

**Peak Resources**  
**Weekly Update for CWMA**  
**3/7/09**

On Thursday, March 12 is our Legislative Luncheon and it is shaping up to be a great event. Senator Isgar and Representative Sonnenberg would like us to prepare a brief paragraph to be read on the House and Senate Floors describing the importance of CWMA and our contribution to the state. We should have this ready to go, in final form by Wednesday March 11. We should also prepare any talking points we would like Senator Isgar and Representative Sonnenberg to cover during their five minute remarks at the luncheon. We should also continue to call/email Reps and Senators who have not RSVP'd that we have a relationship with and ask them to attend.

Tracee spoke with the Director of Facility Grounds Maintenance at the Department of Corrections and she is in the process of setting up a meeting for CWMA with the necessary people at DOC. She will get back to us early this week on availability. Likewise, a meeting with CDOT Director, Russell George, is still in the scheduling process.

CWMA is scheduled to meet with GOCO on March 31 at 10:00 am to discuss possible partnership opportunities and we should be well prepared for this meeting, so perhaps a conference call with the Legislative Committee would be a good idea.

House Bill 1199 is scheduled to be heard in Appropriations committee this Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. Currently, we have no opposition to our language which establishes county weed programs as being essential stakeholders during the community wildfire planning process, but should new information surface that suggests otherwise,

we may need to contact key legislators on the committee and ask them to support our language. Tracee will touch base with JR on this prior to Friday.

During our presentation to the Joint Ag Committee on Feb. 25, it was mentioned that there is a major weed problem at the CSU San Juan Research Station and CSU should be setting an example with weed control. It was also mentioned that the State Land Board gives grants in the neighborhood of \$5000 to \$10,000 for weed control projects and Senator Isgar suggested that CWMA or individual counties consider applying for these grants.

We will continue to target legislators that need educated on our issue and schedule meetings with them as needed.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to meet with Members of House and Senate
- Meet with GOCO on March 31 to discuss partnership opportunities.
- Meet with Dept. of Correction to discuss partnership opportunities
- Meet with CDOT to discuss partnership opportunities