



**California Landscape Conservation Cooperative (CA LCC)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary**

January 30, 2012

11:15 – 12:15

Participants:

Steering Committee Members and Alternates

Michelle Selmon, CA Department of Water Resources (DWR)
Wayne Spencer, Conservation Biology Institute (CBI)
Bob Shaffer, Joint Venture (JV)
Ellie Cohen, Vice Chair, PBRO Conservation Science (PRBO)
Patrick Rutten, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
David Graber, National Park Service (NPS)
Tom Hedt, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Scott Morrison, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
Brad Shaffer, Southwest Climate Alliance
Michael Tansey, US Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)
Rick Kearney, US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
Diana Craig, Chair, US Forest Service (USFS)
Tom Suchanek, US Geological Survey (USGS)

CA LCC Staff

Debra Schlafmann, CA LCC Coordinator
Rebecca Fris, CA LCC Science Coordinator
Brady Mattsson, CA LCC Research Ecologist
Mike Ward, CA LCC Communications Specialist

Consultants

David Ceppos, Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP)
Grace Person, CCP

Objectives

To review and approve the next steps of the Strategic Planning Process, to receive various updates about the Science Subcommittee's progress, and National LCC events.

Agenda

- Welcome
 - Introduce new member of CA LCC staff; Mike Ward
 - Approve December 15, 2011 Steering Committee Meeting Summary
- Review Phase II and III Strategic Planning Process
- Updates:
 - Science Subcommittee progress
 - National LCC Workshop
 - National LCC Vision, Mission, Purpose
 - LCC Coordinators Meeting

Action Items

- Rebecca will provide the list of Science Subcommittee members and their expertise to the Steering Committee members by **Feb. 2nd**.
- Steering Committee members will review and comment on the interview questions. Due **Feb. 8th**.
- Steering Committee members will fill out a Doodle Poll of for “CA LCC 101” webinars for resource managers. **Due Feb. 8th**.
- Steering Committee members will send Debra, a list of 2-3 resource managers (including contact information) that will participate in Phase 2 strategic plan. **Due Feb. 15th**.
- Steering Committee members will suggest additional interview participants outside of their respective organizations to Debra by **Feb. 15th**.
- Debra will send the entire interviewee list to the Steering Committee by **Feb. 15th**.

I. Welcome and Introduction

Diana Craig greeted the Steering Committee members and called roll. She reviewed the meeting agenda and objectives. Debra Schlafmann introduced Mike Ward, the new CA LCC Communication Specialist, and Mike briefly shared information on his professional background.

December 15, 2011 Steering Committee Meeting Summary

The Steering Committee approved the December 15, 2011 meeting notes.

II. Review Phase II and III Strategic Planning Process

Debra and Rebecca presented the Strategic Planning process proposal to the Steering Committee. The second phase of the process will target resource managers and Steering Committee members who represent conservation management organizations.

The CA LCC staff will use the data from the interviews to develop draft conservation objectives for our CA LCC Strategic Plan. Phase III interviews will be with science organizations. They will be given the information we learned from managers and we will investigate possible outputs that are needed to help managers.

The target to complete the Strategic Plan is fall 2012.

Phase II Process Steps

Debra presented the Steps as defined in the handout. Steering Committee members were requested to provide feedback on the process:

Step 1. Get agreement on the process forward.

Step 2. Identify Key Staff and Conduct Webinars to Educate Managers about the CA LCC.

Steering Committee members provide lists of managers to interview and webinar times.

- Due Date Feb 15th

CA LCC Staff conduct Webinars with Steering Committee representatives.

-Target Dates: Feb 20 - Mar 5, 2012

Step 3: CA LCC Staff Conduct Interviews with Identified Managers and Steering Committee members.

-Target: Mar 1 - 30, 2012

Step 4. Analyze Results

-Target: April 1 – 15, 2012 next Steering Committee Meeting

Step 5. Define Conservation Objectives

-Target: TBD

In regards to which resource managers the CA LCC staff will interview, there was a specific question about whether the list includes NCRS program managers and technical staff. CA LCC staff deferred to Tom Hedt, NCRS representative on the Steering Committee. Tom responded that he will need Debra and Rebecca's assistance to determine which NCRS staff are appropriate to interview. Additionally, there were comments about how the conservation objectives developed from the CA LCC strategic planning process will be informative to the SWCSC's (Center) upcoming planning work to identify their science priorities. Some members stated that it will be important to integrate these planning efforts to make sure there is shared information. Another Steering Committee member commented that in the informational webinars with resource managers, the CA LCC staff must clearly articulate the CA LCC's intent to keep the objectives feasible; otherwise resource managers in the interviews might ask for assistance that the CA LCC is not able to provide. Another member stated that the resource managers should drive the objectives, and the scientists will provide ways to accomplish those objectives. There was a separate request that the CA LCC staff include questions in the interviews with scientists about the way researchers deliver the science.

Strategic Planning Processes and Actions Approved

Diana asks the Steering Committee whether there is opposition to approve the proposed Strategic Planning process. There was no opposition, and the Steering Committee approved the proposed process.

III. Updates

Science Subcommittee Progress

Rebecca shared an update on the Science Subcommittee's progress to review funding priorities and project results. The Science Subcommittee will provide recommendations on needed CA

LCC staff, and the process to select projects to fund in 2012. The Science Subcommittee will identify priorities as requested by the SW Climate Science Center.

Rebecca will provide the list of Science Subcommittee members and their expertise to the Steering Committee members.

The Wildlife Society, Western Section Annual Conference

The conference will occur February 1-3, 2012 in Sacramento. The CA LCC is a sponsor. Two CA LCC funded projects will be at the conference; a 2010 USGS project and a PRBO project.

National LCC Workshop

Debra invited the Steering Committee members to participate in the National LCC Workshop in Denver, March 27th and 28th. Various CA LCC project recipients will present results of their projects. The CA LCC may have funds available to assist some Steering Committee members to attend if their respective budgets do not permit travel.

National LCC Vision, Mission, Purpose

Debra shared that National LCC has a white paper of the National LCC's vision, mission and purpose. Each LCC Steering Committee will have an opportunity to comment on the document.

LCC Coordinators Meeting

The LCC Coordinators will meet in Washington, D.C. in February. The coordinators will also visit with federal congressional representatives. The Nature Conservancy is hosting an NGO meeting with LCCs. Debra asked the Steering Committee to provide recommendations regarding whom to meet with in D.C.

FWS Budget Update

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is in discussions to determine how to allocate funds for the LCCs.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15pm.