

ACCG Monitoring Meeting

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017 - 9:30 AM

Participants: Shana Gross, Gwen Starrett, Robin Wall

Think about remote meetings with screen sharing, may allow other folks ability to join – try in future for some of planning

- Shana to look into method to do this
- Zoom as option

Review tasks and provide updates on accomplishments – next steps (see page 2 for summary)

- See below for updates, carry over things that have not been completed and carry forward others

Contractor Survey – where is this and how can we move it forward: wait for response from Chico

Continued discussion of collaboration survey – review Foster Firs – have received feedback from Katherine

- Edited the survey: Katherine's feedback was good, removed FS specific and project specific because we wanted general survey and this information added in the introduction and underlined; reworded a bit to be more general - **Shana** - done
- Action item – upload to Google: **Becky**, then have Jill send out before hand – electronic data due in 3 weeks after actually meeting
- Hardcopies for meeting – add to agenda May 17th **Gwen** to make sure it is on the agenda; **Robin** will present – Foster Firs
- After each survey summarize the results, and have the data stored in one location – **at our next meeting we will discuss the Foster Firs results and how to summarize that**
- Get the summary of hemlock that was completed so we can include in annual - **Becky**

Implementation Monitoring – identify questions/projects and schedule field visit

- standing planning agenda item to identify any needs

File Sharing - confer with Jill etc. on how we set up a shared site – **Shana** will connect with Jill to discuss, maybe sharepoint site that invited to

- Connect with Jill to set up a collaborative survey, raw and summarized
- Monitoring database on shared site? – upload when we make edits, how would this work
- Contractor survey
- Implementation surveys
- Potentially have a password for data storage – maybe ask full group if they want this PW protected – think might influence folks true response – maybe just store summaries on the website
- *Discussion with Jill – will investigate password protected ability, we can store stuff monitoring tab: help Jill set up web page structure*

Discussion on volunteer work - discuss dates for the work, target audience, who will lead activities

- Can we tag on to planning meeting: tie in photo points during all field trips, Implementation monitoring

- American River scorecard – assessment only, not monitoring: potentially tag onto planning meeting
- Pre-project photo-points – come up with simple protocol/form so this can happen on all field trips – **Shana/Becky**
- Jennifer Chapman has specific photo rules – **Robin will follow up**
- Conifer encroachment in meadows (Foster, Matley, Indian Valley, Deer Valley, Thompson Meadow, Big Meadows) (note map attached of some of meadows funded to monitor): plan August/September, CCERC interested and could send out to their volunteer crews
 - **Shana:** Make sure Carinna Robertson, Gwen, Robin, Becky and our crew can attend: send doodle poll for potential dates in August/September – maybe select 2ish days
 - Work with Carinna to select easy access
 - Send those dates and agenda/plan to full work, Julia to share wider with CCERC, share wider in general
- Oak restoration vegetation fencing - WakaLuu Hep You – follow up with **Casey** to understand what would be monitored
- Implementation monitoring

How move forward with aquatic monitoring gap: To what degree did the project move Special Aquatic Features or riparian corridors to desired conditions and maintain/improve hydrologic and ecosystem function? – Maybe CCERC if they have volunteers could help with this

NAC discussion

Starting presentations for monitoring result workshop

- Tie to monitoring report, use abstracts from presenters to add into our monitoring report – we would need abstracts by October 1
- Maybe hold workshop maybe in November? – November 8th in place of Monitoring meeting
- San Andreas Library, Airport building, Health and Human Services
- Pull together a potential of folks, share – contacting those people to have interest – **Shana/Becky**
- Time at the end to bring big picture of big picture – synthesis of everything together and how might change management decisions
 - Then have some discussion points
- Make sure presentations tie to management recommendations as much as possible
- Could review workshop 1 – **Robin to send**

Future Meeting Topic: Climate Engine

- Use the tool to identify meadows in the Cornerstone area for restoration
- Note – this is what the CA LCC funding is supported. Currently ClimateEngine is not adequate for identifying restoration, but hopefully this combined with climate prioritization and potentially American river scorecard will do the trick so maybe by fall we will have something to test
- Process for identifying monitoring needs on a project by project basis
- Funding for monitoring needs in the future - grant funding

- Discussion on NFWF funding – what will be funded (implementation, monitoring) and what is the process for selecting projects: we need to wait NFWF strategy
- How else can Jill be involved in the monitoring group – per conversation with Jill

Follow-up from April Meeting

Casey

- BMP monitoring gap in database and input into data format that we can track

Gwen

- Look at breeding bird surveys/monitoring that might be covered in the Cornerstone project area (might check with Point Blue on this) – 1 breeding bird survey that has 4 points on Highway 88, drops into Consumes – USGS, Don Marsh: Gwen will send Shana the link so that she can include in database; Alyssa Fogg – still main contact
- Identify additional gaps in database, send to – Kent Lambert (east bay mud), UMRA, CalFire
 - Refine the water quality data
 - Shana resend e-mail for list to of current monitoring to include person who is responsible
- Follow-up with Jay to get official answer on spotted owl data availability of data – expected publication date (Gwen to follow-up) – biologist thinks might be published this summer

Dennis

- Identify additional gaps in database, send to – Lynn, SNP – too swamped too share
- ESRI – some of clients may be connected, Jordan Hank (Dennis will contact) – cancelled information for direct support
- Nature Conservancy – Ed Smith, Dennis to contact – volunteers: has not heard back from

Shana

- Check in with Quinn on rare plants – sent follow up out of office through 5/1
- Incorporate information from Amador botany into database – have data, need to add into database
- Climate engine check on Indian Valley – **evaluated during the meeting, did not see any obvious trends post restoration, but need project manager to define area targeted for improvement and evaluate again in future**
- Check on the June 14th meeting to see if a better time works- maybe a doodle poll – **doodle poll included in e-mail**
- Share American River Scorecard with all – **information included in e-mail**

Becky

- Contact Kevin O’Hara on vegetation work
- Check on survey monkey to merge into one survey to make it easy or use different format – **completed doodle forms**
- Check with Casey and Martha on whether we need more data for the snow study
- Redo online survey and update paper survey to reflect changes that group decided on collaboration survey –**completed**
- Provide Robin with questions for social/economic monitoring

Robin

- Check on agreement with foothill conservancy to determine possibilities of funding for volunteer opportunities **not possible with the agreement we currently have**
- Work with Ryan to develop proposal based on monitoring group questions (located in final version of the strategy) and then provide this information to monitoring and interested parties in planning group **has sent the questions and contractor surveys as well as request for proposal and has sent to Mark M to help contact him – estimated time for proposal about 2 months**
- Schedule time at full meeting to discuss social/economic monitoring – is this something we want to do? **Wait until we have proposal, possibly July/August**

- Check with having NFWF on possibly June/July meeting at full group **intent to discuss next steps for NFWF with respect to Power Fire settlement, schedule for fall**
- Maybe with Chuck and Calaveras RD - need to develop a template for project collaboration activities for archive **unsure**

Julia

- Check on volunteer list at CSERC to see if folks would be willing to work on ENF or do we also need to bring in Foothill Conservancy to expand or volunteer pool
- Would CSERC enter into an agreement with CSERC to offset cost for volunteer efforts or should we keep commitment to a minimum

Follow-up After May Meeting (note things from April meeting that still need follow up were copied below as well)

Casey

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- We need more information on what would be monitored/what volunteers would do for WakaLuu Hep You project

Gwen

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- Make sure Foster Firs collaborative survey is on the agenda for full group meeting

Shana

- Check in with Quinn on rare plants – sent follow up out of office through 5/1
- Incorporate information from Amador botany into database – have data, need to add into database
- Updated Snow survey info in database
- Determine remote meeting with screen sharing option
- Work with Jill to determine method for file sharing
- Develop general photopoint protocol to start using during field trips
- Begin to pull together a list of potential preceptors for November 8th result workshop
- send doodle poll for potential dates for volunteer conifer/meadow monitoring in August/September

Becky

- Contact Kevin O'Hara on vegetation work
- Check with Casey and Martha on whether we need more data for the snow study
- Update collaborative survey to google forms and send form to Jill to circulate prior to the Full group meeting on 5/17 – survey will be closed 5/31
- Can you summarize the hemlock results so that we can incorporate those into annual report – or do we need to retake this survey?

Robin

- Bring hard copies of collaborative survey and be prepared to present at full group meeting
- Follow up with Jennifer Chapman on photograph rules
- Send electronic version of monitoring workshop 1

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