

DRAFT Meeting Notes

California LCC Interim Steering Committee Meeting July 22, 2010

Attendees:

Ellie Cohen, PRBO ConSci
Rick Cooper, BLM
Rebecca Fris, USFWS
Bill Haigh, BLM
Beth Huning, SFBJV
Ted Meyers, NMFS

Deb Schlafmann, USFWS
Michelle Selmon, DWR
Bob Shaffer, CVJV
Michael Tansey, BOR
Don Yasuda, USFS

Action Items

1. Deb to follow up with Dave to get clarification on Action 5 from last meeting – Get a report on the discussion of roles/responsibilities of cost share positions conducted on the June 16 Informatics Team discussion (from 6/8).
2. Deb and Dave will work with regional Joint Venture (JV) representatives to prepare an agenda item at a future Steering Committee to discuss how the JV's are structured and governed (from 7/8).
3. Armand, Deb and Dave will work together to ensure appropriate Steering Committee discussion and timing takes place to provide DFG with the LCC conservation goals and strategies in support of the DFG's revision of the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) (from 7/8).
4. Deb will send out information on the new LCC Coordinator in D.C.
5. In the goals, use a broader term to replace the references to "land management".
6. Deb will get more specifics from CCP on developing an LCC website. Additional information will be gathered on Charles Fox and what services he offers for web page development.

Agenda

Item 1 – Review Action Items

Deb Schlafmann began the meeting reviewing the agenda and action items. Deb mentioned in relation to Action Item 3 above that on the morning of August 5th, she and Armand will attend a meeting with a subgroup of the CA Biodiversity Council to discuss common goals in relationship with the SWAP update.

Beth let the group know that the SFBJV should have a selection for a science coordinator very soon.

Item 2 – Review LCC Goals

The group discussed the revised goals based on last meeting's discussion. Ellie commented that the term "land management" is used several times and that a broader term that includes terrestrial and aquatic habitats including the ocean would be more appropriate. She offered the terms "natural resources" or "ecosystem management" (though this means different things to different people). Others agreed that a broader term is better. A final term was not agreed upon by the group.

Item 3 – Approval of 2010 Project Recommendations

Rebecca explained the process that led to the project recommendations by the review team, a subgroup of the Steering Committee. She then briefly discussed each of the 18 projects. Eleven projects were recommended for funding with one requiring additional information prior to final approval (see attached). Seven projects were not recommended for funding. Justifications were provided for all projects.

Bob proposed to fund the recommendations with a second from Rick. Deb had a few process observations. Many of the projects had strong coordination across scientists and additional coordination was recommended for some of the projects. It's important that the data and information developed from these projects be distributed to a wide audience. Some projects were not very clear about how the information would be used on the ground. Others needed to more clearly identify the value added to the LCC. Future proposals need to better define their budgets and clearly explain how the money will be spent. There was also some discussion about whether projects should be funded by the LCC or if they were better suited for funding under the Climate Science Centers (yet to be developed). This group of projects is bird-oriented so as the LCC better defines

its goals and objectives, future funding will encompass different species and areas of the LCC.

Rebecca thanked the project review team for all the hard put they put into this review. The FWS will now need to follow up on getting the projects under contract.

Item 4 – CA LCC Website

Deb mentioned that there is a strong need to have a website up for CA LCC information sharing. The Center for Collaborative Planning can develop a website and Dave had sent some examples of ones they've developed. Deb was going to look into how much it will cost.

Ellie asked about the goals of the website. How will it be used? Will it house data? The needs for the website will change over time. The most immediate need is to have a website up for basic information sharing and future needs will require further discussion. Beth offered a consultant that has done great work on their website. His name is Charles Fox who has done work for the California Academy of Science, USGS and others.

Item 5 – Next Meeting – August 5th 1:00 – 5:00.

Michelle was able to reserve a DWR Conference Room at their facilities in West Sacramento for the face-to-face meeting. The items for discussion include the draft goals, draft charter and additional subcommittee members if there is time. Deb will work with a subgroup to have a draft charter to discuss. All were asked to review the list of 12 questions identified for charter development that Dave Ceppos sent out earlier. Don offered that some of the questions were straight forward and it would be helpful to identify those that we needed to spend more time discussing.