The purpose of this committee is to advise the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and make recommendations on matters related to planning for future management of the Soquel Demonstration State Forest. The committee is to act as the critical link between the Department and the community in this planning effort, helping to generate information and opinions from the community and the area concerned.

An initial goal of the committee is to advise the Director on the development of a Forest Management Plan for the state forest which directs long-range development and management, and provides for optimum use and natural resource protection as directed by PRC section 4660. The committee will give feedback on the Department’s work plan for developing the Forest Management Plan. The work plan will include various inventories and studies which will produce background information. The committee will evaluate the scope and goals of these proposed background studies. Additionally, draft reports on completed background studies will be reviewed by the committee prior to their general release.

After the Soquel Demonstration State Forest Management Plan is completed and adopted by the Director and the State Board of Forestry, the committee will meet twice a year, or as needed, to review progress on plan implementation and contribute to on-going planning activities.