

Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition

Planning Meeting

September 16, 2011

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tonopah Convention Center

Attendance:

Nancy Boland – Esmeralda County
Joshua Hart – Inyo County
Tommy Rowe – Lincoln County
Joni Eastley - Nye County
Pam Webster – Nye County
Amy Fanning – Nye County
Levi Kryder – Nye County
Elizabeth Enriquez – Nye County
James Eason – Town of Tonopah
Jim Garza – White Pine County
Eileen Christensen – BEC Env.
David Friedman – NDEP

Acronyms:

BOCC – Board of County Commissioners
DOI – Department of Interior
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
NDEP – Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
RFP – Request for Proposals
ROW – Right of Way
TAG – Technical Assistance Grant

I. Introductions

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

II. Brownfields Program Overview (Nevada Division of Environmental Protection)

David Friedman presented the overview of the Brownsfield program and expressed his excitement in seeing what this Coalition has accomplished, from hearing about the application and some of the initial work done for this grant and some of the goals wishing to accomplish from this grant.

Eileen Christensen stated that other grant like the TAG application in the works will feed off of the Brownsfield grant as well.

Joni Eastly stated that an initial local press release was done on the award received.

Eileen Christensen ones the goals and complete objectives are establish a national press release will be done in the future as well.

David Friedman went over a brief explanation how the 104K and 128A program works and gets distributed as well as a few examples of projects completed.

A discussing ensued between members pertaining to the historical district guideline when renovating structures.

Mr Friedman showed a few of the before and after pictures of projects completed.

- Belvada Apartments – Tonopah
- Ruth School – White Pine County
- Penaca Preschool – Panaca
- Bob Ruud Community Center – Pahrump
- Symphony Park – Las Vegas
- Cornerstone Park – Henderson

III. **Nye County Brownfields Program Overview (BEC Environmental, Inc.)**

Eileen Christensen went over a few examples of project, length of time some of these programs have taken. Eileen Christensen covered a few successful tips and stories that help with additional funding for redeveloping sites through leveraging, coalition's efforts, county coordination and community evolvment.

Joni Eastley gave an example of how Nye County has been able to obtain different funding from the original Brownsfield grant through leveraging.

Eileen Christensen went over Nye County's Website that pertains to Brownsfield information and properties.

Eileen Christensen announced that on November 9, 2011 there will be a renewable workshop that will help with some of the questions that have come up when redeveloping.

IV. **Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition**

a. Primary Point(s) of Contact for Coalition Members

Amy Fanning asked members to be provide a point of contact for coordinating meeting, hearings ect.

b. Project Priorities/Measures of Success

Amy Fanning went over the items that will need to be reported to EPA as stated on the grant.

c. Roles & Responsibilities

Amy Fanning went over roles and responsibilities for each one of the Counties. It is very important that all counties participate in all of the meetings. Each County to host a meeting and possibly a fieldtrip to any Brownsfield potential site.

d. Preliminary Project Schedule

Amy Fanning went over project scheduled and overview.

e. Contractual Services

Amy Fanning stated that Nye County will contract qualified consultant to provide services needed for this grant.

f. Budget

Breakdown of the budget was presented by Amy Fanning.

V. Next Steps and Action Items

Jim Garza asked if as a coalition we are concentrating on renewable energy. Joni Eastley stated that the goal for these projects is to boost economical development.

Amy Fanning announced that the next meeting will be held via teleconference, notification will go out as soon as a date is determined.