

**Executive Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

9:00am PT

**Present:** Matt Clifford, Holly Hartmann, Bill Mitchell, John Shepard, Kimery Wiltshire & Jenny Corlett

**Not able to attend:** Lillian Kawasaki

**Immediate action items:**

- ▶ The resolution to establish the Core Team as an Advisory Committee will be sent to the Board for approval.
- ▶ The next Healthy Headwaters meeting will be held in Denver in either late March or early April.
- ▶ Hold Thursday, January 27 and Friday, January 28 for the next Core Team meeting in San Francisco.

**Next call:** Tuesday, December 14, 9:00am PT

**CARPE DIEM WEST WEBSITE**

- ▶ The formal announcement to the Carpe Diem West mailing list will be sent today.
- ▶ The website is designed to be kept as current as possible, and the new In The West blog is a key way of posting fresh information. All Core Team members will have blog accounts, and are most welcome to blog any time they want.
- ▶ Upcoming blog topics: Australia's new water plan - David Pilz; Columbia Basin Treaty - Sarah Bates.

**HEALTHY HEADWATERS**

- ▶ Three policy options have developed out of the meetings and calls of the Healthy Headwaters working group:
  - ▶ The first option is a National Watershed Rule, which would provide more long-term protection than is currently available without requiring an act of Congress. This option was Mike Anderson's idea coming out of the September 16 meeting in Salt Lake City, in response to the problems Salt Lake has been facing.
  - ▶ The second option works in parallel with Rick Cables' current assignment examining how to expand the FS-Denver Water MOU model. Entering into MOUs with local

governments is currently an option through the Forest Service, but is not encouraged. This policy option would prioritize and expedite the process.

- ▶ The third option is essentially a way to fund some of the backlogged work that the Forest Service has already identified. It is a more long-term effort, but should remain on the table for further consideration.
- ▶ For all three options, Carpe Diem needs to engage more on the ground-level: Where are we talking about specifically? Which watersheds are we looking at? Which communities are we working with?
- ▶ John Shepard: consider developing an instructional memorandum for Forest Service supervisors who want to develop partnerships with municipalities. This will give them more tools and strategies to consider.
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## **GOVERNANCE**

- ▶ The proposed resolution to formalize the relationship between the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Core Team preserves the current governance structure. There will be no change to the existing structure and no change to the corporate bylaws.
- ▶ The purpose of the resolution is to document the Core Team within the bylaws by explicitly stating that the Core Team *is* the Advisory Committee. While it are not a decision-making body, and team members are not formal ‘members’ of the corporation, they provide crucial strategic advice to Carpe Diem West’s program.
- ▶ A larger discussion will be held to define, in writing, the specific roles of the various teams and working groups within Carpe Diem West.

## **PROJECT UPDATES / DISCUSSION**

- ▶ Tentative plan for next Core Team meeting: have dinner the evening of Thursday, January 27 (after the Carpe Diem West Board meeting), and hold the meeting on Friday, January 28.
- ▶ Carpe Diem West Academy: Holly, Lillian and Kimery had a call with Joya Banerjee, Program Officer of the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation, to discuss progress. The Academy could be a potential revenue stream for Carpe Diem West.
- ▶ CO River Accord: Sarah Bates will send the interview invite letter this week.
- ▶ Public Health: assessment interviews will continue through the end of the year, resulting in a policy brief and webinar in the first quarter of 2011.
- ▶ WECC: many discussions have started up since the March meeting, but we need to identify the best role for Carpe Diem to play. John Shurts and Ron Lehr will write a policy brief responding to the goal of reducing carbon emissions for electrical power by 80% by 2050 and assessing what the water implications are.