



CARCD/FSCC FORESTRY COMMITTEE REPORT – MARCH 12, 2019

Monthly CARCD Forestry Committee Call: The March call took place Tuesday, March 12th at 8:00am. Participants included Laurie Tippin, Pete Johnson, Jerry Reioux, Mark Egbert, Susie Kirschner, Phil Noia, Sheryl Landrum, Paul Mason, Stewart McMorrow, Steve Jones, Sandra Lupien, Jenn Shepard, Matt Brown, Steve Haze, Jamie Sammut, Lauren Hubert, Mary Mayeda & Jon Barrett; guests included Jason Wells, Sonoma Co RCD, & Chance Joyce, American Forest Foundation.

Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee

Forest Stewardship Committee Charter: During the call, the most recent charter was discussed and call attendees were asked to provide any comments they had regarding suggested changes or general thoughts, including:

- **Member Appointment:** It was discussed that the charter should eliminate the requirement for the Chair to be a registered professional forester as that can be a major constraint for who can serve.
- **Composition of Committee:** It was decided that there is no need to call out formally in the charter that CARCD Forestry Committee members can also crossover into FSCC since they fit into the conservation organization category. Additionally, it was discussed that:
 - At least 7 members are required, but no maximum was set as to how many can serve.
 - The committee should be more deliberate in diversifying committee members as it is currently made up of close to 80% foresters. The goal will be to actively recruit specialists from other fields.
- **Application Process:** In the past there has been no formal process. Members are generally recommended to serve on the committee by other members or people familiar with the committee.

Forest Legacy Program: There are currently nine open legacy projects (state and federally funded). The AON (Assessment of Need) will be reviewed as a part of the 2020 update of CA's Forest Action Plan (FAP). Pertinent changes & new information will be included in the FAP as an Appendix, which is allowed by law.

CALFIRE CCI funding: There is approximately \$85 million for upcoming forest health grants.

Wildfire Resilience Program: There is CAL FIRE Budget Change Proposal (BCP) to create an organization to staff the new/developing Wildfire Resilience Program. CAL FIRE plans to hire 7 positions around this program. The BCP is available for review on the website. https://esd.dof.ca.gov/Documents/bcp/1920/FY1920_ORG3540_BCP2776.pdf

American Forest Foundation Update: Chance provided an update that the AFF was awarded \$10 million in funding from CAL FIRE for projects in several counties, from Shasta to Placer County, focusing on assisting private forest landowners with reforestation. AFF is also in the process of entering into an agreement with NRCS to provide outreach & forestry assistance to private forest landowners. <https://www.mysierrawoods.org/>

CARCD Forestry Committee

CARCD Committee Vice Chair: Mark Egbert, District Manager of El Dorado County & Georgetown Divide RCD's, has been selected as the new Vice Chair for the CARCD Forestry Committee and will be assisting Laurie in carrying out committee tasks. Thank you to Steve Jones, Director on Placer Co. RCD, as outgoing vice chair.

Other Committee Membership information: Elizabeth Betancourt, Director Western Shasta RCD, has resigned from the committee.

Good Neighbor Authority Meeting: Jenn Sheppard attended a workshop on the Good Neighbor Authority and updated on how this can apply to RCD's. Jenn reported that while RCD's can't directly apply for Good Neighbor Authority, they can be subcontracted to assist on various projects. Jenn plans to put together a document to provide to RCD's showing the process of becoming a subcontractor for Good Neighbor Authority Projects.

CARCD Committee Action Plan: While there was not time to discuss the action plan on this call. Laurie has requested that committee members review the action plan in the upcoming month and volunteer to take on certain tasks to ensure the action plan is implemented. This plan will be further discussed on the April call.

Both Committees

Reforestation Update: The reforestation team is getting ready to distribute seedlings and is still receiving calls for additional seedlings. They have a surplus inventory for now, but hope to coordinate better next year for reforestation planning to ensure sufficient stock. In addition, they are currently going after this year's cone crop but cone surveys and climbers are a major limiting factor for this work. CAL FIRE is in need of help providing cone surveys and is willing to enter into contacts to get this work done.

Agency Reports:

There was not sufficient time on this call to provide agency reports, but will be prioritized at the April meeting.

The next Joint Forestry Committee Call will take place April 9th at 8:00am.