

**Southwestern Crown Collaborative**  
**Executive Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**  
March 15, 2011

**Present:** Debbie Austin\*, Scott Brennan\*, Amber Kamps\*, Mo Bookwalter\*, Gary Burnett\*, Megan Birzell  
(\*Indicates voting member.)

- I. Review Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee decided that, in the future, we request committee reports at least one week in advance of SWCC meetings to ensure reporting to the full SWCC. We also need to emphasize that each committee's key questions for the full SWCC should be included in the report.
  - b. Monitoring and Communications Committees provided written reports but did not highlight key questions or issues for the Executive Committee or SWCC to discuss.
  - c. Prioritization Committee provided a verbal report.
    - i. The group recommends to the SWCC Executive Committee that, because funding levels for FY 2011 are still uncertain, it is inappropriate to prioritize FY 2012 projects at this time. The Prioritization Committee will keep all FY 2012 projects on the list and will determine whether we have more than \$4 million in CFLR fund requests for that year once we know the funding level for FY 2011. **Executive Committee concurs.**
      1. We need to convey to the SWCC the need to be consistent in our communications. Members are asked to contact the Executive Committee before sending out any materials that aren't posted on the website and/or haven't been approved by a quorum of the full SWCC.
    - ii. The group requests to the SWCC Executive Committee that we have a broader discussion (at the full SWCC level) about what recommendations we have for the District Rangers when they have to make decisions with respect to committing resources to plan and implement projects in short timeframes, particularly when dealing with year-end money, when there isn't time to get input from the full SWCC.
      1. **Executive Committee recommends that, if there's a short time frame, we should try to convene the Executive Committee to discuss moving beyond already prioritized spreadsheet.**
- II. Executive Committee Recommendations to be brought to the full membership:

- a. Recommendation for staggered terms for Co-Chairs and Executive Committee
- b. Recommendation of needing at least one week to consider and address letter of support requests
- c. Recommendation for SWCC to draft and send letter to RMEF CEO with copy to MT delegation, RF and SO, explaining why Auggie is a priority for us. Executive Committee will draft letter and give SWCC a week to review before sending.
- d. At a future SWCC meeting, we should have representatives of organizations working in the SW Crown come in to highlight for us the other work that's happening on other lands to leverage our resources.