

# California Landscape Conservation Cooperative (CA LCC) Charter Subcommittee Meeting Notes

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## **Participants:**

Ellie Cohen, PRBO Conservation Science  
Rebecca Fris, CA LCC  
Pablo Garza, The Nature Conservancy  
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Bob Shaffer, Central Valley Joint Venture  
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## **Action Items:**

Deb will get 2 or more references from partners who worked with CBI. If she gets positive feedback she will contact CBI about their participation

Deb and Rick will follow up with fisheries groups such as CalTrout and Trout Unlimited to discuss their participation.

Deb will inform the Interim Steering Committee of the approved members

CALCC staff will look into setting up a listserv.

## **Discussion**

The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the composition of the NGO participation on the CA LCC Steering Committee. The five slots are:

- Southwest Climate Science Center
- Joint Venture
- Northern CA conservation-based NGO
- Southern CA conservation-based NGO
- Science oriented NGO

The group discussed the options for these five slots and kept in mind the criteria established for Steering Committee membership. Deb also relayed comments provided by other Interim Steering Committee members that could not make the call. Conservation Biology Institute was discussed as a potential committee member to represent southern California interests. Although the organization seemed to line up with CA LCC purpose, several folks did not have direct experience with the group.

Ellie recommended finding 2 or more references from partners we know to assess their ability to meet the needs of the Steering Committee. Discussion on proposed members TNC and PRBO took place. Pros and potential cons of the organizations were discussed. The group agreed that both organizations have strong attributes to bring to the CA LCC and they would be good representatives for the Steering Committee. There was some discussion about potential conflict of interest for participants on the Steering Committee but the group agreed the project process is open and transparent and based on clear priorities and criteria so conflict of interest was not a concern.

Discussion of the need for fish representation took place. Most expressed the importance of having fish interests represented. Rick expressed interest in finding appropriate group but not to the delay of the Steering Committee moving forward. Deb said she would help with exploring a fish group.

The group discussed the SW Climate Science Center role on the Steering Committee. There was expressed concern of conflict of interest and also a bias of having 2 USGS representatives on the Steering Committee. CA LCC staff reminded the group that SWCSC slot originally was meant to get academia on the Steering Committee. Everyone agreed we needed academia representation and preferably someone from southern California. Glenn McDonald who is part of the Southwest Climate Alliance (the Universities that are part of the SWCSC) was mentioned as a good representative. CA LCC staff will make a connection with the Southwest Climate Alliance to discuss representation on the Steering Committee.

### **Conclusion**

The group approved the list of NGO's on condition of positive feedback from references on CBI.

The SWCSC representative will be changed to SW Climate Alliance rep to bring in academia to the Steering Committee.

A seat will be reserved for a fish representative on the Steering Committee. Members of the charter committee will look for potential representatives

A seat will be reserved for a tribal representative on the Steering Committee. We will explore using the Tribal Forum set up for DWR.

On another note, there was a request to set up a listserv for the CA LCC for distribution of information.