**Meeting Notes**

**March 18, 2015 – 9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Location:** Veterans Hall, Hwy 26, West Point, California

**Meeting Facilitator:** Julia Stephens

Action items in yellow

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** |
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| **1** | Call To Order |
| **2** | Participants Introduction -- Steve Wilensky; Carroll, Jan Bray; Kendal Young; John Heissenbuttel; Rick Hopson; Julia Stephens; Reuben Childress; Tim Tate; Leland; Susan McMorris; Pat McGreevy; Gordon Long; Teresa McClung; Jeanne Higgins; John Hofmann; Calfire guy; Leland and other veterans guy; tad Mason |
| **3** | Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda |
| **4** | Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes JoHe – ops wg – we agreed CONSENSUS the PUC checklist guidelines were comprehensive for fiber |
|  | Review of previous meeting action items   1. L Crabtree – follow-up on location of 1911 ENF data set – update Rick - not able to find; will report back to Scott Stevens |
| **5** | **Admin Work Group** – C Koos Breazeal   1. Funding updates – need to revive finance workgroup 2. Calfauna sign MOA. Gordon began CF in 2013. Mission is to get better wildlife pop in the forest on BLM; more economic development   2. Facilitators needed: April – Rick Hopson; May 20 – Kendal ; June – Reuben Childress |
| **6** | **Planning Work Group** – Kendal Young – MET 3/11 and monitoring yesterday. Good strides; draft soon4/8 next pl wg |
| **7** | **Operations Work Group** - John Heissenbuttel – Rick – he and Teresa are working on framing remaining contracts for next 6.5 years; present to ops wg; pierce tucker helped frame for more local success 2 tasks id define local and frame remaining work. Teresa - working up contract using local definition; can’t justifying weighting local really high unless there are 2 or more locals Amador Claveras Tuolumne Alpine that meet the needs. Asks Ops wg to prioritize. Wilenseky referred Josh Noble. CKB Email josh contact info to Teresa |
| **8** | **Over-Snow-Vehicles EIS** – Teresa McClung - reviewed at Planning WG. Eldorado involved also. Federal Travel mgt rule requires a travel mgt plan – look at winter transportation recreation veh. icles. NEPA is required – doing EIS to look at grooming areas and areas they will allow snowm usy e. Primarily Hwy 4 – use green sticker funds to do plowing and mainte. Snow parks Spicer Rd x 104; 2 parks lake alpine at 4 x 207. Groom 4 from L Alpine to Pass and Highland lankes road. Series pub mtgs to share initial thoughts on proposed action to retain as much of snowm areas as possible. Also look to allow most areas above 5000 except wilderness or near natural areas.. 3 mtgs and 1 more at bear valley. Federl regi notice around 4/3 to describe proposed action; 30 day comment period ~ April. Asking for planning wg to develop letter of support/? To give accg a standing  Jeanne – historically the snowmobile areas were not specifically designated; this OSV rules have been updted for forests with snow-based recreation. Historic use, intention to codify that use and analyse effects of that use on the enbironment. Once propoased action developed, then expect formal plan developd and then changes later 2016. Plumas lassen, tahoe and Edl and Stan are involved. Conflicts have arisen mostly between silent sport and snow mach users; some incursions into wilderness and impacts to some resources by snowmo use. Nature of use is changing i.e. snowmobile taken out to access backcountry skiing.  SW reference article in Calaveras Enterprise which reflected a different viewpoint. |
| **9** | **PRESENTATION**  Tad Mason - Biomass Sourcing Update  $2.50/mile = 25 green tons and full load 30, 40, 50 mile (12-15 BDT)  Landfire used for canopy cover  SB1122 requires 3rd party verification; 80%  NEED REST OF HAND NOTES |
| **10** | Pat McGreevy – Update on Public Outreach  Mokewise presentation 4/6 -- DRAFT coming soon for comment; Rick Hopson help with pres that day; can we offer an outreach program to the Amador no-burn people; |
| **11** | SCALE discussion (reference documents sent 3/10/15) |
| **12** | Website discussion -- - CKB - reviewed Kimberly Grissom’s proposal; KY - monitoring wg will continue to discuss; keep site simple for ease in updating and cost; |
| **13** | Wilseyville update – S Wilensky – shared SI publication on woody renewables. Plumas just got $4 million grant to heat/power hospital/schools; North Fork $5 million for plant construction; Wilseyville met with Sen Berryhill to facilitate work with PGE; submitted to PGE for figure; met with county have appl going in tomorrow; envir phases 1 and 2 completed; county requiring more robust public contact 1 mile radius, two meetings; other requirements $4000 rule out on spotted owl actitivty on old mill site; and $12K on cultural and historic resources at facility – Julia Costello will do as friend; and oak survey for heritage oaks; also agreed to other studies ie traffic, electric, soils, civil engineer, fire prot plan, drainage to qualify for auction. 2016 construction expected. UC Merced will assist with some research and calcs, students will test pilot products biochar, turkey manure with rice hulls and forest humus produced by wood waste – test for micronutrients of N P K to produce a byproduct, and test ability to retain water. |
| **14** | Finance work group restart – All KY - CSERC indicated NFF grant dollars are out there; need bodies to write grants and seek funds; JS will get details from John Buckley. SW suggests putting in admin benefit thru SCALE; CHIPS will be hiring a person 4/1 and may be able to share. JoHe they got the NFF grant for $24,000 starting 5/1, 12 months; he jan Kendal met to develop an RFP for admin services, foothill cons is finan admin. Need an MOU with FHC.  SW – can we use this job to review financial opps. JoHe should be one of the funda activities.  SW we haen’t establ a job criteria and we don’t have a process to interview; JoHe likely consultant-type person ~40 hours/month and have person consult/report to admin wg – talk about selection next months; Gordon Long volunteered to be on finance group. |
| **15** | Action item review  Need Trees Inc information STEVE W  Send Planning proposed for OSV  JS get money opps from J Buckley |
| **16** | Upcoming Events/Meetings/Conferences/announcements  AFSC – SIGN IN SHEET, WUI grant; sr chipper underway; ghg status  KY – 4/15 speakers roger bales and kevin o hare |
|  | Adjourn – Next meeting April 15, GSA building |