**Meeting Notes**

**April 15, 2015 – 9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Location:** 12200B Airport Road, Jackson, California

**Meeting Facilitator:** Rick Hopson

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** |
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| **1** | Call To Order |
| **2** | Participants Introduction Karen Puccio, (KP) MLJT; Bill Haigh (BH); Tim Tate TT; Carl Graves (CG); Brian Mulhollen (BMul); Teresa McClung ( TMc); Jeanne Higgins (JeHi); Reuben Childress (RC);, Cecily Smith (CS); Kevin O’Hara UC Berkeley (KOH); Rich Farrington (RF); Alex Yui (AH); Eric Vane FS; John Heissenbuttel (JoHe) ; Kevin Zieman (KZ); Kendal Young (KY); Vance Russell (VR); Gwen Starrett (GS); John Hofmann (JoHo); Pat McGreevy (PM); Robert Smith (RS); Dennis Bowker (DB); Gene Mancebo (GM); Steve Wilensky (SW); Eric Klinefelter (EK); Amy Rocha (AR); Julia Stevens (JS); Roger Bales UC Merced (RB); Cathy Koos Breazeal (CKB) |
| **3** | Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda  ADD SCALE questions |
| **4** | Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes |
|  | Review of previous meeting action items   1. Operations WG – prioritizing local 2. Mokewise presentation – P McGreevy with resources from R Hopson 3. J Stephens – funding opportunities |
| **5** | Admin Work Group   1. NFF Grant update – draft RFP (J Heissenbuttel) 18 month grant; looking for additional FS contributions for specific discrete projects; independent contractor; add series of quarterly workshops; help with grant requests; work with FS leads. 2 month search allotted.   JoHo be good note taker; lot of work – almost ED requirements.  RC – support letters, etc. – are they drafting or submitting?  TMc – 5-year strategic plan – need explanation; JoHe – that was pitched to NFF. JoHe work groups will be involved in develop of strategic plan  RH – send comments to JoHe  JS – questioning hours per month lower than stated last month  TT – better to overstate hours than understate  KY – this position is not the lead note taker for the work groups  TMc – can we change title to Facilitator   1. Framework MOU with Foothill Conservancy to serve as fiscal agent (Cecily Smith) reviewed draft of FH fiscal responsibility and financial reporting; terms and conditions doc from NFF will be incorporated – not final; tentative start date May 1 for 18 months. RH – who signs? Job holder signs? JoHe Admin WG will assign someone responsibility   TMc – how do we contribute funds? RH – 20% min could be set up as master PA  NEXT STEPS – comments on RFP MOU get to JoHe by week end; wants RFP out by next week.   1. Facilitators: May K Young; June – R Childress; NEED – July – Steve Wilensky; Eric K August |
| **6** | Planning Work Group – Kendal Young  Meeting last week. Appoint a point liaison for Power planning.  RH – how to best utilize funds. Proposal to have similar model with Moke Environmental Benefits Group – a primary and alternate liaison. Primarily to attend meetings at research station and bring info back to group.  BMul – interested, going anyway  RH – names proposed Gwen as primary, Reuben alternate; Dennis Bowker  Next monitoring next Tuesday 4/22 HHS building 930 to 3 Rm A and B |
| **7** | Operations Work Group - John Heissenbuttel   1. Prioritizing local for service contracts and potentially other contracts. A core group has been working on a master list of local contractors and anticipated projects for next 5 years. Rick, Kevin, Bob Broderick JoHe.   KZ presented spreadsheet of 5-6 years plan timber-heavy service contracts, fuels, marking, cruising, plantation thins, planting, roads, trail construction, building construction. Field trip 5/6 8 a.m. for contractors, plus small Ops meeting. All welcome. At Calaveras RD office.  RH – working with regional for contracting officer help. |
| **8** | **PRESENTATION** ***Forests and Water in the Sierra Nevada: Knowns, Unknowns and Opportunities***. Dr. Roger Bales, UC Merced/Dr. Kevin O’Hara, UC Berkeley  RB -To maintain runoff we have we need to thin  KOH - Proposed Hemlock Treatment Restoration i.e. GTR 220; partial (mild intermediate); and controls (untreated) Treat 4 different basins Cottonwood Gulch, Hay or Middle Gulch, Water Gulch. Working with USFS and SPI.  RB – SNAMP study site No measurement instruments at this time; need to install; staffing of grad student, field hydrologist faculty, LIDAR, etc. $250K/year research BOD. Looking for funding now including fed, NGO. SWEEP phase 1, 2, 3. They can bring some money to the table, but need more.  SW – hire local? RB – they need a field manager – could be local; grad student needs to be on campus, computer modeling and ski.  RB – they will use their own money and do an economic study  KOH – GTR 220 - some concepts different. Advanced silviculture  SW – wants GTR 220 trng for ground work ppl too.  KZ – they provide clear guidelines and wants ACCG to come out, too.  RB hoping for NGO partner to help  KY – small unit to mark this summer for GTR 220; not in study area.  RB – forests may need more thinning because fire is more driven by temperature |
| **9** | ***Pat McGreevy – Update on Public Outreach***  Sierra Club Tuolumne County wants to come to Glencoe in May; he will take to Wilensky plantation, see before/after photos and ground truth; then hike west to proposed Alabama fuel break.40% of pine trees are dead on the Alabama FB.  RH – talked on TSPN; they want a speaker on ethics. SW interested. Roberta Pickett is contact.  TMc – 5 year CFLR report to Congress released last week. Working on public roll-out. ACCG is featured; do we want to coordinate the roll-out with FS? SW – we should do a press release locally. TMc – FS can move forward and will mention ACCG.  DB – recommends getting speakers from Four FRI to relate their experience. He has contacts. Portable co-gen. RH will coordinate with DB |
| **10** | ***Website discussion - all***  KY lead – KKE developedRFP. Read handout and respondto KKE agendize |
| **11** | ***Wilseyville update – S Wilensky***  Attended 2-day Sierra Institute tour – 6 emerging efforts. Looking for 3 that can qualify (North Fork #1, Wilseyville #2) Main challenge PG&E studies and cost of studies. Biological study completed, no NSO; possibility that an endangered flower present; oak study completed; cultural/historical study begun; drainage study 800 pages submitted; now in comment period. No traffic study likely due to low # of daily trucks; primary issues noise and traffic; trucks operation/school traffic nexus. Hired Megan and she will be calling for a letter of support for Calfire project. Procurement study near completion, 3 MGW plant looks viable. |
| **12** | ***Reactivating Finance work group discussion - all***   1. J Stephens – additional funding sources – Prop 1 -- SNC (fuels, watershed health, biomass, etc); Prop 1 State fish and wildlife – watershed restoration; NFF – capacity and matching awards category forest health and outdoor experiences (May/June); 2016 haz mit adjacent to fed properties;   SW – we need a couple-year plan and prioritize  JS – she can make time periodically to review and produce a list for review.  JoHe – we need grant(s) to build capacity first; then ground work.  DB – he created an overall goals/needs spreadsheet for Gila project; he can share tool ask bring to next meeting   1. Gordon Long, CALFAUNA – volunteered to participate in finance group - not present |
| **13** | **BRIEFING** ***Vance Russell, Moke Project Update***  Reviewed history of project, connecting the 1.2 million downstream users & businesses with their water source. Timing was an issue, due to economic downturn. NFF, SNC and Nature Conservancy have continued conversations with EBMUD. NFF has hosted the Mokelumne Fund (see their website)  <https://www.nationalforests.org/>  Due to drought, people are starting to make the connection with their water source. Still pursuing a fee to ratepayers, even $1 per year will net $1.2 million.  SW – head cheerleader at Piedmont has begun a fundraising effort as her senior project. Need to hone into a more concrete proposal. PMc – can kids come here to see? SW – yes, working on it.  DB – a brewery developed a beer for the Gallatin River as a fundraiser.  VR – there is a brewery opening in San Leandro. Cider is next craft beer.  SW there are only 2 rivers that have this direct relationship with constituency – Moke to East Bay and Tuolumne to San Francisco.  RH – need a couple members to work on this? |
| **14** | **SCALE questions from Allison** **Jolley**   1. Fire rep – CKB to SCALE 2. What does it mean to be an all-lands and who might get involved with that type restoration? AGENDIZE   SW- Fruit growers up north. We need some strategic development to reflect that in composition and long term strategy. |
| **14** | Action item review  Support letters for Greenhouse Gas for May  Julia – organize potential funding list – ongoing  RH – Comm work group on TSPN exposure  Comments on RFP and MOU to JoHe  Comments on website to KKE  Fuels management adjacent to Forests – continuing opp  Blueberry farmers need pine needles SW |
| **15** | Upcoming Events/Meetings/Conferences/announcements  CLFR coordinator Amador will start late May/June (also work on Power Fire) Robin Wall |
|  | Adjourn – Next meeting May 20, 2015 Veterans Hall, Hwy 26, West Point |

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