



December 8th Operations Summary

Next Meeting:

- **Face-to-Face** – Mondays (8:30pm) - ,Jan 12th
- **Teleconference** Mondays (7:00am) – Dec 15th and Dec 29th

Participants: Julia Conway, Art Harwood, Miles Gordon, Kate Magruder and Rick Le Burkien

Proposed Agenda

1. Concerns, issues, opportunities
2. Team Updates
 - a. Water
 - b. Food
 - c. Infrastructure
 - d. Healthcare
 - e. Fundraising
 - f. Coordinator

Water – Julia Conway - Conference December 11, 2008; Leadership Mendocino has expressed interest in using our water initiative as a project. Everything else you need to know is on Base camp and/or the various alerts that have been sent.

We have about 60 people signed up and expect another 15 or so. The Fairgrounds, Jennifer and Jill, have been quite gracious and generous with the space. There will be a Continental type breakfast and a local food lunch. Thanks Estelle Clifton.

Survey – Julia shared the most recent survey results re: improving our methods of communications. She will publish after the January meeting. The focus of the responses was more related to becoming more informed about how to use Base camp vs. not appreciating the process or software. Some data: (Final coming in January) Please participate. Julia is keeping the survey alive until January.

- 97 invitations,
- 20 people responded
- 17 completed the instrument.
- 64% expressed communications very effective
- Bottom line concern: How to use

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Communications – Miles, Cliff and Kate continued the discussion followed by solutions focusing on enhancing the website, quarterly membership meetings and a monthly/quarterly newsletter.

Kate suggested that the Core/Operations team be responsible for the overall communications and any larger events. All agreed. Julia shared that there is an archiving problem with Base camp and that important information is dropping off too soon. Kate also suggested that the first total membership meeting include a Base camp tutorial.

Food – Miles Gordon - Miles and group attended UC Davis food conference and thought it was quite successful. It appears everyone is in kind of the same boat of moving slowly. There were some great models and Marin seems to be implementing best practices.

Marin has pulled together all the institutional players and stakeholder to elevate consciousness, facilitation funding, and to really build local food economy around training funding and community and regional support, Ag and Ecotourism were involved. The bottom line was coming up with ways to balance change with existing infrastructure and methods with the least resistance.

The school garden projects are going well and it appears they will be funded.

Infrastructure –No update

Healthcare –No update

Funding – No update

Coordinator – Skills ranking and resumes have been resent to all Core/Operations members. It was decided that it was essential we come to closure by January out of courtesy and professionalism to the candidates. There was a brief discussion on the merits of both candidates and all agreed that we were quite fortunate to have both.

The group decided to conduct a selection meeting via conference call on December 15, 2008 at 7am. Notices have been sent via Free Conference Call. We're asking each of you review credentials and be prepared to rank each candidate per skill. Again, skill ranking and resumes were posted on Base camp December 8th.