

NOTES: SOFAR Landscape Vision Committee

Held: May 27, 2021

Action Items

David Z will connect the UC Davis folks with SMUD.

Craig will talk with Angela Avery, SNC, about the value and importance of SOFAR Letters.

Mark Egbert will talk with Chris Dallas, SNC, about the value and importance of SOFAR Letters.

Gina send Greg dates for upcoming meetings

Greg will follow up with land tender to arrange a presentation

Next Meeting: June 24, 1:00-2:30

Tahoe Central Sierra Initiative Blueprint

SOFAR representatives for the TCSI User Group: Greg Suba or Sue Britting (SFL), Norma Santiago, David Zelinsky

TCSI wants to beta test the tool to answer questions that SOFAR may have. The user group will facilitate the use of the model as it applies to the SOFAR boundary.

Identifying Future Agenda Items

- Land Tender Presentation with Vibrant Planet – Scott Conway (1 hour)
- Chili Bar-to-Georgetown Overview -
- Desired Conditions -- how are the focus areas aligning with the desired conditions (Pollack Pines and Chili Bar-to-Georgetown).
- Red Fir Strategy Field Trip to revisit the strategy (Twofer and... Brown Rock – outside of SOFAR). (Greg Suba)
- Fall – discuss potential legislation
- Conversation with Jeff Marsolais: importance of fire; role of the Landscape V group; importance of staff contributing to these meetings. Note: Jeff Marsolais is going to speak to ACCG (on 6/16) on forest resilience.
- RCD is working with Hugh Safford on burn behavior and impact on residual stands. (via Mark Egbert)
- GHG Analysis Report: RCD is developing associated with Fire-Adapted 50 and will have a report.

Identifying Co-Leads for Landscape Vision Agenda Planning

CBI would like to coordinate with a few people to plan the agenda for the Landscape Vision meetings. One FS person would be helpful in this role along with another partner. Ecologist Becky Estes or Teresa Reisenberger who focuses on fuels would be great. The forester on the Placerville District might also be helpful.

Review / Submittal Process for Letters of Support

Issues from this review cycle: short timeline for project review / consideration; not everyone submitted info. Recommendations to improve the process would include the following:

- Set timeline to allow more **time for members to review** final project.
- Make clearer that **projects should be vetted** early at the Landscape Vision.
- As soon as we receive inquiry, ask to **complete one-page form** and schedule session at Landscape Vision (clarify what to do if not possible). Request a photo of the “problem,” if possible.
- The “yellow” and “red” projects should have been vetted more thoroughly at the Landscape Vision. Early on, as soon as funding is announced, put a placement on the web site and in the LV meeting for discussion.
- **Update the green, yellow, red doc** to name “district ranger.”
- Make a **new submittal form** with “yes/no” boxes tied to the green, yellow, red.

Projects Adjacent to SOFAR boundary must have a “Nexus”

Letter of Support from SOFAR

The letter is the same for all projects. Some projects are coordinated at SOFAR. Then, others just show up for the letter of support. They are viewed as the same by the grantors.

CCI scores 10 of the 100 points for a letter of support. CCI notes that projects that are represented by regional groups.

How do we increase the value of the SOFAR letter to the grantors?

Consistency with local or state plans is often required.

Perhaps the context of the letter should speak to the collaborative.

The Collaborative could encourage SNC to place value on the letters.

Next Steps

Talk to SNC about the value and importance of SOFAR Letters.

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Mark Egbert will talk with Chris Dallas.

[Link](#) to All Meeting Materials