

Sustainable Caspar 2014 : 1st Quarterly Report

The topics in this column all have engaged Casparados watching over them. In some areas, action has been taken by interested community members. Neighboring communities are showing how *not* to face the challenges ahead; here's an opportunity for the Board to encourage leadership in addressing problems (like the looming drought) proactively.

P=Progress ??=up next? X=Forget it

Water : facilitator: Bob Frey

12 Month:

- Check & fix well on Community Center property **P**
- Distribute educational document... **??**

Long-Term:

- Encourage option to purchase CattleCo property... **?**

Questionnaire: only 3 received since Sustainable Caspar, apparently only one Board member has responded

Newsletter: needs continuing articles

Grey Water Consult: needs to be scheduled and held **P**

Economics & Livelihood : facilitator: Jim Tarbell

12 Month:

- Negotiate an option to buy the CattleCo. Property **??**
- Establish Community water Agency **??**
- Establish a Caspar Cab Company **??**

Long-Term:

- Use / non-use plan for the CattleCo. lands **?**

Need a **CattleCo Project manager** and committee

Food : facilitator: Gowan Batist

12 Month:

- 70% of food need for 3-month provisions **P**
- Connect Farm to Caspar Kitchen, value-added prods **P**
- Community Inventories **P**
- Connect land-owners with farmers; Farm Futures meeting, connect with Mendocino Farmers' Guild **P**
- Explore possibilities with Caspar Inn **X**

Long-Term:

- Knowledge from elder land-owners to youngers **?**
- Future land, bio inventories, potentials, restrictions **?**
- Develop educational nonprofit to train farmers **P**

PROGRESS! Due to the actions of interested community members. Pursuing the Questionnaire would further this.

Need to schedule a **Farm-to-table Dinner** in the Fall

Emergencies : facilitator: Ray Duff

12 Month:

- Survey resident resources **??**
- Training **??**
- Back-up solar / propane generator for Center **??**
- Overlay maps: roads, ownership, emergency contact **??**

Long-Term:

- Hazard reduction **P**
- Substation: fire, medical supplies storage **?**
- Tsunami siren/warning **?**
- Equipment upgrading **?**
- Rainwater collection for potable use **?**

PROGRESS! (Slow but noticeable) due to the actions of interested community members.

In this column, the leaders are from outside the community and cannot be counted on to continue leading ...so each of these topics, if it is to progress, needs a steward. Entrusting an area manager with the responsibility to proceed might overcome the stumbling blocks.

Each of these topics presents the Board, and the Center, with an opportunity to model responsible practices ...and publicize that commitment.

Where necessary, we should continue to secure expert outside help.

Energy : facilitator: Maggie Watson

12 Month:

- Household efficiency **P**
- Ridesharing program **??**
- Community Center solar, retrofit, insulation **??**
- Educate about PACE, Eco-team **??**

Long-Term:

- Households: Micro-grid, bike paths, Renewables **?**
- Center: Net Zero Energy **?**
- Community Micro-grid; electric and bio-fuel vehicles. Methane Electricity generation at the "Dump" **?**

PROGRESS! Some households are actively pursuing improvements in the energy use. Neighborhood meetings and questionnaire filling could develop a better picture.

Center Solar: disappointing process dissolving into disagreement over where and what kind.

Land Use : facilitator: Amy Wynn

12 Month:

- Invite the Coastal Commission to return **???**
- Invasives Management (Gorse) **P**
- Identify CattleCo resources (biological survey) **??**
- Wastewater: County Local Area Management Plan **P**
- Rainwater Harvesting **??**
- Reskilling workshops **P**
- Dark sky lighting awareness, fixtures, consulting **P**

Long-Term:

- Revive Town of Caspar **?**
- Foodshed based zoning (County liaison) **?**
- Evolve toward sustainability **?**
- Modelling – set an example **P**

Synergies Possible with all other headings: pursuing CattleCo purchase is central, and deserves Board's active attention. Pursuing the Questionnaire furthers this.

Waste : facilitator: Paul Palmer

12 Month:

- Repurpose glass, wood, paper **??**
- Community Composting **??**

Long-Term:

- Standardized modular windows **?**
- Signature products from wood **?**
- Branding Caspar from Caspar-designed products **?**

Caspar Dump remains part of Caspar and an issue needing Board attention