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Monitoring Study Group February 2013 Update

1. Pete Cafferata and George Gentry gave a PPT presentation at the CFA annual meeting held on January 30th on lessons learned from 20 years of MSG monitoring, and planned next steps with the formation of the Effectiveness Monitoring Committee.
2. The Effectiveness Monitoring Committee draft Charter has been produced, and will be sent to RSC Chair Rick Standiford the week of February 4th. The RSC will then provide comments on the Charter. After incorporation of their comments, the document will be vetted at an MSG meeting, hopefully on March 20th. We hope to begin Board appointments in April, with the first meeting in May.
3. The next MSG meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 20th, location TBD. Tentative speakers include Cajun James, SPI, talking about post wildfire water quality and hillslope erosion data collected in the Battle Creek watershed, and Drew Loganbill, NRCS, speaking about post wildfire water quality data collected in the Little Creek watershed on Swanton Pacific Ranch, following the 2009 Lockheed Fire as part of his MS work at Cal Poly SLO. We will also have updates on formation of the EMC (and Charter), VTAC pilot projects, and FORPRIEM.