

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

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

Annual Conference

Ontario, CA

November 2016

Members present: See sign-in sheet

Laurie Tippin, Acting Chair, brought the session to order at 9:12 am.

Tour: There was no tour this year.

Morning Session:

The morning session was spent discussing the Committee updated charter, committee structure, name, how the combined committee came to be, committee composition, etc.

There was a brief overview of the Committee(s) history, talking about the dual headed Committee (FSCC as well as the CARCD F&FMC) and its history (when Feds mandated the State to form a Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee). In 1997 Cal Fire proposed that the two Committees combine. This has been a great thing because this Committee is a vibrant, active Committee because of the funding provided. Typically there are 4 meetings a year plus the monthly teleconferences. It also has defined functions including assistance to the State of California as well as the USFS and NRCS.

Discussions included:

The USFS National Standards and Guidelines and its impacts on the Committee.
Do we/should we have a monthly teleconferences, how should they be structured?
Name of the Committee discussion.

Laurie captured specifics and will prepare a draft for the Committee to review.

Afternoon Session:

Emerging Tree Pests - Guest Speakers – Dr. Tom Scott, UCANR, Riverside, Dr. John Kabashima, UCCE

Dr. Scott talked about GSOB, its introduction into Ca about 20 – 25 years ago, the increase in range and which trees and how it attacks the trees.

He then discussed the on-going research on the beetles spread in existing stands. Take home message is basic Forestry 101 – dense woodlands are at a higher risk for mortality than sparser woodlands.

Dr. Kabashima talked about his experience with shot hole borers, listened learned, etc. There was a discussion on how the larvae feeds on fungus brought in by the female beetle. We heard that there are actually two shot hole borers – KSHB and PSHB. For more information, including an Id of the symptoms, etc. check out pshb.org.

Next Year's Conference. As of now we are expected to be in the Redding area. Committee would like to have a field trip.

The Years Meeting Locations – Jerry/Committee. Only one possibility came forth at this time – Mariposa. Robyn Smith offered the possibility of a field visit in the May-June time Frame.

Because there are so few Committee members the discussion on field locations will be postponed until the meeting in the spring.

The next teleconference call will be December 9, 2016.

Laurie adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Jerry Reioux
CARCD, F&FMC and FSCC Secretary