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**California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
Forestry and Fuels Management Committee
And the
Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee**

Teleconference –December 12, 2017

On-Line:

Pete Johnson	Phil Noya	Stewart McMorrow	Mark Egbert
Steve Jones	Laurie Tippin	Mary Masada	Jamie Smmut
Karen Buhr	Lara Buluc	Jason Ko	Tom McCubbins

Pete brought the session to order at 8:02 a.m. and began with introductions of all on-line participants.

FSCC Items:

FSA- EFRP Coordination – Lara Buluc. Jason, Stew, and Lara have had discussions. Trying to develop a cross walk between all the programs. Jason has provided a number of contacts. We could form a small working group. Mark Egbert said he would be interested.

Reforestation Needs Assessment – Group. Discussion was centered on how to spread the word. It looks as though right now an issue that has been identified is the key is that there is a need for a webinar for all of the other program managers, I.e. - USFS, Climate Hub folk, Genetics Lab, Nursery program Mgr., etc. .

Update – Post-fire rehab training for RCD’s. In the near future (after the holidays?) the Regional BAER Coordinator will contact Jerry, Pete. Other interested folk are Mary M., Mark Egbert, Tom M.

Jerry will forward updated tree mortality info link to the Committee.

Forest Legacy – Brook, Stew, Jamie. The following were forwarded onto the Western Region and then to National:

Grizzly Creek

Johansson

Diamond D

Update on Ryan Creek – Jamie. Cal Fire has received a call from TPL. The timber values are lower than originally estimated and therefore Green Diamond may pull their application from the program. Remember that there is \$3.2 million from the Feds in funding on hold.

Stewardship – Stew. A number of items:

Still looking to hire a Stewardship Forester.

- Dollars encumbered:
- Newsletter – updated contract for the next 12 months
- Stewardship Committee – Updated contract through the next calendar year.

CFIP – TURF funds encumbered, but LO are dropping out or there is “fall down” from less acreage treated or other items not needed that were in contracts. Funds must be spent by June

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30th of State FY-18. His estimate is that the will be some \$200,000 +/- . Stew is looking for ways to encumber these funds. Stew is looking into RD (Rural Development) loans as some sort of bridge loan for CFIP.

Coordinating Committee News – Jamie. Jamie is working on the draft (still). But he is at a point where he wants to know about the CARCD Resolution status as well as the CARCD Forestry Committee Charter. He is still planning on sending a draft out to the Committee in Feb for a final review. It will be a combination of Cal Fire Committee stuff as well as statutory requirements. Then the review process will begin.

The Committee then had a lively discussion on objectives, etc. and to meet the 2 Committees separate agendas as well as participation and support for both Committees.

Jamie did say he is open to suggestions on the administrative operations.

CARCD Committee Items:

CARCD – Laurie Tippin for Karen Butler.

Conference – A very successful Conference.

King Fire Tour – We looked at post-fire restoration, the trials and tribulations, successes and a few failures – lessons learned. It was very well attended. The majority of attendees were not on the CARCD or FSCC Committee!!!. (Thank you Mark and others who put it on)

Officers and NACD Liaison for the upcoming year are:

NACD Rep –Tom Wheri (Placer RCD)

President – Paul Williams (Inland Empire RCD)

Vice- Pres- Don Butz (RCD of Greater San Diego)

Sect’y/Treasurer -Phil Shaffer (Western Shasta RCD)

Membership Dues Issues. CARCD is working on a revenue plan which will include different options for membership.

Next Year’s Annual Conference – In San Diego the week prior to Thanksgiving. Committee would also like to have a forestry tour at this Conference. Sheryl Landrum (RCD of Greater San Diego) will work on the tour but will need some guidance from the group. Topics could include insects, fire rehab, erosion control, etc.

CARCD Resolutions.

1 – Regions to be able to submit resolutions. This did not pass. However, it will be rewritten and resubmitted in the near future.

2 – Committee Resolution. This resolution changed the number of CARCD Committees as well as membership. There was a discussion on when it goes/went into effect. Thought is that it is now in effect, but this will need to be verified.

Reforestation Survey – Laurie and Mary. There are a number of non-responsive RCDs. So Mary and Laurie are looking for volunteers, members by regions that will be willing to contact RCD’s to assist in gathering information.

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Reforestation Assessment Issues (Con't). Mark has prepared a draft report which he will share. He would like comments by 22 December.

Coordination with other agencies on:

- Which coordinates to utilize – Lat/Longs and/or State Plane Coordinates or UTM's?
- Seed Zone map
- Data at L.A. Moran – seed gathering data.

There are a number of commonalities between USFS/Cal Fire. They will start collecting the same info on seed lots. This means going to have to collect more data, species adaptability and climate info.

Speculative Seed Order:

Somewhere between 50 – 60,000 seedlings left from various seed zones in California.

It has become evident that the education and planning component element is/has become really important. There have been over 200,000 seedling requests for “surplus” seedlings. Only seedlings left are in Seed Zones: 525 and 526.

Program and Agency Reports:

USFS – Jason (also Legacy Coordinator for the meantime). CR through 22 Dec, then, according to the crystal ball - possibly a CR into January and maybe a two year budget. Legacy Funding is unknown.

- Stewardship (For Lara) - USFS at the WO level is redoing the funding base. Therefore, the funding formula is most likely to change.

USFS Position Status – The RO currently does not have approval to fill the position.

However, they are encouraged to “outreach” the position. (Jerry’s comment – what does this really mean?)

NGO Reports:

None this month.

Misc. Next Teleconference: Jan 9, 2018

Pete adjourned the meeting at 9:02 am.

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