

Sonoma County Forest Conservation Working Group
General Members Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 17, 2021
10:00am-12:00pm

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Facilitator: Dee Swanhuysen (Adriana Stagnaro as back up)

- I. **Check in on Funding Opportunities:** All (15 min)
 - a. CAL FIRE CCI grants (All), PG&E Settlement Funding for Vegetation Management (Kim), Fledgling Fund (Dee), Catalyst Fund (Adriana), Community Foundation (Fred), Rebuild North Bay Foundation (Dee), other programs?

- II. **General Updates:** All (30 min)
 - a. Updates from each attendee. Please be brief. Maximum 5 minutes per attendee; longer items will be scheduled for next month's agenda
 - b. Identify opportunities for Forest Working Group to provide support

- III. **Steering Committee Report:** Steering Committee (5 min)

- IV. **2021-2022 Two-Year Work Plan Activities:** Kim Batchelder (10 min)
 - a. Discuss Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - i. How have members built DEI into their programs?
 - ii. Next steps
 - b. Opportunities to support local forestry and fire fuels workforce development
 - i. SRJC program (Briana Boaz)
 - c. Opportunities to reduce local forestland conversion to non-forest landscapes (July)
 - i. Forests Unlimited to present?
 - ii. Any other partners to invite?

- V. **Outreach Activities Updates:** All (20 min)

Hear updates and provide support to those developing the event or program.

 - a. Forest Landowner Bootcamp with SRJC Shone Farm (Jill Butler, Briana Boaz, Fred Euphrat)
 - b. Living with Fire: Pre-Fire Forest Management Project Tours (various hosts). A series of site tours to showcase pre-fire forest management
 1. Showcase a variety of landscapes and ownership types. Fred has put together a compendium of different forest ecological areas, could review for ideas about where to go.
 2. Multiple treatment types at Pacific Union College (Peter Lecourt)

3. Shaded fuel breaks at Calabazas Preserve walking tour hosted by AOSD: describe planning and implementation w/ Fred Euphrat + Leslie Lew (Kim can reach out)
 4. State Parks coastal parks fuels management projects with Brendan O'Neil (Kim can reach out)
 5. Regional Parks post-fire recovery, possibly at Sonoma Valley Regional Park (contact Lulu Waks or Melanie Parker. Kim/Adriana can reach out)
 6. Pepperwood Preserve post-fire, pre-fire, monitoring and recovery (Devyn)
 7. Permaculture Artisans pre-fire work on private properties (Matt Banchemo can connect, Adriana can reach out to Eric Olsen)
 8. What is a site that can showcase biochar and other utilizations of forest debris? Maybe Occidental Arts and Ecology Center?
 9. Kashaya Forest Lands (contact RPF Matt Greene)
- c. Agriculture and Forestry (Dee or other?)
- i. What needs or questions do farmers, ranchers, vineyard managers have regarding forest management that we can help with? Tawny Tesconi from Sonoma County Farm Bureau could be a partner.
- d. Ecological fuels management in various habitat types (Ellie Insley)
- e. Update to Sonoma County Tree Ordinance (Robert Aguero)
- i. Presentation from Permit Sonoma summer 2021

VI. **Future Agenda Items:** All (5 min)

- a. Suggestions for presenters for July, August, Sept?
 - i. Consider the [existing list of potential speakers and topics](#)
 - ii. Cal Fire summer 2021 outlook in July?

VII. **Presentation: Ag & Open Space, "Vital Lands Initiative":** District staff (30 min)

Upcoming Forest Working Group Meetings:

- General Membership Meeting, July 15, 2021, 10am-12pm on Zoom
- General Membership Meeting, August 19, 2021, 10am-12pm on Zoom