

CARCD Forestry & Fuels Management Committee Meeting

And

Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee Meeting

L.A. Moran Reforestation Center, Davis, CA

Minutes – Winter Meeting – March 2, 3, 2017

Thursday 2 March 2017:

Pete brought the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Welcome and introductions.** Besides the introductions Pete gave an excellent overview of the Committee from how the FSCC was formed, the cross over between FSCC and the CARCD F&FMC, committee makeup, etc. (**Introductions:** See sign in sheets.)

**Draft Charter Discussion – Laurie and the Committee.**

The entire day was devoted to a discussion, review, etc, of the Draft Charter. Discussions included history (Cal Fire Richard Wilson and CARCD – Thomas Wheri). How to split agendas so that they met State regulations, if applicable. Who can vote on which action items on the agenda? Recognition of which agenda item relates to which Committee.

Will keep the history of the Committees in the document.

Will the MOU get revised in the near future?

Is there a conflict of interest policy (short answer is yes)?

Discussed the purpose statement.

Discussed the agenda and how to keep, if it can be done separate? An even bigger issue is how to manage it as a significant number of items overlap.

Committee division thoughts:

CARCD – Do we get back to the concept of voting members and advisors?

FSCC- Voting members based on antiquated federal guidance. Chairs and Chair change?

If 2 separate committees:

FL – requires 72 hour notice (website only?)

Field visits – joint informational field trips.

Agendas will need to be modified for FL, probably not for CARCD. FI – will have to follow Bagley-Keane for State portion (action items, discussion, informational, public comments)

Role - FL - big three are FL and Stewardship (as needed), education and outreach, award. Remember – advisory, recommendations, not actions.

Role - CARCD as a separate standing Committee

Members need to be agendized at their Bd Meetings AND report back to their Board. CARCD created by a statute and different than an Executive Order. Advice, recommendations, ability to inform,

Both – coordinating forestry programs statewide.

Draft will be circulated before the April teleconference.

USFS – Paula – announced her transfer had been reviewed and approved. Therefore she will be leaving 23 February 2017.

The Committee held a working dinner to continue flushing out these ideas.

Friday, 3 March 2017:

Pete brought the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Welcome and introductions. . (Introductions: See sign in sheets.)**

Recoup of Yesterday – Committee. A recap was held of the highlights and low lights with the summary being:

Focus – Committee’s charter

2 Committees

Now have to refine the 2 committees and moving forward in making it work.

Reforestation - Mark Egbert, Stew. Has drafted a Framework and policies and guidelines. These have been adapted with USFS. Now has a sales agreement with the USFS. Infrastructure in place to administer the program. Developing an extensive financial management system to keep track of information – fiscal soundness, etc. Currently over 1 million trees for NIPF lands!!!!!!Examples include the King, Sand, Butte, and Valley Fires. Uses/programs are varies as the producers, EQIUP, CFIP, post-fire, etc.

**CARCD News and Views – Karen Buhr.**

DOC Funding. Official rules, application forms are now on-line. From \$15 – 40,000 to build programs, strategic planning, capacity building, etc. Accreditation Program will be commencing in July. The goal is to have this become a long term program. Do intend to do follow-up next year.

Bills – Early in the session, but:

AB18 and SB5 - Bond bills, parks bills.

TNC - there is a bill for local planning for carbon on the local level – counties. Will assist RCDs help counties complete their carbon plans.

DOC is looking at making some changes to Division 9. Time will tell.

Farm Bill – There is a possibility that all Federal agencies will have a 10% reduction in their budgets as a minimum. Heritage plan may eliminate NRCS technical assistance and possibly EQIP.

NACD Fly-in. Talked to moderate Republicans, engaged, and talked about Farm Bill benefits. This is a 2 to 3 year process Karen promises to send out the talking points.

Committee Structure – Looking at a fresh, from scratch, committee structure. Basically from the statewide cries of the District Managers. Want active Committees, with technical expertise.

Forestry Committee – lead will be Laurie Tippen

FSCC – lead will be Jammie for the State.

**Status of Mr. Glenn Franklin.** As most of you may have surmised Glenn’s cancer has returned. Though a non-life threatening form it is aggressive. Therefore, Glenn has resigned from the Board to deal with family health issues and he is re-prioritizing his life.

Paul Williams is the acting President.

**Annual Conference** will be in Sacramento. Committee will have a tour. El Dorado Co RCDs have graciously offered to lead the tour. Committee accepted.

**USFS, Paula. Chris.** Reforestation - Paula met at L.A. Moran with USFS, Cal Fire. Topic was a geospatial product discussion. Jason Ko will be the conduit.

RO is planning on filling Paula’s position. Staffing for FY 17-18 is pretty well set. In the meantime Katie Friday will provide FL assistance. (She is in Hi.)

Back to reforestation – The Nursery partnership Team wants to gather the following information:

- Locations of existing seed banks, inventories
- Potential, desirable areas of cone collection
- Disturbed areas
- Areas where seedlings are being planted
- Develop a reforestation needs assessment

Cal Fire - Stewart Mc\$6million encumbered. About \$2 million for small landowners in mortality areas. There is a readiness in LOs in the southern Sierra for reforestation workshops. These will move north as the need arises.

BCP. Cal Fire submitted a BCP for a speculative sowing order. Updates will create a database of inventory, etc.

Cal Fire is upgrading its equipment at the L>A. Moran Reforestation Center. Cal Fire would like assistance from RCDs, anyone, on where cones are developing.

Forest Legacy – Brook and Stew. Monitoring/AON Discussion. Background is Jeff's letter. But currently – letter and update AON as it meets the FL Program and the Forest Action Plan. Philosophy of USFS is that AONs would be in the Forest Action Plan. Information would be integrated. There is an issue of what it should cover – all of the forested lands in the state (def. of forest lands? – State or Federal?).

Assessment of Need (AON). Original done in 1995. Updated in 2000. There is a documented review in 2015. This needs more documentation with a detailed letter and the process.

Review of the AON:

Goal: Significant (undefined) progress by November.

To do: By summertime whether there is a need for an update or a review.

Committee agreed to form a sub-committee:

John Henshaw

Paul Mason

Brook Darley

Jammie Summitt

BY the end of March a timeline, etc. on how a review of the AON should occur.

Forest Legacy. \$25 to 30 million in CA Forest legacy.

Legacy Review. All but one has been on the ground reviewed. Rainbow Ridge to WCB and DGS. WCB has placed this on the spring agenda. Hopefully it will be closed this summer.

Ryan Creek – USFS/Cal Fire are in agreement in the language. Sent to Green Diamond. Hopefully they will agree. Then we can move to the appraisal stage.

Eel River. Want to now modify their management plan to what they wrote for FL in 2010- 2015ish.

They will also need to amend their NTMP. Stew and Brook are planning on attending the FL/Stewardship Conference in Idaho. Also Brook has been asked to participate in a FL review in R4 (Utah area).

CFIP – Stew. TRRF funding is \$6.1 million encumbered as of today. About #300,000 unencumbered. Cal Fire has increased the max and is now doing more roadwork. Utilizing the priority ranking sheet. Two times a month the FAS's score them. Projects are funded by ranking. Incumbent on FAS staff to filter projects before they are submitted. Separate dollars are set aside for management plans.

FY-17 TRRF. BCP of \$3.5 million. Five of this staff are limited term for 2 years. Only one more year left on limited term funding. There is/could be a problem with all of the funding sources.

High Speed rail Authority. \$2.4 million for reforestation to go above and beyond carbon sequestration requirements.

CFIP applicants will now need make an estimate of what their carbon sequestration will be.

**Legislation:**

AB362. Changes language around CFIP loan program to go to NTMP development.

AB1391 - Patterson. Proposes CFIP to pay for firesafe activities if below poverty level.

Question? How do you access the SRA fee budget. Answer possibly Joel Vella?

**Field Meetings Discussion:**

Next Meeting dates were discussed – Mid May or June in Mariposa. June dates discussed were 15/16 June or 2 days in later June 21, 22, 23.

Fall Meeting – TBA, but most likely in the Redding area around 6/7 September.

November meeting at Annual Conference in Sacramento. El Dorado RCDs will be hosts and they are, through Mark, preparing a tour that will include the Placerville Nursery, Sand and King Fires.

**Agency Reports:**

Cal Fire. See previous comments.

Napa Land Trust – John Henshaw. Closed on a large property – Livermore Ranch that covers portions of Napa, Lake and Sonoma Counties. Very interesting as there are 30+ owners. PUC – final appraisal done - \$8.1 million. That means they are about \$1 million short of funding. Going to make a run at green house gas funding for the remainder.

USFS – Paula. Nothing new, see above. Thanked the Committee for everything.

**NGO Reports:**

PFT – Paul Mason. Projects in the works include – Black Butte (Weed area), Suha Valley (to maintain a family ranch and forest land) and what is called Oregon-Mountain Crest on the CA/OR Stateline along I-5, about 1,000 acres.

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

Planning on hiring somebody to cover Butte, Yuba and Nevada as well as LA Counties.

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

Education outreach. FIT – getting ready and still have room. Helpline – it is gearing up again. Also working with Richard Harris on a forest stewardship workshops. Helpline has become very busy. Forest Conservation Days – beginning planning. Working on items concerning Blodgett Forest.

Reimbursement Discussion. Steve Jones. A question was asked about the District/Cal Fire discussions on the reimbursement for the Weaverville meeting. Steve said the Placer CO RCD is working on it as we speak.

Pete made a few final remarks and adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

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