structure
  - Variety & 3's of species (vegetation management) not resource community, production.
  - Adaptive management – goal to find RX grazing.
- Marlene** – Issues from the public
- Grazing
  - Access
  - Wilderness – points out map of proposed units from Wilderness Coalition

## 7. Don – Next steps

- AC members will go over topics
- need sources of info that BLM should consider
- early input important.

**Neil** – How much is on the table regarding oil & gas? Ron responds that no new leases but must uphold valid and existing rights.

- Oxy purchased 28,000 acres south of Soda Lake. – has requested to exchange lands in CPNM for other lands.
- Oxy will pay for appraisal as to economic viability (feasibility).

**Don** – section in Plan to address oil & gas?

**Ron** – Yes it is in the Plan (valid existing rights/recognized no new leasing but private still subject.)

**Neil** – request for new drilling - would have stipulations?

**Ron** – yes with habitat stips.

**Marlene** – Old & new plans both address oil & gas but not an issue for an alternative as yet.

**Don** – go through slides on issues – AC members choose topics that analysis will include?

Access – **Johna** – define access – maps are brought in view for members. She explains existing roads, public/private...explains how we decided on road closures

**Mike Ryan** – all season?

**Johna** – yes – roads are impassable when wet...not all maintained, only ones used the most. No off-road use – OHV's must stay on roads.

**Mike R.** – How is BLM going to work with the county to maintain roads? (not on tax roles anymore)

**Johna** – Yes we have an MOU with County – we have exchanged gravel with them – BLM will grade also – good working relationship with county.

**Mike R.** – taxes? Federal lands off roles but need to contribute back to the county

**Ron Fellows** – PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) – has supplied county with \$'s but don't know how county divides them up – substantial amount (PILT\$'s)

**Mike R.** – lot of new visitors – accidents or emergency care – County crews need help

**Johna** – CDF & County get upset if not called.

**Mike** – Fire arrangement okay?

Training for volunteers and agencies.

Established a station in proximity to Carrizo

**Johna** - Visitation – has not spiked since Monument status, it has stayed roughly the same.

**Bob Binneweis** – How do we define roads?

## 8. Don – write down issues & questions from AC

**Ray Watson** – mission statement doesn't include "education"

Maximize opportunities to provide education

**Neil** – bicycles – rode Caliente Ridge to peak and back

**Marlene** – Not closed to bicycles

**Mike R.** – Do we have a staffing level to match use?

**Ron** – No. Internal problem for additional staffing

Understaffed in all areas

**Mike** – It should be in Plan – recognize the need.

**Kirk** – Staffing – use of volunteers organization such as Friends of Carrizo

**Ron** – also community and other volunteers

**Michael Zarate** – BLM & CDFG outstanding people

Anticipate issues & best use of resources, add more awareness of cultural & archaeological resources here, new sites, need to pay more attention to that. Only 2% inventoried and so much has been found.

**Ron** – agrees. Get up to 10% - want to add to the # of inventories completed

**Michael** – concerned with usage, monitoring of known sites – don't want unknown sites destroyed before we learn of them.

**Marlene** – Wilderness – Explained existing Caliente WSA

Approximately 23,000 acres.

New units – need to be 5K or more, have naturalness, solitude, roadless characteristics (different definition of roads)

**Bill Vanherweg** - WSA first before Wilderness?

**Marlene** – yes, only Congress can designate wilderness. WSA managed as wilderness (we cannot impair its wilderness characteristics)

**Bill V.** – Bike trail would then be closed?

**Marlene** – Already cherry-stemmed out. Congress can say cherry stem will be left out.

**Don** – Management of WSA

**Marlene** – Explains criteria

**Don** – Summarize: WSA's do not extinguish valid existing rights/have to make a recommendation through the planning process

AC – needs to know what it means.

**Marlene** – proposed WSA is somewhat larger than the current WSA

Cal French shows boundary includes more on top of Morales Canyon and east.

**Ellen Cypher** – other activities in plan conflict with WSA? Such as RX fire?

**Marlene** – "No"

**Neil** – Thinks AC should make a recommendation

**Ron** – Yes, a key role – We would like advice

**Don** – There should be a field trip.

**Don** – Wilderness issues?

**Bill** – What's restricted?.....or use implications.

**Marlene** – give copies of management guidelines –

AC members – yes, would like them and do a presentation at one of the meetings.

**Don** – in WSA – now; can you ride bikes?

**Marlene** – Only on cherry stem

**Bill** – No new trails

**Marlene** – No

**Bob** – Wilderness severely limits use of motorized vehicles:

Visitors can't use vehicles. Mountain bikes, horseback can occur if agency thinks through activities prior to designation. Eliminates noise so they can enjoy solitude, etc.

**Bill** – I would like to see and have it told to AC members

**Don** – Will the Plan indicate the acceptable uses?

**Ron** – Plan will be specific on why it's suitable. He will bring information to AC members.

**Neil** – No bikes in Wilderness?

**Ron** - Yes – But allowed in the WSA

**Don** – Ron will supply information to clarify.

**Bill** – Is there firefighting in WSA?

**Ron** – There are constraints on retardant, machines. These are already in place.

## **9. Introduction of Carrisa Elementary School Principal, Barbara Boud**

LUNCH – explained that it is a fundraiser for CAMP KEEP and Carrizo 4-H opportunities

## **10. Don – Continue with Issues – Livestock Grazing**

**Bob B.** – What science is available that show cattle benefit native species?

To what extent does fencing impede, if at all re-establishment of native community?

**Mike R.** – considering there is grazing – need to take in economic considerations of the rancher (grazers)

**Neil** – relationships of grassland productivity & grazing allocations – especially at higher elevations.

**Bill V.** – History of farming and grazing in the area.

**Ellen** – See Plan address the need to continue research to study the grazing

**Bob B.** – Different free use & traditional use permits.

**Michael Z.** – look at alternatives that address plants that cattle won't eat / herbicide issues.

**Mike R.** – Facilities set up for grazing enhance wildlife too.

**Dale** – Relationship of fire costs & not grazing, cost of replacing fence, etc.

**Bill V.** - Pronghorn/cattle controversy?

**Larry** – Grazing – showed maps of area grazed and ungrazed. – Residual Dry Matter (RDM) guidelines / rangeland health standards (soils, composite of plant community, UC Extension source).

- Turn out with minimum – pull off before minimum
- Matrix in plan – objective for the pasture and value

- Context for grazing – research – 1996 began study
- Not a whole body of research to support – joint effort to study effects on natural communities
- Season December – May: use RDM and flexible management.
- Cover: native to non-native.
- Six years of data: beginning data analysis now
- Not a lot of information. Don't have clear answers.

In plan: will address no grazing (one of the alternatives). 40K acres of previously cultivated lands, risks of fires to shrubs.

**Deb Hillyard**– Research program: assumed grazing would have an effect on RDM, monitoring native plants, perennial grasses, etc. Treatment is on a pasture basis.

- Needs to be adjusted for sub-pastures
- No obvious trends. Monitoring should probably be modified. Refine program to reflect a more sensitive monitoring methodology.

**Bill** –Grazing season?

**Larry** – December – May: “green” season varies.

**Marlene** – When would results be ready?

**Deb** – Pilot year to test sampling

- Adjusting.
- Looking at statistics between years, etc.
- This fall have some answers.

**Larry** – Hired new crew to gather more data this year.

**Don** – Incorporate answers in Plan?

**Larry** – Focused studies. Not sure yet.

- Grazing for restoration
- Grazing to manage for listed species.
- USGS – study on pronghorn – forage available; preference, structure component of habitat.
- Funding from this spring to next spring.

**Don** – Any interim answers for Plan?

**Larry** – Don't know yet.

**Ray Watson** – Equivalent data for fire and its impact on lizards, kangaroo rats, etc.?

**Larry** – Some information from Kern County. In absence of grazing alternatives?

**Ray** – Is any further research needed?

**Larry** – Polly Schiffman from CSU studying fire effects on plant community?

**Kirk** – No consistent answers – need to be flexible

**Marlene** – Adaptive management is part of our existing management.

**Don** – Is BLM covering a range in alternatives?

**Neil** – Commercial grazing, will that be changed?

Will they be converted? Will it be considered?

**Ron** – Yes, that will be addressed. Only place in California that has two kinds of permits. Should uplands remain? Do these areas lend themselves to the same protocol?

**Johna** – Some leases in place before the Carrizo came about.

**Kirk** – Some lands in WSA?

**Johna** – Yes

**Bob** – Answer to Ron’s question has to be answered yet.

**Ron** – Yes, observation. Six years of data is not a lot in this country. We will look at pointers in the research. Direction in Plan may re-balance what we’re trying to achieve. It won’t be definitive.

**Bob** – Did research go through peer review?

**Ron** – Informal, specialists, etc. Not yet.

**Larry** – Role of TNC research; brings level of expertise to the table in the design of the study .

**Deb** – Include other areas outside the free use pastures.

#### **11. Question from Mike Ryan – CPNM is a federal designation. Where is USF&W?**

**Ron** – They are intimately involved in the project. All actions have to go by F&W – formal process. Not here today - not invited – but all we do is involved by statute.

BLM, TNC, CDF&G are all landowners. USFWS has only negotiating role.

#### **12. Public Comments**

**Bill Asserson** – CDF&G Bakersfield

- Comments on behalf of BLM research. It takes at least five years of information on everything, then work out format/management objective.
- USFWS has no land ownership  
Waterfowl management, pronghorn/bison refuge system and law enforcement branch. (to clarify BLM and USFW differences.)

**Pilulaw Khus-Zarate** – traditional Chumash elder.

- Our people and other nations for thousands of years have high spirituality, not just one place, spread throughout Monument and beyond.
- Common to indigenous people. Will talk with Michael frequently. Hopi people traveled here before Europeans. Came here for ceremonies.
- Interested in WSA. Hope is elevated to wilderness.
- Other things mentioned: issue of indigenous plant life, basket weavers very interested ceremonially and medicinally. Plants of very high interest on endangered species list but there are many that are essential to our people. Pristine area for gathering – a life enhancing procedure for the plants.
- Issue of grazing. Hot issue needs to be addressed, fences, pronghorn. Jim Yokum’s comments and thoughts are of highest quality.
- Noticed over years -  
When Native Americans stand up in public they are viewed politically. Academic, scientific persons forget they are looking at life forms. To our people, all life forms are to be respected.  
She would like to always see those concerns addressed (life). Never stand in opposition of life force – soils, water, air, minerals, rocks, animals, plants.
- Use of fire as management tool.  
Seems it has been studied prescribed burn. – wrong slant – not the way indigenous people used fire. Take into consideration, not just scheduled, or by accident, bring in all elements. Look at the weather. A whole area would be a pioneering effort. Never done along those lines.
- Enjoyed being here. Thank you, especially to the council.



**Ray Watson** – Not much discussion on Indian culture. By next meeting what materials are available?

**Dave Chipping** – Cal Poly Professor of Geology, Conservation Director of California Native Plant Society, (CNPS)

- Ecosystems – late 60's – Hoover and Myer. Worked with McMillan brothers. Started the avalanche of the Carrizo. Thanks to members for volume of time they commit to do this.
- CNPS will be available to communicate information the AC may want. Vernal pool – statewide vegetation mapping. Keler Wolf.
- Geology – San Andreas Fault, vernal pools valuable description of what we're trying to protect: clay dunes, lake bed itself, and extremely rare land forms and rare plants. Offered to help the AC.

**Cal French**

- Thanks to committee and BLM facilitator.
- Deer hunting 50 years ago – involved with Caliente Mountain Wilderness – Boxer Bill. He and his wife worked on, urging BLM to complete task of inventory units by Wilderness Coalition. Research – funding by university community.
- Public Access – bike travel to Caliente Peak. Great place for solitude. Not many cyclists he's seen. 65 years old and he can hike to peak and back. Others can too.
- Support vision and mission statement. Mention and urge scientific advisory board.
- In the works for a long time. Never gotten to it.
- Triangle handout – all formal cooperative arrangements up to now.
- Agreement – goal to set up a scientific advisory committee.

**Greg McMillian – Cholame** – Advocate for Carrizo. Thanks to the members.

- Response to deciding future – unique and sacred place/ new sacredness. We have places to camp and feel remote. Just five and a half hours from L.A. and S.F. Value of solitude will be greater. Would like to see it maintained. Supports wilderness.
- Born on Carrizo – grew up here.
- Reason – 1983 winter meeting, father, Taft, friend and Steve McCormick.
- Knew Oppenheimer would sell.  
Coyote Hill sunset – Steve committed to setting it up. His vision is intact today.
- Values – Carrizo Plain is at highest value it will ever be. Part of original vision – ecosystem for plants/animals to survive.
- Change needs to be considered microscopically.
- Concern for future – Continue with vision and integrity of ecosystem.  
Members response is to the Carrizo – explain to constituents.
- Make decisions deliberate/think of Carrizo first
- Offers services – Thanks.

**Ray Hatch – Taft Mayor**

- How are users going to increase over next several years? Domestic travel will increase.
- Foreign travel not as popular.
- Huge number of potential users.
- How do you want Plains used? How can communities around you serve to help visitors? Taft, Santa Margarita, Santa Maria, etc.
- How the gateway communities help should be a great benefit economically to community.
- Signage – appropriate signage for visitors at McKittrick
- Thank you to volunteers. Ask us to help.

**Ron** – Just came from conference on gateway communities with Secretary of the Interior.

- Matter of balance – resources provided to visitors.

**Ray** – Campers/motor homes – coming to stay in Taft, not in Monument.

**Bob B.** – Agrees with Ray.

- Worked on how to get developments out of Yosemite.....
- Emphasis on using the community for management of resources.
- Evenings out here incredible. Wonderful for public to enjoy those evenings. Are there camping facilities?

**Johna** – Yes, KCL and Selby Campgrounds

- Car camping in both mountain ranges (low impact car camping). May need to monitor use if increases.
- Star gazing also popular.

### **Coraly MacMillian**

- Beware of fire ecologists. Yosemite example, need to study soil and effects of fire on soil.

**Neil** – San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce may have ideas.

- Fiscal or economic impact of plan – show in alternatives
- Expansion of the Monument – ecological, symbolic.

**Don** – Other specifics?

**Mike Ryan** – Land outside boundaries look to expanding.

**Ron** – Actually changing boundaries – dicey.

**Mike** – Use plan to manage outside of boundaries

**Ron** – Already do.

**Mike** – Can “manage” but may not be part of the Monument.

### **13. Don comments on:**

Service responsibilities of Chair and Vice Chair.

**Bob** – In between meetings, chair meets with Ron etc. – prioritize agenda.

Invite members willing to serve as chair – offer themselves, or may nominate.

**Bill** – Doesn’t require being nominated.

**Mike** – Time constraint involved?

**Ron** – Coming to group with alternatives. Will be a lot of work for chair (and Ron and staff). Wants to see regular dialog – or sub-committee – email, visits and dialog back to the committee. This is critical time in developing plan and alternatives. Transmit more information that wasn’t discussed today. Whoever is chair – regular work – letters, phone, emails.

**Don** – Variability. In terms of how many times the committee meets. What role the committee wants to play in the plan. It may not just be the chair meeting with Ron and BLM.

**Mike** – Wants to run effective meetings to get the most out of them. Does agenda reviews and he sees chair looking at time constraints and having information for members.

**Kirk** – Maybe a Sub-committee instead of just the chair.

**Ron** – 2-3 people to work directly with BLM to work on Plan would be good.

- Have done well with sub-committees.

**Ellen** – Too new to have a sub-committee. Whole committee should meet soon.

**Don** – Next meeting

- Field trip to see issues on the ground
- Discuss and advise on Plan
- Choice:

Meet before draft	After Draft
June 6, 7	Aug 29, 30
June 13, 14	Sept 12, 13
July 11, 12	Sept 26, 27
- Two-day meeting next – all in agreement (show of hands).

**Ray** – What kind of pre-planning?

**Marlene** – Would try to get out prior to meeting.

**Ray** – Bring spouse?

**Marlene** – Yes

**Don** – Informal.

**Neil** – Have more involvement than less – meeting later means less involvement. Address issues before July, August. Wants an earlier meeting, late April, May.

**Ryan** – How long to turn over information?

**Ron** – Not too long and agrees with Neil

**Bill** – One-day field trip then two day meeting.

**Don** – First day workshop. Second day- sort through and offer suggestions the next day.

**Bill** – One field day. Two meeting days.

**Kirk**- Should experience the Carrizo during its season (spring flowers).

**Ellen** – No draft plan. Just more information on the things we talked about.

**Ron** – Similar discussion like today, but out in the field. Soonest, thirty days from today.

**Don** – 12<sup>th</sup> of April? Any more comments on how to proceed?

**Michael** – Fridays bad for him

**Don** – How many would like to do a field trip on 12<sup>th</sup>?

**Bob** – No

**Bob** – Gone next week until first week in June. But if committee did field trip he could be available 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Don** – April 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>?

**Bill** – No on 5<sup>th</sup> (Bob too)

All okay but for Bob – BLM and CDF&G

April 12, Sat. Field Trip – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

- See potential WSA
- Grazing issues on ground

**Ron** – Stay at Washburn Ranch Friday – start at 9:00 am  
Who could come Friday night?

**Don** – All can start except Bob. Choices on dates?

- Preplan as opposed to draft.
- Unanimous – all want to get involved sooner.

**Marlene** – Public must have access to meet at public meeting

**Don** – other dates?

	June 7 -	Draft Plan dates
No	June 14 – Bob, Michael, Mike	Sept. 12, 13 – Neil, Bill
No	June 12 – Bob	Sept 26,27 – okay Michael not on Friday

June 7<sup>th</sup> – One day meeting

**Marlene** – Where? Carrisa School again or any areas close by.

**Don** – invites members to offer their names as chair

**Neil** – offers himself

Second by Mike – all yes

Vice Chairperson

**Mike** – offers himself

**Bill** nominates Ellen – Ellen would be willing

**Mike** withdraws himself and Bob seconds Ellen’s nomination

Ellen in Bakersfield and Neil on coast. Ellen will be able to meet with Ron.

Everyone votes yes on Ellen

**Ron** – Hands Neil the gavel

**Bob** – Do we need facilitator for future meetings?

**Don** – may do the job and is available those dates.

**Don** – Future meeting comments

**John Skibinski** – goes over travel expenses for meetings

Fill-out, sign, and have on record

**Don** – Thanks members for efforts, off to a good start.

Comments from committee & public on improvements for future meetings.

## Summary –

**Dale** – good ideas for field trips – intimidated somewhat – encouraged to have field trip – invites everyone to Community Building , 6:00pm, to hear world class Country Western Gospel guitar picker.

**Ellen** – good meeting – anxious to work on plan – best plan comes out of public comments.

**Kirk** – facilitation excellent & good comments from public, no-time-limits great. Break every hour would be better. Good meeting.

**Neil** – Thanks and agrees to be willing to give time and energy to this effort . In terms of communication if everyone has e-mail – Office set up a group list – send comments to each other.

**Bill** – impressed by caliber of people – approves of public involvement – no boredom with speeches

**Ray** – thanks staff & Neil and Ellen. For future meetings the more we get in advance to study before the meetings the better.

**Marlene** – requests everyone’s email addresses

**Bob** – seconds everything everyone else said. Modified email list to add BLM, TNC, USFWS, & CDFG also.

**Michael** – seconds everything that has been said – applauds other members of the committee & staff – get to know better & take what he learns back to Native American Committee (will be very valuable to us)

Diverse & deep interest in the Carrizo. Thanks to the officers for stepping up, and to the staff and facilitator.

**Don** – summary to members by email

**Mike** – good working group, look forward to going through the process.

**Bill** – Carrisa/Carrizo?

Spanish – Carrizo grass

Change to Carrisa

Dale – Alberta Lewis – dad was a cowboy in 1800's.

Mom went to school here

Was Carrizo School when Albert's dad went here but when his mom went, it was Carrisa – don't know when it changed.

Ron – Thanks to everyone

- Agencies ask a lot for advice
- Expresses appreciation for dedication and willingness of members.
- Thanks to other agencies and public
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**Meeting adjourned – 4:49pm**