

Native Tree Committee Meeting
February 19, 2010
UCCE Auditorium

Meeting called by: Tina Salter
Minutes taken by: Amy Breschini

Attendees: Bill Tietje, Keith Pellemeier, Bev Gingg, Sue Luft, Tina Salter, Dan Westigard, Eric Greening, Bill Brooks, Jim Zingo, Amy Breschini, Christina Aguire, Alexis Aguire, Gary Dunning

Presentation given by Alexis Aguire, 4H, who competed in the 2009 State Horticulture Team.

Agenda item: Learning Among the Oaks **Presenter:** Bev Gingg

- Transition from Fall Program (4th -6th graders) to Spring Program (K-3, special needs and home schooled).
- Two outstanding Interns and 3 additional interns (volunteer)- 2 biology grad volunteers and a kinesiology grad volunteer that has a biology minor working with special needs kids.
- The trail is leased for the Santa Margarita Oak Trail through the Land Conservancy.
- Nest Box Monitoring Project: through Cornell's Citizen Scientist Program

Agenda item: Working Among the Oaks **Presenter:** Jim Zingo

- Moving forward on Ranching Sustainability Self-assessment Project- Product goal by 2011.
- Next Workshops focusing on Ranching Issues (Indoor Workshops and Tailgates)
 - Grazing Values- Value of land and animals
 - Ag Tourism Workshops
 - BEHAVE (possibly tailgate at Cal Poly)
 - Grass Fed Beef (would like it at Hearst- Nick Ranch is also recommended)
 - Field Cameras

Agenda item: Oak Seedlings **Presenter:** Dan Westigard

- Sent acorns and supplies to Atascadero and Templeton High School.
- Needs to know who would like oak seedlings? Jim offered to add a contact on the website offering oak seedlings to the public.

Agenda item: San Luis Obispo Street Tree Update **Presenter:** Keith Pellemeier

- Completed tree inventory- 3 year project funded by a grant. There are 18,000 street and park trees. Did not include open space trees. ~270 stumps have been located and are recorded as vacant tree sites for future replacements.
- Commemorative trees in Laguna Lake: 291 trees that were purchased by the public for \$300 each (includes the tree, plaque and years of maintenance). The trees have ended up costing the city more than estimated because of the water needs.
- Arbor Day in May
- Earth Day in April

Agenda item: Other Discussion

- Gary Dunning: His son has worked in regeneration of oaks in the Paso Cemetary. His daughter in law is the landscaper at the Madonna Inn.
- Stewardship Award: Tina Salter recommends to start thinking of nominees.
- NTC supported the purchase of 75 sycamores for a revegetation project on the Sinton Ranch
- SOD still a concern, especially with higher rainfall this year.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2010. UCCE Auditorium with the guest speaker from County Planning Department.