

**Forest Carbon Action Team (FCAT)**  
**August 17, 2015, Meeting Minutes**

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**Meeting attendees:**

Jerry Bird – US Forest Service; Janet Barentson – California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE); Chris Keithley – CAL FIRE; Justin Johnson – CAL FIRE; Helge Eng – CAL FIRE; Staci Heaton – Rural County Representatives of California; Kim Carr - CAL FIRE; John Digman – Air Resources Board (ARB); Shelby Livingston – ARB; Ken Pimlott – CAL FIRE; Duane Shintaku – CAL FIRE; Ashley Conrad-Saydah – CAL EPA; Russ Henly – Natural Resources Agency (NRA); Jim Branham – Sierra Nevada Conservancy; Patrick Wright – California Tahoe Conservancy; Jay Chamberlin – Department of Parks and Recreation; Klaus Scott – ARB; David Mallory – ARB; Lori Gilbert – ARB; Ryan McCarthy – ARB; Miriam Morrill – Bureau of Land Management; Claire Jahns – NRA; Whitney Albright – California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Colin Conner – State Lands Commission; Tony Mediati – CAL FIRE.

**Agenda Items 1-3. Opening remarks and Agenda Review**

Ken Pimlott greeted the team, thanked everyone for attending and briefly commented on the agenda.

Mr. Pimlott asked if anyone had comments on the agenda. No comments were received.

Mr. Pimlott asked if anyone had comments on the minutes from the last meeting. No comments were received.

**Agenda Item 4. Joint Agency Symposium on Climate Goals and Natural Working Lands – nexus with FCAT’s Forest Carbon Plan**

Claire Jahns discussed multi-agency workshops which included topics on working lands, conservation easements and increasing carbon sequestration. These workshops were to inform the update to the scoping plan. The Forest Carbon Plan may be used as template for some of the other sectors.

Mr. Pimlott commented on the support from Secretary Laird for the Forest Sector.

**Agenda Item 5. Second Investment Plan and ARB Funding Guidelines Workshop**

Shelby Livingston briefed the team on a series of seven workshops that recently concluded.

The workshops were well attended and there were many comments received on the topic of natural resources (wetlands, working lands, conservation, etc.).

There was a lot of support for increased funding in the forest sector including forest health and urban forestry.

There was interest in increasing the green infrastructure and integrating it into other avenues of funding.

There was support for funding the Wildlife Conservation Board to acquire conservation easements.

There was also discussion for providing support for maintenance of urban trees.

Russ Henly discussed the draft recommendations put together by the Policy Subcommittee on the Triennial Investment Plan. ARB and EPA have indicated the best way to receive comments is internal and inform.

**Action/Consent Items**

- Comments on the draft recommendations to the Investment Plan are due to Russ Henly by COB August 21st.

**Agenda Item 6. Short-Lived Carbon Pollutant report as it relates to forests and fire**

Ryan McCarthy reported that SB 605 requires ARB to work with other agencies to develop a Short-Lived Climate Pollution Plan. Short-Lived Climate Pollutants include methane, black carbon, and high GWP gasses. The majority of black carbon emissions are from forests and forest fires.

The draft report is planned for release in early September. It is being framed to separate the forest black carbon from other sources when considering how to reduce emissions.

Mr. Pimlott said FCAT will distribute the draft report to the membership.

**Agenda Item 7. “Safeguarding California” update**

Kim Carr reported that there are 10 sectors in the Safeguarding California plan. CAL FIRE is the designated lead for the forest sector. The update will report on what has been achieved since last year and will put forth actions. A draft of the update will be ready in a couple of weeks and will be circulated to the FCAT membership.

**Agenda Item 8. Forest Carbon “Work Plan” update**

Mr. Pimlott stated that the subcommittees need to prepare draft sections for the work plan so it can start to come together and be work into one document.

Mr. Henly asked to members to think about what could be produced for the upcoming public workshops.

Chris Keithley stated that he has met with all the subcommittees about their portions of the work plan. Helge's subcommittee has produced a draft portion of the plan that can be used as a guide for the subcommittees.

Subcommittees need to produce a draft even if there are gaps in the information and tables that are incomplete.

**Action/Consent Items**

- Subcommittees need to provide their Forest Carbon Plan draft documentation within the next 4-6 weeks. Draft work products are to be sent to Duane Shintaku for distribution to Members prior to the next FCAT meeting.

**Agenda Item 9. Resource Economic Study update**

Mr. Henly reported that an interagency agreement with UC Berkley has been executed to complete the Resource Economic Study. A kickoff meeting with the UC team will be planned soon.

A public outreach component is included in the plan for the UC team. Should the outreach meetings planned for November for FCAT and the Resource Economic Study be combined into a single meeting? Comments indicated a joint meeting was preferred.

**Agenda Item 10. Final adoption of "Healthy Forest Attributes", FCAT document**

Duane Shintaku recommended that FCAT finalize the draft Healthy Forest Attributes document.

Discussion ensued about minor wordsmithing and rearrangement of the attributes. There was also discussion about the document changing over time and with stakeholder input.

FCAT decided to make the document the Current Final Version.

**Agenda Item 11. Discussion of Significant "milestones" and future public workshops**

Mr. Henly provided a table of milestones and projected dates of completion of the milestones.

Discussion ensued regarding public meetings (number, locations, webcast). The amount of public interest will drive the number and locations of meetings.

**Agenda Item 12. Subcommittee updates and discussion**

### **Inventory Subcommittee report**

The subcommittee has held several meetings and has met with some other subcommittees. The subcommittee is on track for providing statewide numbers.

### **State/Federal Lands Subcommittee report**

The subcommittee is going to the large key databases to get information. The subcommittee is making progress at collecting baseline information on forest treatments and costs. The subcommittee is also coordinating with the policy subcommittee to develop an approach to establish planning targets and goals. They are also developing a framework to integrate biomass into the plan by first considering the current fate of biomass generated from forest treatment projects.

### **Co-benefits Subcommittee report**

The Subcommittee has produced a draft document. Discussion ensued regarding the difference and importance of benefits and co-benefits.

### **Policy Subcommittee report**

The Subcommittee has gone through the work plan and timeline and has prioritized tasks.

**Agenda Item 13. Next FCAT scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2015.**

**Agenda Item 14. Meeting Adjourn.**

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