

**DRAFT Meeting Notes**  
**California LCC**  
**Interim Steering Committee Meeting**  
**July 8, 2010**

**Attendees**

Mark Biddlecomb, DU  
Grant Ballard, PRBO  
Rick Cooper, BLM  
Fritz Reid, SFHJV  
Armand Gonzales, DFG  
Bill Haigh, BLM  
Rick Kearney, USFWS  
Beth Huning, SFHJV  
Andy Aguilar, UC Merced

Mark Kramer, TNC  
Ted Meyers, NMFS  
Rebecca Fris, USFWS  
Bob Schaffer, CVHJV  
Rosalie del Rosario, NMFS  
Michael Tansy, USBR  
Michelle Selman, DWR  
Deb Schlafmann, USFWS  
Dave Ceppos, CCP

**Action Items**

1. Deb Schlafmann will provide the Steering Committee with the Science Coordinator job description (from 6/8).
2. Deb and Beth Huning will work to ensure that the CA LCC Science Coordinator is integrated with the SFHJV Science coordinator (from 6/8).
3. The Steering Committee (with key input from USGS and USFWS will prepare an organizational chart that reflects the USFWS funded positions and the USGS positions (and other positions as appropriate) (from 6/8).
4. Place roles / responsibilities of cost share positions on a future Steering Committee agenda (from 6/8).
5. Get a report on the discussion of roles / responsibilities of cost share positions conducted on the June 16 Informatics Team discussion (from 6/8).
6. Dave Ceppos will send out revised goals by no later than July 12, 2010.
7. Dave will send out example charters and backup info by July 12 for Steering Committee review in advance of the August 5 meeting.
8. Michelle Selman will contact DWR Division of Environmental Services to assess the availability of a meeting room at their West Sacramento office for the 5<sup>th</sup> and potentially future dates.

9. 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 JVs are structured and governed.
10. Armand, Deb, and Dave will work together to ensure appropriate Steering Committee discussion and timing takes place to provide DFG with LCC conservation goals and strategies in support of the DFG's revision of the State Wildlife Action Plan.
11. Deb will provide regular reports to the Steering Committee about outcomes from national LCC discussions.

### **Review June 10 and 24 Action Items**

Dave Ceppos began the meeting by reviewing the agenda and action items from the June 10 and 24 meetings. Results are reflected above.

### **Initial Review / Discussion of March Workshop Results**

Dave introduced the DRAFT preliminary/potential goals document provided to the Steering Committee on July 3. He described his method of reviewing the March 18 Workshop results and how he looked for themes and trends in the feedback provided during that event. He reminded the Committee that the workshop participants were asked what kinds of tools and improvements they would like to see created and used as resource management specialists and researchers. Dave observed that based on the results from the small group breakouts at the workshop, it appears that participants took this task to heart and provided their "perfect world" scenarios of what they need / want. He also observed however that what probably didn't happen and wasn't really feasible in March was to discuss with workshop participants, the types of services the LCC can deliver and to discuss whether there are limits to what LCC can / should deliver. He concluded his introductory comments saying that it might be a good idea for the Steering Committee to have such a discussion so that there is a realistic sense of what the LCC can be, and to ensure that LCC is not accidentally duplicative / competitive with existing planning and research efforts.

Mark Kramer agreed with this suggestion and said it is very important to put bookends on what can and can't be done by LCC otherwise there will be confusion. Fritz Reed suggested it will be very instructional to have a Steering Committee discussion in the context of what the JVs are doing and how they are governed. Beth agreed with this suggestion (see Action Item 9.). Armand said DFG is updating their State Wildlife Action Plan and he hopes that LCC can help provide conservation goals and strategies for this DFG effort (see Action Item 10). Mark Kramer suggested that other planning efforts and entities (e.g. NCCPs) are also being conducted and that we need to eventually have an overlay of what these planning efforts are and how they overlap. He also suggested that we need to see how other LCCs are doing throughout the country and what they're addressing.

Dave asked if there are ongoing national discussions by various LCC representatives to compare notes and lessons learned. Rick Kearney and Deb said yes however these efforts are also in their early stages and there are not providing many conclusions / recommendations yet. However, Deb will start providing regular updates from such discussions to the Steering Committee (see Action Item 11).

Ted Myers asked how an overlay and analysis of various California planning efforts might be done. Dave explained that he'd done this before for other geographic areas and that it is very helpful however it is very difficult and time consuming. Rick suggested that maybe this is step 2 of a goal setting exercise. He described a 3 step process for the Committee's consideration.

- Step 1. Identify what the conservation community wants to do / can do via the LCC model
- Step 2. Assess the overlap of other efforts and how this affects LCC as well as who else needs to be part of LCC leadership.
- Step 3. Assess what gaps LCC can fill in topic areas and spatial scales.

### **Initial Discussion of CA LCC Goals**

Dave returned to the preliminary document prepared by CCP. He asked the group if there is anything missing from this preliminary list. Rosalie suggested that there are no habitat conservation goals; that the list seems more focused to organization, process and communication; and that while those are important, there should be some goals about habitat improvements at the ground level. Bob Schaffer suggested that there should be a Science Theme. Rick agreed with this and said that the LCC is an explicit link between science efforts and project / geographic coordination. Rebecca Fris said that USFWS already has resources to get this process rolling as well as leverage existing efforts.

Dave then asked if any items in the preliminary document shouldn't be included. Deb suggested that using the LCC as an information clearinghouse is both a daunting task and likely out of the scope of LCC. Other Committee members agreed and said that other efforts / venues already provide this service. Several members agreed and said that the LCC can act as an information source / reminder of where such clearinghouses are but not provide that service directly.

These suggestions and subsequent discussion of potential draft goals are reflected in the document titled "*Potential – Preliminary CA LCC Goals v2*" dated July 8, 2010.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The Committee discussed potential agenda items for the July 22 and August 5 meetings. They agreed on the following topics.

July 22 (phone meeting)

- Project Review Team results
- Goals – Next level discussion
- Website outreach tools and site design

August 5 (USFWS Cafeteria Conference Room, 1:00 – 5:00 pm)

- Draft Charter
- Goals – Next level discussion
- Steering Committee Membership
- Report on Other LCCs