

Agenda

Arana Gulch Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting

Tony Hill Conference Room, Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street

9:00 a.m. – 2:05 p.m. on November 10, 2015

9:00 – 9:05 a.m. (5 minutes)

Welcome and Meeting Objectives

9:05 – 9:45 a.m. (40 minutes)

Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County

- Brief introductions
- Overview of their role and efforts to reduce sedimentation, improve steelhead habitat, stabilize the tidal reach, and implement the Watershed Enhancement Plan in Arana Creek

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. (30 minutes)

Public Comment Period

Discuss public input received since last meeting and provide an opportunity for additional public comments. Each member of the public is allotted up to three minutes to provide public comments.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (15 minutes)

CCC Business (Kate)

- Search for Wildlife Biologist
- Year Two Annual Report

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. (30 minutes)

Grazing and Invasive Plant Removal Summary for this Year to Date

- Grazing
 - Overview of 1st year of grazing
 - Lessons learned
 - Approach for 2nd year of grazing
- Area B mowings and rakings
- Cotoneaster removal

11:00 – 11:40 a.m. (40 minutes)

Monitoring Results

- Discuss the results from the species richness, canopy height, and RDM studies and reference photo points

11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. (30 minutes)

Lunch

12:10 – 12:55 p.m. (45 minutes)

Refining Coastal Prairie Targets (Kate)

Discussion of reference site data and refinement of the Habitat Management Plan's coastal prairie habitat management targets.

12:55 – 1:35 p.m. (40 minutes)

Goals and Actions for 2016

- Grazing
- Woody plant removal
- Implementation of the Weed Management Plan in the coastal prairie
- Perimeter mowing
- Annual Monitoring Report for 2015
- Vegetation monitoring

1:35 – 2:05 p.m. (30 minutes)

Debriefing of Objectives, Outcomes, and Timing for the Next AMWG Meeting