ACCG Monitoring Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2020
9:10 AM

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 12, 9 – 12
Amador County Building
810 Court Street, Room C
Jackson, CA

Attendees: Alaina Osimowicz, Alissa Fogg, Helen Loffland, Chuck Loffland, Robin Wall, Shane Dante, Becky Estes

Review of Task List:

SLAWG - hiring a person to coordinate this process so this will move meetings forward and so stay tuned for this work

FACTS database for Power fire shared with Alissa and Helen - are the noxious weeds treatments in the DB?

WCB Grant Proposal:

Power fire treatments should be identified by end of March so we can move forward with understanding the scope of this work and where monitoring plots will be located

WCB Funding – originally, we thought that UC Davis would be a good conduit for the funding however it might not be easy for this money to fund into the Region 5 Ecology current agreement
  • CHIPS would have to contract with UC Davis which might be very difficult
  • Need to check in with Regine on this possibility or if CHIPS could hire the crew directly and the ACCG monitoring group could oversee training and QAQC
  • GBI could be a potential source for the crew
  • Foothill Conservancy, Point Blue, IBP might also be good conduits for the crew funding

Power Fire Field Trip (see spreadsheet for specific information):

• Discussion on the Stops for the Field Trip
  ○ Prescribed Burning at one Stops
  ○ Plantation Treatments - Variable Density
  ○ Meadow or Fen - ask Gwen - behind summer home tract - could be a good stop for aquatics and meadow and maybe bee
    • Could also be a culvert stop as well
    • Effects of grazing on fen

• Alternate Date for Power Fire - in the case we actually we need to have a different date – holding June 17th as a possible date.
2020 Monitoring Database Updates:

Hemlock
- Thompson has been delayed for up to 2 years – update DB to 2022 for post treatment monitoring
- Cabbage could be maybe 2021 so monitoring in 2021 or 2022
- Wolfboro could be 2021
- Black Springs area (closer to Hwy 4. southern half of Hemlock) closer to 2022

Collaborative Survey
- Should we revisit this for the projects that have been completed (Scottiago or Arnold Avery) or pass this on to the social/economic group or the facilitators

FACTS database on Power
- Discrepancies in the FACTS data layer – some areas are shown as treated when they aren’t and vice versa

Task List:
- Ask Matt Brown about the noxious weed treatment areas for the Power fire - should be in there but check on this (Robin)
- Send out a doodle poll to reschedule our next meeting (Becky)
- Check in with Regine and Chips if they - local junior college maybe to enter into an agreement - Columbia/Folsom - check in with students
- Check on SNC grant to see if funding is included for monitoring (Becky)
- Partners will be looking at whether they have the capacity to run field crews for next few years (Shane, Alissa, Helen)
- Develop email to send out to the speakers (Becky)
- Contact speakers
  - Kevin/Craig (Helen)
  - Gwen (Alaina)
  - Zack (Alissa)
  - Rick (Robin)
  - Malcolm, Pascal, Jianwei, Iris (Becky)
  - Jesse, Jeff, Karen, Joe (Chuck)
- Develop flier for monitoring symposium (Becky)
- Tentative maps for stops (Chuck)
- Update everyone on the Power Fire work
- Check with Alaina to see if she is going to make the Dinkey meeting

Future Topics:
- Develop framework for applying for grant funding
- Monitoring Strategy - review the strategy and see if there is something else we might need to pursue (March/April)
  - Track key issues and make sure we are monitoring them
- Maybe have Michael connect with CA Forest Observatory – could be a good topic for our group (when Shana gets back – March/April)
- Landscape Scale Assessment – circle back to reporting and how we can tackle assessing at a broader scale – maybe LiDAR will help us with this?
- Summarizing data now that we have data – what projects need a report out?