

Hello Cordova CARE Workgroup!

I hope this email finds you all doing well. I'm excited to write to you today to invite you to the **next NVE December Workshop**. We will meet at the **Masonic Temple on December 1, 2011 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm**.

We are nearing the end of the first year of our CARE Level I Grant, and have some exciting opportunities to participate as we transition into our second year. Please let me know if you can attend this meeting, as **your help and expertise are needed!**

At our last meeting, we all worked hard to identify and prioritize some of the major issues impacting the environment and the health of our community. Since then, I have been busy researching those issues, including

- Water Quality (Stormwater Pollution, Groundwater, surfacewater, Odiak Pond)
- Oil Contamination (leaking and old fuel tanks, oil spills, bioaccumulation, and unreported spills)
- Garbage (trash/litter, abandoned vehicles, ill-disposed carcasses)
- Solid Waste (old and unlined landfills, burn pile, drum dumps, baseball field, Hollis Henrichs Park)

Interested in, passionate, and/or knowledgeable about any of the topics listed above? I'd love help from any of you on further scoping one or more of these issues for the next meeting.

On December 1st, I will provide an update and do a short presentation summarizing what I have found out about each issue. As I share this research, I ask you to participate by

- Identifying what's missing
- Thinking about historical community efforts or data that should be collected or added
- Helping to put a Cordova 'lens' on this broader summary of research
- Thinking about how we can engage the community to support our brainstorming on these issues

In our CARE work plan, we committed to investigating concerns, gathering data to educate the community, documenting historical issues and efforts, and breaking into smaller groups to work together to learn more about each of these issues. I've identified some frameworks for creating a 'profile' of each main concern and would like your input and help on completing these.

These profiles will be helpful to us in understanding the different aspects and in ranking the severity of each issue in order to, ultimately, brainstorm ideas for how to address each issue. This will set us up to apply for a CARE Level II grant, which involves our workgroup proposing what we want to put our efforts towards to help make our community and environment a better place.

Feel free to call me directly at 907-424-2231, and I may also be calling you individually to touch base before the meeting.

Talk with you soon, and thanks!

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DRAFT AGENDA (Please send me your feedback!)

The goal of this meeting is to share with you the research I've gathered on our priority environmental issues and to get your feedback on what's missing and how to fill those gaps. We'll also do a short risk ranking exercise based on the draft issue profiles.

1. Introductions & Welcoming of New Members
2. Quick overview of the agenda – any additional agenda items from participants?
3. Update from the National CARE Conference – new tools, strategies, or other items of interest
4. Quick background on the overall project, goals, and workplan
5. CARE timeline
 - Where we are now
 - What needs to be accomplished, and when
4. Research presentation – sharing of draft issue profiles
5. Discussion
 - What's missing?
 - Who's interested in working to fill those gaps?
6. Community engagement – discussion of how to develop a more engaged public process
 - What can we each do?
7. Close – identify next steps and next meeting date

Please read more about NVE's CARE program!

- The Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program is a competitive grant program that offers communities an innovative way to address the risks from multiple sources of toxic pollution in their environment. NVE was awarded the Level 1 Grant in 2010 from the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Through CARE, various local organizations, including non-profits, businesses, schools and governments create partnerships that implement local solutions to reduce releases of toxic pollutants and minimize people's exposure to them.
- CARE educates and supports communities by helping them assess the pollution risks they face. We provide access to EPA's and other voluntary programs to address local environmental priorities and improve the environment through local action.

Goals of the CARE Program

- Reduce exposures to toxic pollutants through collaborative action at the local level.
- Help communities understand all potential sources of exposure to toxic pollutants.
- Work with communities to set priorities for risk-reduction activities.
- Create self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve the local environment.

For more information please visit Native Village of Eyak's CARE webpage at:

<http://www.nveyak.com/pages/care.html>