

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

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

Teleconference – Oct 11, 2016

On-Line:

Pete Johnson	Paula Randler	Steve Smith	Karen Buhr
Glenn Franklin	Stewart McMorrow	Brook Darley	Jill Butler
Mike DeLasaux	Paul Mason		

Pete brought the session to order at 8:03 a.m. with introductions of all on-line participants.

CARCD News and Views – Glenn Franklin & Karen Buhr. Annual Conference is 16-19 November in Ontario, CA. The agenda is out. CARCD hosted the NACD Pacific SW Region mtg. at McClellan Field. Had honest talk about the future of RCDs and capacity building. They shared concepts with the Western States, particularly forest health. Karen Ross, Ca Sec. of Ag., Carlos Surez, STC, NRCS, as well as David Bunn, Conservation Director, DOC. The participants agreed that they need to start having monthly teleconferences amongst the Association Presidents. The participants were also interested in our Committee as it is in a different format than what is typically found in many other States in the West.

CARCD is updating the Strategic Plan for RCDs. The Board is expected to approve it and it will be out for distribution after 25 October, 2016.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill that provides some \$2.5 million for baseline funding for RCDs through DOC. DOC will have a voluntary accreditation system. RCDs will need to review Tier 1 checklist. Look at it on the CARCD website or the DOC website.

Forest Legacy – Brook Darley

The FL ranking is coming together. PUC, Millard and a 3rd project, Grizzly Creek have been selected. Grizzly Creek was selected because it keeps CA under the USFs \$10 million dollar cap. These were approved by Director Pimlott last week. They will be forwarded to the FL Western Committee for review and comment October 14th. National date is 21 November.

Q and A:

Ryan Creek – USFS comments have been forwarded to Green Diamond.

Rainbow Ridge – It is getting close, most likely it will close in early 2017.

WCB is looking for increased administrative reimbursement. This will be discussed internally between USFS and CalFire.

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Stewardship – Stewart McMorrow.

CFIP Update: 2015 dollars have all been encumbered - \$2.9 million

2016 dollars - \$3.4 million – some \$800,000 encumbered to date, so still plenty of monies.

2 new FAS's have been hired:

Tovar Henderson – Santa Clara

Megan Reeves – Santa Rosa

Riverside – FAS to be hired soon.

A couple of Budget Change Proposals (BCP) has been submitted:

BCP to fund the CFIP program – A BCP to fund CFIP for 2 years from the TURFRF (timber tax dollars) fund was submitted. It would also move the temps to permanent status.

BCP to reopen the La Moran Nursery.

Reforestation – Stewart, Jill, Jeff, Mark.

USFS sowing order meeting is the last week of October.

Stewart believes that around \$100,000 of Stewardship funding can be utilized to support the nursery program. Also there is a need for an estimate on what the estimated seedling requirements will be annually – leads to the need for an annual needs assessment.

Needs Assessment Discussion: The needs assessment needs a few items to make it viable, namely a tie-in from CFIP and EQIP contracts for reforestation as well as other larger scale anticipated needs. Stewart added that the Forest Health and Resiliency Group of the Tree Mortality Task Force is discussing if there is a need for reforestation. Hopefully there will be a method to collect some type of reforestation survey in the under/overstory as trees are removed. They would like to know if advance reproduction is shade tolerant species etc. They are most interested in what will happen to these trees after the canopy is removed. Stocking is also an issue. LOs are not sure they want to replant – they express fears that new plantings might be affected.

Seed collection efforts - Not sure how the collections went for pine species as a number of cones had bad seed. However, the firs and incense-cedar cones were better. The Nursery has “tons” of cones that are currently being processed.

Annual Conference – Committee.

Still not sure which day the meeting will be on – Thursday or Friday or if there will be a tour. Your – the Committee agreed that if there is a tour it should be on Wed, not afterwards on Saturday. However, if on Wed it will conflict with training. Jerry will check with folk in So. Cal about the possibilities of a tour that would include more than dead, dying trees, fuels reduction, etc. If something different can't be arranged/available = no tour. Committee topics so far are:

Draft Strategic Plan

Committee Structure

Some were curious if there would be a teleconference option. Glenn and Jerry will check on this and get back to the Committee.

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NGO Reports:

Paul – AB2480 was signed by the Gov. Should, down the road, lead to financing of watershed improvements.

NorCal SAF – Mike. Just finished a very successful Forest Conservation Days session outside of Fresno. Over 1300 5th graders attended.

Dr. Richard Harris will be holding a Tree Mortality Workshop in the South Bay. It will mimic the workshop held in Amador County last week.

New Business. Next teleconference.

NRCS - Chris Zimney. Not available this month.

Placer RCD – Elisa Nobel. Not available this month.

Misc.:

Next Teleconference: November 8, 2016.

Pete adjourned the meeting at 8:55 am.

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