

Final Agenda



Stakeholder Meeting

Monday, April 30, 2018

Morning – Information Session

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| 8:30am | Registration and refreshments |
| 9am | Welcome and orientation |
| 9:05am | SWSP Overview (Melanie Gisler, SW Program Director, IAE) |
| 9:20am | Introductions of SWSP Team, organizers, and stakeholders |
| 9:30am | Grower and Restoration Survey Results SWSP and Navajo Native Plants Program (Maggie Parrish, SW Seed Partnership Coordinator, IAE; Kelsey Jensen and Jesse Mike, Navajo Native Plants Program) |
| 10:00am | Wild Seed Collections for the Southwest – Methods, funding, species, and quantities (SWSP Collections NM & AZ, Ella Samuel, New Mexico BLM; Desert Botanical Garden/SOS Collections AZ, Kara Barron) |
| 10:30am | Genetic Considerations for Native Species Development (Rob Massatti, USGS) |
| 10:50am Break | |
| 11:05am | Native Seed Producer Presentation: Texas Native Seeds - Goals, techniques, R&D, new species, and new farms (Forrest Smith, Texas Native Seeds) |
| 11:35am | Collaborating Seed Partnerships in AZ and production update (Fennel Blythe, Verde Native Seed Cooperative; Allegra Mount, Borderlands Restoration Network) |
| 11:55am | Seed Certification Introduction - What is certification? Steps for certifying native species (Cary Hamilton, NMSU Seed Certification Program) |

12:00-1:25pm LUNCH on your own

Afternoon – Shape the Partnership and Seeds for the Future

- 1:25pm **SWSP Steering Committee Update** (Kathryn Kennedy, SW Regional Botanist, Forest Service and Steering Committee member)
- 1:30pm **Restoration Panel: Discussion of seed demand** (BLM- Lisa Thornley, AZ State Botanist; USFWS AZ Partners Program- Kris Randall, State Coordinator; US Forest Service-Robert Madera, Tonto Forest Botanist; ADOT- LeRoy Brady, Chief Landscape Architect ; Gila River Indian Community - Russell Benford, Senior Wildlife Biologist DEQ; AZ Game & Fish -Shawn Lowery, Statewide Restoration Program Manager)
- 2:10pm **Grower Panel: Discussion of what is agriculturally possible** (Bamert Seed-Rhett Kerby; Granite Seed- Tren Hagman; Curtis & Curtis- Blake Curtis; Texas Seeds- Forrest Smith; Tucson PMC- Heather Dial, PMC Manager)

2:55pm Break

- 3:10pm **Restoration Research** and Coordination & RAMPS (Molly McCormick, USGS)
- 3:15pm **New BLM IDIQ for Production of Native Plant Materials** (April Blodgett and Theresa Coffenberry, BLM)
- 3:30pm **Group Special Topics Questions:** 1. Research (Seed Zones & Restoration), 2. Seed Buyers (Species Priorities and Production options through SWSP), 3. Commercial Producers (BLM IDIQ feedback and Seed Quality/Certification), 4. Small-scale Growers (How can SWSP support and opportunities to collaborate).
- 4:15pm **Subcommittee Roles and Nominations** (Steering, Target Species, Research, and Seed Quality) **and Next Steps**
- 4:30pm **Adjourn**
- 5:30pm **Social at North Mountain Brewing** (522 E Dunlap Ave, Phoenix)

