
Allensworth-Alpaugh-Atwell Island Work Session

Fresno Regional Foundation Staff and Invited Participants

Friday, October 9, 2015, 3:00– 5:00 p.m.

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Meet at BLM Atwell Island Project Headquarters (Mitchell House, 3945 Road 38, Alpaugh 93201, tel 559.949.8489). (From Hwy 99S, take exit 65B, head W on Rd. 56/Sierra Rd., go 13 mi. to Tule Rd./Alpaugh, left on Tule Rd./Rd. 38 to 3945 - BLM Atwell Island HQ)

Work Session Participants:

FRF-Kelvin Alfaro (Program Officer), David Johnson (Director, Special Projects)

BLM – Gabriel Garcia (BLM-Bakersfield Field Manager), Steve Larson (BLM-Bakersfield Assistant Field Manager for Resources), Jihadda Govan (Atwell Island Project Manager)

TBWP-TBWI- Rob Hansen (Board Pres.), Carole Combs (Board Secy., ED), Dezaraye Bagalayos (Program Assistant)

Allensworth Community: Denise and Kayode Kadara (Allensworth Progressive Association, TBWP Board Member and Adviser respectively)

Allensworth State Park: Steve Ptomey (State Park Ranger)

Allensworth Elementary School: Roel Marroquin (Principal and Superintendent)

Alpaugh School K-12: Rob Hudson (Superintendent)

Atwell Island Farm Legacy (Mitchell Family): Monte Mitchell

Atwell Area Pistachio grower: Reza Razekh

Angiola Water District: Matt Hurley (General Manager)

Tulare County Board of Supervisors: Julieta Martinez (Board Representative, representing Supervisor Peter Vander Poel)

Tulare County Resources Management Agency: Eric Coyne (Economic Development Coordinator), Denise England (Water Resources Program Manager – *invited*)

Self-Help Enterprises: Jessi Snyder (Community Development Specialist)

Work Session Agenda:

Themes: Problems and solutions regarding SW Tulare County rural, underserved community water quality, environmental stewardship (“sense of place”), and youth leadership development

Co-Chairs: Jihadda Govan and Denise Kadara

Facilitator (if needed): Carole Combs

Note-taker: Dezaraye Bagalayos

3:00 – 3:05 p.m.: Welcome by Work Session Co-Chairs

3:05 – 3:15 pm.: Self-introductions by all present

3:15 – 3:25 p.m.: Overview of purpose/objectives for work session - Kelvin Alfaro, David Johnson (FRF)

3:25 – 3:40 p.m.: Overview of Atwell Island Project history, community engagement activities, problems and solutions required – Jihadda Govan, Steve Larson, Gabriel Garcia (BLM-Bakersfield)

3:40 – 3:50 p.m.: Overview of Allensworth community history, programs, problems and solutions required – Denise Kadara, Kayode Kadara (Allensworth Community)

3:50 – 4:50 p.m.: Discussion – perspectives of the agricultural, water, educational, environmental, cultural – recreational, Tulare County and philanthropic representatives present

4:50 – 5:00 p.m.: Consensus wrap –up and proposed next steps – Kelvin Alfaro, David Johnson

5:00 p.m.: Thank you to all participants, adjourn – Jihadda Govan and Denise Kadara