

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

**Forestry and Fuels Management Committee
Stewardship Coordinating Committee
And the
Forest Stewardship Committee**

Teleconference –February 14, 2017

On-Line:

Pete Johnson	Phil Noya	Stewart McMorrow	Mark Egbert
Steve Jones	Laurie Tippen	Paula Randler	Joe Croteau
John Henshaw	Mike DeLaseaux	Jammie Sammut	Karen Buhr

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

USFS – Paula Randler. Paula announced she has accepted a position in R8, Atlanta. The position, move, etc. has to be reviewed in the WO due to the Federal hiring freeze. There is a rumor of the possibility of a Presidential budget in April. Yesterday had a meeting about/with education program staff. They are going to put some strategies in place. Nationally – there may be a plan in place in 11 – 12 weeks for the reduction of the Federal Gov't.

CA F&WS – Joe Croteau. How can CA F&WS move projects forward? Want to see CFIP projects move forward, with ideas that can move these projects forward through CEQA and NEPA.

Spotted Owl. The Commission voted to list the NSO. Primary threat is the barred owl. Still a candidate.

Wolf. The Commission also voted to list the gray wolf January 17, 2017. Lawsuits have been filed.

CFIP – Stew. Almost all of the TRRF funds have been allocated. \$1 million or so left. Additional TRRF funds should be renewed in July. These funds are not earmarked for any specific area of the state.

High Speed Rail Funds. Cal Fire is now waiting for ARB to release carbon sequestration calculation guidelines. Dollars will be for reforestation only.

Staffing – FAS for Tuolumne County has been hired. They will be on-board in the next couple of weeks.

CARCD – Karen ButlerBuhr. Little Hoover Commission – Right now looking into tree mortality with local issues being the topic.

CARCD Exec. Committee is looking at their committee structure again. Question/study – how to combine/condense committees and to make them more active. Probably will be down to three committees.

Then we had a brief bio-char discussion.

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RCD Funding – DOC applications will be out within the next 2 weeks. Karen asked that we spread the word far and wide.

Forest Legacy – Jammie for Brook. Agency is still finalizing Ryan Creek. It should be done very soon.

Rainbow Ridge – On the WCB May agenda.

Jacoby Creek and Jolley Green – In the pipeline.

Winter Meeting. – Committee. It will be the 2,3rd of March in Davis, CA, at the L.A. Moran Reforestation Center. Thursday will be devoted to the Committee Charter and the Strategic Plan. Friday will be the typical business meeting. The agenda will be sent out as soon as possible

Charter/Strategic Plan Discussion – Committee. The most current draft will be emailed. Laurie will focus on the Charter. Steve Jones provided some strategic plan inputs. Jamie had some questions to which Karen provided some answers about CARCD status and how she understands the dual roles of the Committee. The Committee, a Federally created entity, operates under the State of California travel regulations (Committee does have policies in place.). Laurie asked for more information about awards.

NGO Reports:

UCCE/SAF – Mike DeLaseaux. UCCE has interviewed candidates for the Shasta, Trinity, etc. position. They are hopeful to offer the position very soon.

Retirements – Both Greg Justi and Rick Standiford have announced that they are retiring this year (June?).

Education outreach. Mike was involved with the S&PF educational programs discussion.

FIT – getting ready and still have room. Helpline – it is gearing up again. Also working with Richard Harris on a forest stewardship workshop Reforestation workshops on tree mortality are in the works and working with many partners, including OES, etc. Reforestation workshops have been scheduled in the Southern Sierra – Madera, Mariposa are on the books. Possibly further north in the next year or so.

Land Trusts – None on-line this month.

Misc. Next Teleconference: April 11, 2017

Pete adjourned the meeting at 9:05 am.

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