

**Sonoma County Forest Conservation Working Group**  
**General Members Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, August 19, 2021**  
10:00am-12:00pm

**Zoom Video Conference:**

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**Facilitator:** Kim Batchelder

- I. **Check in on Funding Opportunities:** All (5 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)
  - a. Discussed the success of Marshall Turbeville's presentation on 2021 Fire Season Outlook
  - b. Discussed inclusion: Bringing more people to the table at Forest Working Group
  - c. Reviewed the winning topics from the Brown Bag presentation poll
  
- IV. **County CWPP Update:** Caerleon Safford (5 min)
  - a. Last month we discussed how to submit projects. How is that going for everyone?
  
- V. **2021-2022 Two-Year Work Plan Activities:** Kim Batchelder (20 min)
  - a. Discuss Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
  - b. Opportunities to support local forestry and fire fuels workforce development
  - c. Opportunities to reduce local forestland conversion to non-forest landscapes

An idea that addresses all of the above: The Working Group Steering Committee is interested in planning a mixer for FWG members and agricultural community to discuss forestry issues

- a. Decide the purpose for meeting
  - i. What are the questions we'd like to answer/ info to glean?
  - ii. What data would help support this?
- b. Identify presenters
- c. Identify invitees
- d. Secure a meeting venue

e. Establish a date

VI. **Outreach Activities Updates:** All (20 min)

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

- a. Future FWG Zoom Presentations (for Members and the Public):
  - i. Understanding Riparian Forests and fire risk (7 votes in poll)
  - ii. Implementing Large Scale Forest Management in Sonoma County (7 votes in poll)
  - iii. Prescribed Burn Associations and Prescribed Burns, How They Work, Timing, and By Whom (6 votes in poll)
- b. Forest Landowner Bootcamp with SRJC Shone Farm (Jill Butler, Briana Boaz, Fred Euphrat)
- c. Living with Fire: Pre-Fire Forest Management Project Tours (various hosts), a series of site tours to showcase pre-fire forest management
  1. Upcoming: September 25, Jenner Headlands shaded fuel break tour (Brook Edwards)
  2. Fall 2021: Tour of Rancho Mark West, Jim and Betty Doerksen's property with discussion of pre-fire work and post-fire effects from the 2020 Glass Fire
  3. Winter 2021-22: Shaded fuel breaks at Calabazas Preserve walking tour hosted by AOSD: describe planning and implementation w/ Fred Euphrat + Leslie Lew (Kim)
  4. Regional Parks post-fire recovery, possibly at Sonoma Valley Regional Park (Kim/Adriana can reach out)
  5. Multiple treatment types at Pacific Union College (Peter Lecourt)
  6. State Parks coastal parks fuels management projects with Brendan O'Neil (Kim can reach out)
  7. Pepperwood Preserve post-fire, pre-fire, monitoring and recovery (Devyn)
  8. Site to showcase biochar and other utilizations of forest debris (Maybe OEAC)
  9. Kashaya Forest Lands (contact RPF Matt Greene)
- d. Agriculture and Forestry (Dee Swanhuysen or other)
- e. Ecological fuels management in various habitat types (Ellie Insley)
- f. Update to Sonoma County Tree Ordinance (Robert Aguero)

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

VIII. **Presentation: Recording of Sonoma Ecology Center: *Ecological Principles and Practices for Fire Fuels Management*** (25 min + discussion into lunch hour for those interested)

**Upcoming Forest Working Group Meetings:**

- General Membership Meeting, September 16, 2021, 10am-12pm on Zoom
- General Membership Meeting, October 21, 2021, 10am-12pm on Zoom