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- Resilient Landscapes •
  - Safe & Effective Wildfire Response •
  - Fire Adapted Communities •

## Collaborative Group - Meeting Summary

Meeting held June 14, 2023  
Prepared by the Consensus Building Institute (CBI)

### SOFAR Science Talk: Guiding Interventions in Wildfire-Altered Forests in California

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Dr. Jonathan Long from the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station presented on the findings that make up the post fire restoration framework in General Technical Report (GTR)-278, for which he is co-author. This report informs interventions across large landscapes to promote resilience in the face of a rapidly changing climate and increasing wildfire activity.

Dr. Long's **presentation slides** can be found here [\[LINK\]](#).

The **recording of the presentation** can be found here [\[LINK\]](#).

### New Coordination & Collaboration Staff

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**Michelle Wolfgang** is **Eldorado National Forest's** (ENF) new Partnership Coordinator. She oversees grants and agreements and major partnerships across the ENF landscape. She participates in collaboratives such as SOFAR, Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG), Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative (TCSI), Healthy Eldorado Landscape Partnership (HELP), and Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA), and is the County Resource Advisory Committee coordinator. She is the main point of contact for partnerships at ENF. Email: Michelle.Wolfgang@usda.gov

**Amanda Milici** is **Tahoe Central Sierra Initiative's** (TCSI) Outreach and Capacity Building Associate. She conducts outreach to stakeholders in the TCSI boundary to facilitate an all-lands management approach, to ensure long-term sustained engagement, and to identify capacity needs of partner organizations. Email: amilici@thegreatbasininstitute.org

**Zach Browning** is **Sierra Institute's** Shared Stewardship Advisor for the Central Sierra zone, which includes Plumas, Eldorado, and Tahoe National Forests. He works with partners to do cross-boundary work as well as education and outreach assessments to identify challenges and how to develop resources to overcome barriers for partner organizations. Email: zbrowning@sierrainstitute.us

**Dorit Price-Levine** is joining the **Consensus Building Institute's** (CBI) facilitation team supporting SOFAR. Email: [dorit@cbi.org](mailto:dorit@cbi.org)

## Updates & Announcements

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### ENF Staffing Updates

Jen House is returning to ENF and will be the main contact regarding post-Caldor recovery. Email: [Jennifer.house@usda.gov](mailto:Jennifer.house@usda.gov).

Reanna "Suela" Suela is the new ENF Education & Outreach contact. Email: [Reanna.suela@usda.gov](mailto:Reanna.suela@usda.gov)

Helena Murray is the new Region 5 Wood & Biomass Utilization Specialist. Email: [Helena.murray@usda.gov](mailto:Helena.murray@usda.gov).

### Healthy Eldorado Landscape Partnership (HELP)

HELP is a partnership between ENF and partner agencies that is building a financing strategy on the ENF in a similar footprint to SOFAR. They have secured \$10 million to implement NEPA-ready fire resiliency work in Crystal Basin. HELP will share more about their work in the June 22 Landscape Vision meeting.

### Upcoming Events

- [Forest Business Alliance Workshops](#)
  - Sawmill Workshop, June 20
  - Proposal Writing and Budgeting, July 11
  - Forest Management, August 1
- [Sierra to California All-Lands Enhancement \(SCALE\) meeting](#), July 17-18 at the Sacramento State Harper Alumni Center.
- [Community Wildfire Defense Grant applications](#) to be released in June

## Next Steps

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The next Collaborative meeting is scheduled for October 11, 1:00-3:00.

The next working group meetings will be June 22, with Biomass 11-12:30 and Landscape Vision 1-2:30.