

Sonoma County Forest Conservation Working Group
General Members Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 21, 2023
10:00am-12:00pm

Zoom Video Conference:

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I. General Updates: All (30 min; 10:00am)

Updates from each attendee. Please be brief; longer items can be scheduled for next month's agenda. Identify opportunities for Forest Working Group to provide support.

II. Update on the Handbook Project: Eric Schoohs (15 min; 10:30am)

Eric Schoohs, Land Management Planner for Sonoma Ecology Center, will be providing an update on "A Handbook for Ecologically Informed Vegetation Management in Sonoma County" Project, which is currently in development. [The Handbook](#) distills guidance from a range of disciplines to help residents, landowners, and professional land managers define and achieve their land management goals. The Handbook is accessible to a range of users, integrates a wide array of topics, and promotes science-based approaches through a website, written Handbook, and workshops.

III. Events Calendar: All (30 min; 10:45am)

Brainstorm SCFCWG Quarter 3 activities (presentations, field tours, workshops).

Currently on the calendar:

- Pepperwood Preserve Stewarding Forests for Wildlife and Fire Resilience: [9/23](#)
- Resilient Forest Series workshop [9/24](#) and [10/22](#)

Potential events:

- Field tour: Post-wildfire planning and how to reduce fire risk even after the burn
- Field tour: Processing biomass: what are all the options and which is best for my site?
- Field tour: Collaborative forestry series: Neighborhood tours
- Field tour: Invasive species control projects: Strategies for common invasives
- See more ideas in our [original brainstorm document here](#)

Want to host or support one of these events? Contact Adriana@goldridgercd.org

IV. Presentation: “Fuels to Flows: Slash Ain’t Trash, It’s Beneficial Biomass” Pre-recorded presentation from Brock Dolman (45 min; 11:15am with discussion to follow). Brock Dolman of the Occidental Arts & Ecology Center's (OAEC) WATER Institute will present on forest fuels management to balance the carbon cycle and water cycle in our forests. The OAEC manages about 80 acres as a Wildlands Preserve. Brock also brings a wealth of experience from his time as a wildlife biologist. The original presentation was recorded for Fire Safe Sonoma’s Speaker Series in May 2023. Fire Safe Sonoma has a wealth of educational videos in their [Speaker Series](#).

V. Upcoming Events

- Pepperwood Preserve Stewarding Forests for Wildlife and Fire Resilience: [9/23](#)
- Resilient Forest Series workshop [9/24](#) and [10/22](#)
- General Membership Meeting, Thursday, October 19, 10am-12pm on Zoom.
- General Membership Meeting, Thursday, November 16, 10am-12pm on Zoom.