

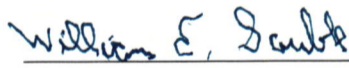
June 14, 2018
EWP Sponsor Training

The Colfax County Board of Commissioners met on this date at 8:00 a.m., in the Commission Chambers with the following members present:

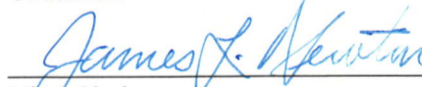
Landon Newton, Vice-Chairman
Roy Fernandez, Member
Rayetta M. Trujillo, County Clerk
Joana Apodaca – Financial Specialist
Thomas Vigil – Emergency Management Manager
Kenneth Branch – USDA-NRCS
Kris Graham Chavez – USDA NRCS

Kenneth Branch, Resource Conservationist, of the USDA-NRCS, presented the Emergency Watershed Protection Program to assist with the Ute Park Fire. Mr. Branch stated the EWP Program helps landowners, operators, and individuals implement emergency recovery measures to relieve imminent hazards to life or property created by a natural disaster that causes a sudden impairment of a watershed. Mr. Branch stated a project sponsor is any legal subdivision of a State government or a State agency. The sponsor must have a legal interest in, or responsibility for the areas threatened by a watershed emergency; the capability of obtaining necessary land right and required permit, be capable of performing all required operation and maintenance responsibility; Administer contacting when part of a local agreement. Mr. Branch discussed the responsibilities of the project sponsor and stated there were four property owners that were involved with the disaster, which included Philmont, Chase Ranch, Vermejo Park Ranch and the NM Game and Fish. Mr. Branch stated 80% of the damage was located on Philmont property and a local government sponsor would be needed to administer the USDA Grant. Mr. Branch stated the cost share for the grant would be 75/25. Mr. Branch stated contributions that may be applied toward the sponsors cost share of construction cost could include cash, in-kind services such as labor, equipment, surveys and designs and a combination of cash and in-kind services. Thomas Vigil stated he felt Philmont would guarantee to meet the 25% match with in kind service. Joana Apodaca questioned if the County would be able to charge an admin fee for administering this grant. Mr. Branch stated the grant did not allow for an admin fee to be charged. Mr. Branch stated if the County decided to sponsor this grant, it would be best to start the process as soon as possible, due to if there was another disaster elsewhere, all of the funding could be expended at that disaster. After further discussion, Mr. Branch concluded the presentation at 9:00 a.m. There were no decisions made during this presentation.

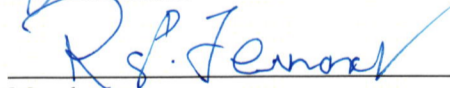
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