



## **Burney-Hat Creek Community Forest and Watershed Group Full-Group Meeting Draft Agenda**

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-12:40pm  
Zoom

### **Meeting Synopsis**

BHCCFWG members met virtual via Zoom to share updates on Forest Service and National Park Service projects, discuss strategic visioning and projects for FY 2021, and deliberate options for the postponed 34 North workshop.

### **Attendees**

Tyler Hullquist – CalFire  
Greg Mayer – Lassen National Forest  
Adrian Sanchez – Lassen National Forest  
Janine Book – Lassen National Forest  
Orvie Danzuka – Pitt River Tribe  
Tom March – CalTrans  
Todd Sloat – Fall River RCD  
Kirsty Hoffman – Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Tami Taylor – Lassen National Forest  
Brendan Palmieri – 34 North  
Andrew Fullerton – Sierra Pacific Industries  
Jason Moghaddas – Spatial Informatics Group  
Sharmie Stevenson – Fall River RCD  
Jonathan Kusel – Sierra Institute  
Dov Weinman – Sierra Institute

### **Approvals and Modifications**

Jonathan called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Before approving meeting minutes from April, the group acknowledged that Janine would be transitioning to work with the Ozark National Forest and that this would be her last BHCCFWG meeting. Greg motioned to approve the June minutes. Todd seconded and the group approved the minutes. Todd then motioned to approve the meeting's agenda and Kristy seconded. The group approved the agenda without modifications.

### **Sierra Nevada Conservancy Recreation Grant**

Todd shared on behalf of Garrett that the recreation kickoff meeting was scheduled for Hat Creek Ranch on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and Dov attached Garrett's agenda in the chat box. Kirsty mentioned that many people have expressed interest.

### **Project Status Updates**

Greg and Tami presented on the Badger Project's Planning Progress, including how the CFLR will cover campgrounds and count as match for OHV operations and maintenance funds. Greg reiterated that this last year would be the last year of CFLR funding – it'll be important to discuss what CFLR dollars are being used and how other funds are contributing. There will be an opportunity to apply for a get an additional five years of funding. It's time. For collaborative members to start working on how the group will strategically move forward over the next five years. Greg will get templates for how other groups have moved forward and proposed that members discuss this at a future meeting.

### **Partner Updates**

Todd, sharing an update from the Burney Basin FireSafe Council, mentioned that the Green Waste Program with Tubit is going really well. Many private landowners who wouldn't typically take



their materials to other locations are now dropping materials off for free. The group suggested that Dov would have a conversation with Garrett about the potential relevance for similar projects in other communities.

Sharmie provided an update for the Northwest Gateway project with the National Park Service. The Park Service has had difficulties with finalize the agreement with the RCD because of the funding mechanism. They're hoping to get a process hammered out soon but so far it hasn't progressed through their administrative processes.

Jason mentioned he has worked with 34 North to identify a series of plantations – he has consulted with Todd, Greg, and Brendan over the phone, and the next step is to locate the treatable plantations and put those into a CCI proposal for the fall. The plan is the have those plantations identified in July.

Kristy shared that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy expects to have grant guidelines out in early July. The pot will be \$3million, and group members should connect with Kristy about projects that include forest health, prescribed fire, large landscape planning (10,000+ acres), underserved partners (who have only received one grant from SNC), and planning to implement (projects that SNC has previously funded). Todd asked if any of the group's existing projects jumped out at Kristy and she mentioned that pieces of Crossroads sounded like a fit. She emphasized that the inclusion of Tribal components would definitely give a project a leg up over the competition. Kristy also mentioned that their Board's meeting in early September won't be conducted in Shasta County. There may be a focus on the Shasta County area but there certainly won't be a project tour.

### [FY 2021 Project Discussions](#)

Greg described how the acreage of the Backbone Project has essentially doubled. They are preceding with surveys right now without the money to pay for the surveys. They know it's a bit risky, but they need to move forward with the surveys and already experienced some delays due to Covid-19. Greg explained they've reached out to CalFire and are now facing the challenge of balancing existing agreements and timing. Greg talked the group through 2021 Proposed CFLR Project List, and expressed the need to talk through options for service contracts. The Forest Service Program of Work is available to share with the group; Greg mentioned that it was a lot of work and credited Todd for being successful at moving projects into the POW.

The group must discuss how to move a strategic conversation into a program of work. Janine mentioned that they wanted to add capacity but don't want to get to the point where they're over-extended and thinks it will help if they don't set up a bunch of projects with short deadlines. Todd mentioned liking the collaborative strategy of tackling high level projects that fit with past conversations. The group knows it needs to do more work and that they need more money to do it. The question, however, is when the group is going to obtain that funding. Some group members agreed that it was a challenge to pursue more projects with their current amount of capacity, and they expressed a need for more collaborative conversations before making



commitments. Jason emphasized the importance of 34 North's work and suggested that if they can continue to map projects they can get a better idea of what might be added into the Program of Work each year. Forest Service members suggested that if the collaborative is going to submit a grant application they remember to include Deb Bumpass and FS staff like Chris O'Brien beforehand. Chris is the ecosystem manager for the Forest and so the POW is his to balance.

### [34 North Workshop](#)

The workshop with 34 North will once again be postponed due to Covid-19. Brendan mentioned that a lot of their previous efforts focused on gathering historical data and blending that with current project data. The third step in this process is a focus on the 5 year plan and prioritization effort. 34 North will begin work to identify areas they see as high risk and then bring that into conversations with the Forest Service. Jason said they are making sure all treatments are being compiled in 34 North's system so that the collaborative can really begin prioritizing and strategizing. Orvie asked if anyone from the Tribe had shared a map with the group with regards to the boundaries of the different bands. Todd suggested they reshare, and Orvie mentioned that if they have the one approved by the Tribal Council they will know the correct representatives and elder advisors for each of the bands and who it might be most appropriate to contact and consult with based on the location of the project. Brendan mentioned this type of information would also be important to include in the platform.

### [Closing Comments and Future Agenda Items](#)

With regards to the HVRA analysis, Jason mentioned that they were able to get a lot of information from Michelle, and that it'd be easier to run the analysis again locally rather than decipher the data in order to make it usable.

Michelle and Todd hope to revive the discussion about the natural range of variation because the group knows there are more acres needing treatment than the group has capacity to treat. The question they don't have an answer to is what that gap actually is. Knowing this gap will help the group identify how they can increase both pace and scale.