

NETX CDN Steering Committee Meeting

Alazan Bayou WMA
June 18, 2014

Meeting Summary

The NETX CDN Steering Committee met on June 14, 2014 at the Alazan Bayou WMA . Steering Committee members present were Steve Arey (USFWS/PFW), Craig Bonds (TPWD), Shane Harrington (TFS), Wendy Ledbetter (TNC), Corey Mason (TPWD), Wes Moorehead (TFS), Jim Neal (CLI), Jason Roesner (USFWS/NWR) and Jim Rogers for Kanand Brooks (NRCS). Also attending was CDN Chair Laura Speight and Doyle Shook(LMVJV).

The meeting agenda is included with this summary. Actions taken by the Steering Committee were as follows:

NETX CDN Operating Guidelines

The Steering Committee approved the CDN Operating Guidelines as presented at the January 2014 CDN meeting with minor edits. Primary edits were related to clarification of a Steering Committee "voting majority" , qualification and process for electing a CDN Chair and the nominating process for the addition or removal of CDN participating members. Other minor edits were made to sentence structure and wording for document clarification.

NETX CDN Strategic Plan

The Steering Committee approved the CDN Strategic Plan as presented at the January 2014 CDN meeting with edits. The Steering Committee approved adding Delta, Hopkins and Rains counties to the CDN Service Area. In a discussion closely related to the development of a CDN Delivery Priority Tool the Steering Committee elected not to include as a part of the Plan the proposed Goals, Objectives, Strategies and Tactics presented at the January 2014 CDN meeting. In conjunction with the development of CDN focus areas, priority conservation actions and priority CDN projects this section will be reevaluated for its value to the CDN Strategic Plan.

The Committee agreed to utilize the LMVJV website for posting of the revised Operating Guidelines and Strategic Plan along with other important documents of the CDN. The CDN Chair will advise the membership when final edits have been completed and the documents are available along with links to the website.

Delivery Prioritization Tool Working Group

The Committee agreed to establish a Delivery Priority Tool Working Group to support the CDN in the development of a Delivery Priority Tool (DPT) for identifying priority focus areas, conservation actions and projects in the NETX CDN Service Area. The working group composed of Jason Estrella (TPWD) Chair, Jim Rogers (NRCS), Jason Hardin (TPWD), Allen Smith (TFS) and Craig Bonds (TPWD) is charged to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Identify and evaluate available models, maps and datasets important to the NETX CDN Service Area;
2. Utilize the most spatially explicit information available to identify priority focus areas within the NETX CDN Service Area;
3. Develop a Delivery Prioritization Tool;
4. Draft a CDN Delivery Priority Strategy document that describes the Working Groups DPT development process;
5. Draft an example of a delivery project for a focus area.

The Working Group is scheduled to report to the Steering Committee in October 2014 and the full CDN in January 2015 with their proposed Prioritization Tool.

CDN Communication Working Group

The Committee discussed the communications needs of the CDN and opportunities that a Working Group might pursue for advancing information about the CDN. The Committee agreed that an initial one page informational document could suffice for the interim and asked Chair Laura Speight and Doyle Shook (LMVJV) to draft a document for the Committee to review.

The Steering Committee scheduled their next meeting for October 2014 at Alazan Bayou WMA.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

AGENDA

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Meeting Objectives: 1) Steering Committee agreement on the purpose, goals and objectives of the Conservation Delivery Network; 2) Approve General Operating Guidelines & Strategic Plan; 3) Establish a strategy for identifying priority landscapes and projects in the NETX CDN service area, 4) Identify a Working Group to develop a Delivery Priority Tool; 5) Identify a Communications Working Group to develop a communications strategy.

9:30 – 10:00	Welcome / Introductions	Laura Speight
10:00 – 11:00	Overview of CDN Strategy/Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Purpose and Vision for the NETX CDN-Role of TPWD-Role of LMVJV-Q&A/Discussion	Corey Mason Doyle Shook
11:00 – 12:00	Approve CDN Operating Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Review recommended edits-Finalize Guidelines-Q&A/Discussion	Laura Speight
12:00– 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:00	Approve CDN Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Review recommended edits-Finalize Plan-Q&A/Discussion	Corey Mason
2:00 – 3:30	Approve Strategy for Plan Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Review/edit/approve DPT Working Group charge-Identify Delivery Priority Tool Working Group members/Chair-Review /edit/approve draft strategy statement-Q&A/Discussion	Doyle Shook
3:30 – 4:00	Other CDN Considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none">-CDN Communications Working Group-Next meeting location/date/agenda-Other discussions	Laura Speight