ACCG Monitoring Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – 10-12

Testing Call rather than in person meeting to see if increase participation: 888-844-9904, access: 8683968

Participants: Robin Wall, Shana Gross, Becky Estes, Jill Micheau, Rueben Childress

Increase participation: discussion of who attends the meeting; build monitoring discussion into planning group meeting – just 45-60 minutes at planning meeting because most of heavy lifting is done: next planning meeting is 6/28

* Review tasks and provide updates on accomplishments (see page 2) - All

Foster Firs collaboration survey – update status from Large Group Meeting – Robin

* Robin presented at full group meeting, provided timeline, provided link to on-line version (was sent prior to meeting); no one filled out a hard copy
* Katherine felt that not all of her edits were accepted
* Survey was brought up at the end of the meeting, we were out of time and ran out of time – people started talking and left
* Jill filled out an older version felt like could really only be filled out if people participated
* Evaluate if we should be bringing to survey to planning group instead
* Move together with an overall collaborative survey rather than project survey – or timed differently – after a series of letters
* Collaborative survey target entire group
* Project level surveys should target planning group only – could be useful down the road: reminder of what had happened was helpful as a refresher – moving forward advocate for summary
* And NEPA/CEQU process has changed, Panther project first project where gone through objection process
* ACCG project record used to be used in planning group – dig up old sheet and revisit at planning committee to discuss how to incorporate some of those ideas: before/during scoping
  + If we decide to use this we should include on website
  + Checklist to make sure meeting all requirements in CFLRA – how we went through, how we discussed
* Record of what happening in field trip to document talking points/highlights – shows evidence of collaboration – **Jill excited about this**
* Need a final decision before doing a survey
* **Next steps**:
  + ACCG project record to capture and catalogues everything we have done as we move through the project – track issues, record exists
  + Present at planning meeting project records methods and field trip tracking and presentations
  + Foster Firs Survey – try again send out an email to do it again – send message do it now for 5 minutes: **Becky will send email with link and message and Jill will send out**

Web Site and File Sharing: <http://acconsensus.org/monitoring-program/> -Shana

* Jill will check with Katherine about if the structure of the tabs has to go to the full group – or if we just move forward
* Organization of web site – monitoring tabs
  + Project check sheets
  + Monitoring project specific reports/publications
  + Presentations
  + Annual monitoring reports
  + Database – portal to make this live? Just portion of this, entire database, excel sheets
  + Hold off: Raw surveys – transparency – wait on this tab, value is in roll up not individual surveys

Social Economic Monitoring Update – Robin – **bring up at the next planning meeting**

* Robin had a call with Chico State, but no one else who was invited from ACCG joined – shared our questions and surveys
* Made it clear that we wanted project that we could replicate as a group and a report
* Which questions does this new proposal answer? Can walk through our current questions to see with draft proposal which questions they are answering and which questions they are not
* Can provide us a cost estimate/prospectus/timeline

Thompson Meadow pre-project meadow/conifer removal effectiveness volunteer monitoring planning –**Shana to follow-up**

* Date(s): 8/30, 8/31
* Mention at next full meeting – encourage, super opportunity, do not have to know anything; send to district folks to make folks aware of it
* Send out an e-mail with descriptive information and pictures
* Doodle survey to get idea of which days people will join
* Identify area where there can be to camp and identify a dinner opportunity
* Follow-up with Carinna – figure out locations and if she has any photographs
  + - If we can couple with any existing monitoring
    - Maybe Carinna could give an overview
* Send Jill a map with the location to start to identify
* Goal end of June to send out an announcement
* Do advanced publicity when field trips

Future meetings:

* 1 hour on planning meeting
  + Brainstorm on how to move forward on project tracking
  + Social Economics
  + Advertise that monitoring is a call now to encourage more participation
* Call in July – 2 hours

Planning for November 8th monitoring/research results workshop/symposium -Shana

* + Pull together list of folks to assess their availability/interest presenting
  + Abstracts by October 1 to include annual report
  + Prepping for synthesis and big picture

Future Meeting Topic:

* 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 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? this
* Implementation Monitoring

**Follow-up After June Meeting**

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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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* Identify additional gaps in database, send to – Kent Lambert (east bay mud), UMRA, CalFire
  + Shana resend e-mail for list to of current monitoring to include person who is responsible

**Shana**

* Incorporate Calaveras rare plants
* Updated Snow survey info in database
* Develop general photopoint protocol to start using during field trips
* Begin to pull together a list of potential precentors for November 8th result workshop
* Start preparation for volunteer monitoring in Thompson meadow

**Becky**

* Send Jill e-mail to send to group to retake Foster Firs Survey

**Robin**

* Follow up with Chico State on Social Economic Monitoring
* Add social economic and project tracking discussion to planning group meeting for 6/28: 1 hour for both

**Jill**

* Reformat monitoring page on ACCG website to include following tabs:
  + Project history
  + Monitoring project specific reports/publications
  + Monitoring Presentations
  + Annual ACCG monitoring reports
  + Database (portal to make this live? Just portion of this, entire database, excel sheets)

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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- **have email of monitoring info, need to incorporate into database and ask additional questions**
* Updated Snow survey info in database
* Determine remote meeting with screen sharing option
* Work with Jill to determine method for file sharing - **started**
* Develop general photopoint protocol to start using during field trips
* Begin to pull together a list of potential precentors for November 8th result workshop
* send doodle poll for potential dates for volunteer conifer/meadow monitoring in August/September – **Carinna only respondent, follow up on this call**

**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 **– done**
* Can you summarize the hemlock results so that we can incorporate those into annual report – or do we need to retake this survey? **- retake**

**Robin**

* Bring hard copies of collaborative survey and be prepared to present at full group meeting **- done**
* Follow up with Jennifer Chapman on photograph rules **– if FS personal correct uniform, proper PPE, as long as other folks approve of taking photographs**
* Send electronic version of monitoring workshop 1 – **Robin will resend**

**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