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Collaborative Group - Meeting Summary

Meeting held June 13, 2018
 Prepared by the Consensus Building Institute

Meeting in Brief

Collaborative members are focusing their energy on meeting to strategize on the priority focus areas: Sly Park / Pollack Pines; Chili Bar to Georgetown; and the headwaters project. All groups aim to have a strategy in place at the September Collaborative meeting. The strategy will include goals and identify existing, planned, and hopeful projects to realize the goals of the Cohesive Strategy.

The Collaborative is taking a break from regularly scheduled meetings this summer to focus on this collaborative planning work.

Chili Bar to Georgetown Planning Meeting
June 26 at 10:00 at Garden Valley Fire Station 51 at Mark Murphy Road.

Action Items

Who	What
Mike Webb	Update the project list to refine the projects
Tom Tinsley	Follow up with the local Caltrans rep about improving thinning practices in the easement along Highway 50
All	Contact Pat Manley (pmanley@fs.fed.us) if interested in resilience indicator field trip

Meeting Summary

Sly Park to Camino Focus Area

Many landowners and organizations have come together to identify existing, planned and needed projects. If the work plan gets finished over the next few years, the Camino - Pollock Pines area will be a showcase. Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) has also participated and is trying to meet the objectives of the SOFAR Cohesive Strategy on its fire line around Jenkinson Lake. Calfire may fund some additional work in these areas as a result of the insights gained through the planning process.

This sub-group is planning for its deliverable to take the form of a prioritized strategic plan, with a project list and a map. The group will present it at the September Collaborative meeting.

The Landscape Vision Work Group previously requested that Caltrans expand its thinning work in the easement along Highway 50. Caltrans has traditionally hesitated around these forest management requests. However, Supervisor Veercamp met with the new Caltrans Director recently. Because leadership has changed and likely as a result of the recent fires, local leadership now has more control. The group agreed that Tom Tinsley would be the appropriate person to follow up with Caltrans local leadership.

Chili Bar to Georgetown Focus Area

The overall community has not historically been active on fire management. There have been some small projects, but nothing at the landscape level. While the group may not be able to get all the homeowners to sign on, the group will meet and start identifying a strategy. BLM and the Forest Service also have land in this area. The area covers three fire districts. It is the outer limits of some rural districts.

There are many available opportunities for work, mostly on small parcels. Lots of small parcels exist out in this area; there are not many large-scale landowners.

Grants provide for initial work. Maintenance is also an issue since grants do not typically cover maintenance. Also, because many in this area have an aversion to government on their land, requesting maintenance on an ongoing basis can be difficult.

The County is trying to work with PG&E to leverage the work that PG&E is already conducting and will be required to conduct.

Once some concepts start taking shape, SOFAR will try to conduct outreach via community associations.

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Caples Headwaters

The Caples Headwaters group is meeting on June 18 at 1:00. The Forest Service conducted some prescribed burning on the Monday and Tuesday before this meeting.

Alder Creek Reservoir: The Bureau of Reclamation has put up funding for a study of potential reservoir. El Dorado County Water Agency will participate.

Private Landowner Obligations

One member requested that the Collaborative talk about private landowner obligations. Right now PRC 4291, the only law, is for defensible space around structures.

Stakeholders would like to have a presentation on the requirements for landowners. The County is exploring an ordinance that would require landowners to create defensible space around homes or otherwise pay for someone else to do the work.

Request for Projects Clearinghouse

People are very interested in having a common map that depicts all of the projects on the landscape. The Eldorado County Fire Safe Council has a grant request to develop a countywide map for all the expanded and strategic fire projects.

Melanie Rossi from the Eldorado National Forest has been working on this map.

Brian Veercamp will also talk with Jose at El Dorado County.

Blodgett is outside the SOFAR boundary, but is affiliated with University of California, Berkeley. The University could potentially serve as a clearinghouse.

Other Upcoming Events

- [Site Visit: June 21](#), Fire Adapted 50 Site Visit, 8:00-5:00
- [Site Visit: June 30](#), Understanding Resilience at Caples, Pat Manley, Pacific Southwest Research Station and California Academy of Science (info will be posted on [“News” on SOFAR Website](#))

Biomass

The biomass pilot project may have to move due to power issues off of Latrobe.

Upcoming Meetings

Collaborative	Landscape Vision Committee
<p><i>The SOFAR Collaborative meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 1:30-3:30 pm.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: SOFAR will shift to project meetings during the summer.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 12, 1:30-3:30 	<p>Location: <i>Placerville Supervisor's Office, 100 Forni Rd, Placerville, CA.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thurs., June 28, 1:00-3:00 • Thurs., July 26, 1:00-4:00 • Thurs., August 23, 1:00-4:00
<p>Always check sofarcohesivestrategy.org for meeting location and latest information.</p>	

Meeting Participants (who signed in)

Alphabetical by first name	
Brian Veercamp	Supervisor

Chris Dallas	Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Craig Thomas	Sierra Forest Legacy
Dave Whitt	Tribal Fire
David Zelinsky	Sierra Club
Duane Nelson	EDCFSC
Greg Schwab	Georgetown Fire
Kathy Lewin	Northern Sierra Summer Home Owner Associations
Kevin Vella	NWTF
Lori Parlin	
Mike Webb	CALFIRE
Rod Pimental	El Dorado Northern
Steve Hertzog	Shingle Springs Miwok
Sue Taylor	
Teresa Riesenhuber	ENF Georgetown Ranger District
Vincent Cornish	K&S Oak