



Follow-up e-mail correspondence - July 13, 2007 Kern Blueprint Tribal Collaboration Meeting

July 13, 2007
1:30 - 3PM

Kern Council of Government
1401 19th Street, 3rd Floor Conf. Room

In line with one of the goals in the Draft Action Plan, we are combining our next Native American Consultation meeting with HUD in Fresno on September 13. This meeting will deal more specifically with housing programs and issues for Native Americans in the region and is targeted to the entire 8-county region. The meeting is part of the effort of the San Joaquin Valley Partnership. Reserve the date and Stay tuned for details.

Attached is the revised draft action plan. I have only input changes from Donna Begay. The first grant applications are due in October. This document will be the action plan to be carried out by our group and possibly a consultant, if we have a successful grant application.

Also attached is the results from the Environmental Resource Layers ranking survey from meeting 2.

The survey includes responses from 6 Native Americans in the region. The high valuation of the natural environment along with cultural sites may indicate the synergy between potential habitat and wetland preservation areas and the potential pristine cultural sites. As discussed in meeting 3, identifying areas that cultural sites may overlap with other constraints may provide additional leverage to ensure their protection. This information can be worked in to support the grant application as well and will be combined with other input to support the Blueprint process.

The tape recorder malfunctioned for meeting 3 so we won't have full meeting notes for that meeting. However, the bulk of the time was spent developing the Action Plan, so the attached plan doubles as the summary of the meeting.

We will continue to meet via e-mail until an issue arises that would require another face to face. See you on September 13.