

Meeting Minutes- Community Meeting #1

Project No.: 09-0040.003
Project: **Madrid Mining Landscape**
Date: May 13, 2010
Place: Madrid Fire Station

Attending: See accompanying attendees list
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Copies To: Parties Present
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Community Meeting #1- This community meeting adhered closely to the attached agenda: It included a welcome and meeting overview, followed by an open house period and a questions and discussion period. Representatives of AML, the Office of Surface Mining, Santa Fe County Open Space, and Madrid's civic groups were present. During the open house period, planning team members spoke with stakeholders, answering questions, discussing concerns and suggestions and noting lots and areas on maps of the study area. At 7:30 the group gathered to continue the discussion as a whole and to collect ideas for the plan. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS COLLECTED DURING THE OPEN HOUSE PERIOD

Could there be money for research or studies through AML? Are there possibilities to investigate water, water source and/or well and its relationship to mining?

Need research into rules and regulations about impacting/changing water flows, harvesting and manipulation.

What is the precedence for water harvesting?
Brad Lancaster – projects of harvesting into land.

Is there a time period for projects – Long Range?

Some of the best work is gentle and incrementally responsive.

Water to support gardens, food growth. Integrate improvements with existing trails and food.

Walking Trails could be constructed along former soil line to stabilize and “beautify” the arroyo. The meander can be reintroduced into the arroyo.

AML expenditures must be connected to past mining activity.

Some projects, like reclaiming to support a walk/path, could be good.

Difficult to access water source and mining – broad and complex.

Capturing above ground water could be an asset and there are some good collection areas.

What types of plants grow in gob piles? Would the plantings stabilize gob piles?

Closing adits above Ice House Road increased drainage problems.

Parcels numbered 105, 110, 113, 117 and 171- According to homeowners Linda and Dennis Dodd these landowners have difficulty with slumping gob piles, which reduce the available land for improvements and encroach upon existing buildings. Stabilizing the old concrete walls, footings and gob piles would be appreciated.

Parcels 315, 340, 338, 332, 328, 326 suffer from water coming off of Ice House Road and onto their properties. The drop inlet structures at parcels 350 and 356 flood with pools of water and divert water to parcels 358, 363 and 359. The drainage structures are inadequate and flood parcels 363 and 359.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS COLLECTED DURING THE GROUP DISCUSSION

Name “Madrid Mining Landscape” is a concern. Landscape suggests planting and beautification rather than some of the other environmental concerns.

The title may imply reclamation projects; however community concerns go beyond the above ground signs of mining.

AML understands that there is a diversity of opinion regarding the reclamation of the gob piles. AML sees this planning process as developing a community consensus that AML is willing to follow.

Vernon from the Office of Surface Mining spoke and conveyed some ideas about water supplies. There are only two sources of water surface water and ground water. Ground water = drill for locations, not necessarily efficient. However, there are surface water supplies. Madrid may designate land as a community for water collection – a reservoir could be beneficial. This could then lend to another project for water treatment. Currently network of abandoned mines with water – could it be treated?

Repair existing damage from storm water.

Coordinate water harvesting with growing food (i.e. fruit trees).

Low impact development that involves water harvesting is a model that is taking hold.

Limits to AML funding make partnering with other founding sources, County, Watershed organizations, SHPO, important.

A plan could map out immediate project(s) and a long-term vision and potential future partnerships and funding.

Federal process might impose regulations and conditions, including NEPA, and archaeological work.

Independent land owners will have a large role as well.

Long-term participation and maintenance from community could be a challenge.

Maybe leadership could come from a partnership – not necessarily volunteer, but a paid position.

There is a five-year restriction on the AML grant, not on the project. The project could have multiple grants over a number of years.

Water harvesting is connected to storm water management. Storm water and watershed health could be a major part of the plan.

Pedestrian paths, connectivity like a boardwalk.

What is the timeline for AML funding? AML has a Surge of money right now in a seven-year grant.

Dependent on studies, project could be underway in one to three years.

How does this link to long-term change and impact? Maintenance and operations will be a crucial concern..

Education would be key.

This report is assumed to be a true and accurate account of this communication unless notice to the contrary is received within 10 calendar days of issue.

End of Minutes

**Madrid Mining Landscape Community Plan
Community Meeting #1: Key Issues and Project Ideas
Madrid Fire House • May 13, 2010 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Agenda

6:30 Gathering

6:40 Welcome and Overview

- Introduction of the Planning Team:
 - Abandoned Mine Land Program staff
 - Dekker Perich Sabatini team
 - Other guests
- Overview of the Meeting
 - Issues from Task 1 Report
 - Open House stations: Map-based discussion and suggestions

6:50 Open House—Review of Ideas

- Station #1: Gob Pile Issues
- Station #2: Stormwater Issues
- Station #3: Environmental Questions & Issues
- Station #4: Hydrogeology Issues

7:40 Questions and Discussion

8:30 Adjourn

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