

## CARCD/FSCC FORESTRY COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL 16, 2020

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### MEETING NOTES

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**Monthly CARCD/FSCC Forestry Committee Meeting:** The meeting took place via GoToMeeting on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> in lieu of an in person meeting. Attendees: Laurie Tippin, Pete Johnson, Stewart McMorrow, Jerry Reioux, Susie Kirschner, Jenn Shepard, Phil Noia, Jerry Jensen, Steve Jones, Paul Mason, Mary Mayeda, John Henshaw, Sheryl Landrum, Jeannine Giuffre, Jason Ko, Chris Zimny, Kate Campbell, Rich Walker, Brook Darley, Dale Meese, and Sarah Jones.

#### **FSCC Committee Meeting:**

*Forest Legacy Program Assessment of Need:* Pacific Forest Trust is under contract with CAL FIRE to write the updated AON, which is due to the USFS by 6/30/20. Paul Mason, PFT, is writing the document. Rich Walker, CAL FIRE, presented for discussion the attributes & their weights the FSCC previously identified/agreed upon. The committees discussed the data sets being used & the relative weights assigned to each attribute & provided several recommendations/changes.

*Forest Legacy Program Update:* Brook informed the committee that the Pacific Union College proposal was 100% funded & the Mattole Headwaters proposal was partially funded by the USFS in 2020. The national team has ranked the 2021 projects – the Travis proposal made the list but it's unknown at this time whether sufficient federal funds will be provided to fund all projects. Travis is lower on the list. At the State level, 3 legacy projects were funded with CCI funds: Mattole Headwaters, Wagner & 1 other for \$7.2 million. The State is considering the use of CCI funds in the 20/21 fiscal year due to the current workload of approved projects.

*Forest Stewardship Program Prioritization:* In 2007 or 2008, CAL FIRE conducted the Spatial Analysis Project (SAP) to identify & spatially display important private forest lands, tracts currently under Forest Stewardship Plans & areas of opportunity to focus future Forest Stewardship Program efforts. Several of the SAP layers are the same as those used in the AON. If SAP is an ongoing project, a review of original data layers & possible updates should occur. Stewart asked if many of the AON layers & weights could be used to update SAP. Jason Ko, USFS, will check on whether SAP is ongoing & whether an update should occur.

#### **CARCD Forestry Committee:**

*Draft Joint Committee Charter:* For several months, discussions have been had on forming one committee instead of two separate committees. CAL FIRE has confirmed that they would like the CARCD Forestry Committee to take responsibility for the FSCC, creating one entity. The committee also discussed logistical questions including:

1. Requirement to follow California's Open Meeting Law
  - a. This question will be posed to attorney's. The committee does not handle finances and only provides recommendations. CARCD, as a non-profit organization, isn't required to follow the Open Meeting law; however, all agendas & notes are posted

on the forestry committee web page thereby providing notice of the meeting & call in infor.

2. ADA issues for website
  - a. CARCD Forestry Committee page is ADA compliant
3. Advocacy
  - a. The committee has no authority or responsibility to advocate. The committee may provide technical expertise so that CARCD can advocate on behalf of RCD's.
4. Delegation of membership/leadership
  - a. The CARCD President will make appointments in accordance with the current charter.
5. Membership numbers
  - a. The committee discussed how to ensure membership numbers remain manageable without setting official limits. The group discussed not being too concerned with the number of members, as much as the diversity of the group and making sure there isn't too much representation from the same group. It was also discussed that due to a small travel budget, if membership increases it might be necessary to identify which attending members can be reimbursed for their travel from the FSCC account.
6. Addition of a termination clause
  - a. Lastly, it was discussed that it might be a good idea to include a termination clause in the instance that a future State Forester or CARCD President find that the one committee no longer meets the needs of either organization.

Next steps include:

1. The draft Committee Charter to be reviewed by CAL FIRE and CARCD Board. Laurie will finalize draft version and bring to CARCD's May Board Meeting.

*Summer Meeting:* There will be a summer meeting (August/September) to score the legacy projects. It will likely be held in the Quincy, CA area if able to meet in person.

*CARCD Annual Conference:* The conference is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2020. The committee should determine which day to hold the in-person meeting and which day to hold the field trip. Some members expressed preference that the meeting not overlap with the main conference dates during which the breakout sessions are held (Wednesday and Thursday). This item will be further discussed on the next CARCD Committee call. Members also discussed potential field trip opportunities, including a field trip to the recent Thomas Fire.

*Next Committee Call: **May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8am***