



- Cohesive Strategy Goals**
- Resilient Landscapes
 - Safe & Effective Wildfire Response
 - Fire Adapted Communities

Collaborative Group - Meeting Key Outcomes

Meeting held May 12, 2021

Prepared by the Consensus Building Institute

Meeting in Brief

Tahoe Central Sierra Initiative Blue Print

SOFAR will issue letters of support for these projects:

- The Collaborative Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, Sponsors: Placerville and Texas Hill Fire Safe Councils
- Georgetown-to-Marshall Road Fuels Reduction Project, Sponsor: Georgetown Divide Fire Safe Council
- Greenwood Creek Conservation Area (adjacent to SOFAR project area), Sponsor: American River Conservancy

Next Meeting: September 8, 2021 at 1:30

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Meeting Overview

Presentation | TCSI Blueprint

Pat Manley and Nicolas Povak presented the TCSI Blueprint and invited SOFAR to participate in the user group.

Requests for Letters of Support

[\(Project Proposals\)](#)

SOFAR considers issuing letters of support. The goal is to achieve consensus on letters of support. When not possible, then the SOFAR charter states that a super majority of charter signatories who are present at the meeting is necessary for approval.

SUPPORT

The Collaborative Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Sponsors: Placerville and Texas Hill Fire Safe Councils. Presenters: Becky Estes and David Zelinsky

SOFAR will issue a letter of support for this project. The project is focused on fuels reduction treatments on roadsides in the Placerville area. The goal is to provide proper egress in the area. The Councils are worried about fire coming up the Weber Creek drainage. This would help protect the airport and the hospital.

Georgetown-to-Marshall Road Fuels Reduction Project

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Sponsor: Georgetown Divide Fire Safe Council. Presenter: Craig Thomas

SOFAR will issue a letter of support for this project. This project is mostly for egress/ingress on a 3-mile stretch of road and will treat roughly 18 acres.

Greenwood Creek Conservation Area

Sponsor: American River Conservancy. Presenter, Autumn Gronborg

SOFAR will issue a letter of support for this project. Although the project is adjacent to the SOFAR project area, members agreed to issue the letter since it will contribute positively to the watershed.

The project intends to purchase 8 parcels along the Greenwood Creek corridor. The area is a seasonal ranch and would otherwise be sold for new homes. ARC will provide public access and continue the seasonal ranch activities. ARC will also do some fuels management work.

Reservoir A Vegetation Management / Fuels Reduction

Sponsor: Eldorado Irrigation District. Presenter: Brian Deason

SOFAR will issue a letter of support for this project. The project involves vegetation fuels treatment on about 17 acres around EID's reservoir A. The primary goal of this Project is to return the Project area to a more managed, fire resistant condition and secure the community drinking water facility to the extent possible. A secondary goal is to offer added protection to surrounding neighborhoods and local communities from the devastating effects of catastrophic wildfire.

UNABLE TO SUPPORT

Project: Wildland Fire Mitigation through Fuels Reduction- El Dorado

Sponsor: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Submitted by David Hanson and Eric Brown

SOFAR will not issue a letter of support for this project. The primary reason is that members had a number of questions about the project, and the project sponsor was not present to answer questions. The timeline was too tight to answer and resolve questions prior to the submittal. The prime questions included:

- Has it been through NEPA?
- What about some sensitive resources?
- Concerns about exemption codes?
- Rationale about 200 ft break beyond corridor? Why would you need a shaded fuel brake in such a situation?

Crystal Basin: John Don't, O'Leary's Cow, Twofer and Reservoir Projects

Sponsors: Eldorado National Forest, Great Basin Institute. Presenters: Dana Walsh and Jerry Keir

SOFAR considered, but is unable to issue letters of support for this project. SOFAR members expressed support for many aspects of the project, including SMUD's feasibility study of a biomass facility in the application. The project would cover 3,805 acres and likely be completed by 2025. However, several members were unable to support because of the use of herbicide and the lack of funding for prescribed fire. The sponsors clarified that prescribed fire is part of the larger treatment plan, but was not included in this particular application. CalFire has been hesitant to fund prescribed fire.

Next Steps

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CBI will work with the Steering Committee to make process improvements for support letters so everyone has adequate time to review the projects.

Updates and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Collaborative	Landscape Vision Committee
Sept 8 ♦ Oct 13 ♦ Nov 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 27 at 1:00
Always check sofarcohesivestrategy.org for meeting location and latest information.	