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Greetings collaborators and friends,

It has been a while since our last Native Plant Initiative (NPI) update and quite a bit has been going on!

Pilot greenhouse project is underway

As you may remember, we have partnered with SDSU Facilities and Services to grow native forbs for a project to replace some of lawn with native plants. We are aiming to provide about **3000** seedlings for this project.

- We are currently working on propagating the following for Facilities:

Antennaria neglecta

Liatris ligulistylis

Dicentra cucullaria

Asclepias incarnata

Penstemon grandiflorus

Pedimelum esculentum

Geum triflorum

Physostegia virginiana

Sanguinaria canadensis

We are also propagating *Pulsatilla patens* for research and to plant in demonstration plots.

We have already learned quite a bit, but we can always use more advice and insight. *Let me know if you want to pop by for a visit.*

Logo and website

I have been working with SDSU Marketing and Communications to develop a logo for the Native Plant Initiative. Here is a proof. I am eager to hear your feedback on the flower. We are going back and forth on whether it is cool and will help our brand recognition or if it is weird because it is a Pasque flower but we may want to use the logo when talking about other species. *What is your opinion?*



Stakeholder engagement and website development

We have had a good amount of stakeholder interest in the Native Plant Initiative. We may get even more traction in this arena when we have our website online. We currently have a URL that is not live yet. I am waiting to go live until we have some content. I will be working on this soon. *Watch for emails about linking to your websites/pages and asking for pictures!*

Grant development

As we move through the grant cycle, remember that one of the benefits of the NPI is to elevate the native plant research at SDSU. We can work on native plant grants together or just use the affiliation to show some extra dedication to native plant research.

Summer plans?

I would like to have a meeting regarding some plans for our pilot summer field season. We have a wee bit (but some) money and some room in our research field that we can use to start producing some preliminary data. Who is interested in brainstorming the best use of our first summer? I will send out an invitation to a brainstorming session soon.



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