

## **Action Item Notes**

### **Effectiveness Monitoring Committee Meeting**

**January 13, 2016**

**Redding, CAL FIRE Regional Office**

**Participants (19)** : Stu Farber, Dr. Russ Henly, Bill Condon, Matt House, Dr. Kevin Boston, Sal Chinnici, Tom Engstrom, Dr. Erin Kelly, René LeClerc, Drew Coe, Bill Short, Matt Dias, Dave Fowler, Mandy Culpepper, Stacy Stanish, Mike Miles, Nick Harrison, Lloyd Bradshaw, and Pete Cafferata.

**Webinar participants (2):** George Gentry and Richard Gienger.

#### **Update on AB 1492 Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Program**

- Russ Henly will provide the revised AB 1492 Pilot Projects concept paper to Board staff for distribution (the document is posted on the CNRA website: <http://resources.ca.gov/forestry/>).

#### **Update on Specific Monitoring Required in the CA FPRs**

- Pete Cafferata, Bill Solinsky, and Matt Dias will sort the 14 listed monitoring requirements into three categories: 1<sup>st</sup> tier importance, 2<sup>nd</sup> tier importance, and 3<sup>rd</sup> tier importance.
- This new version of the list will be inserted into a new Appendix H in the revised EMC Strategic Plan, including a short opening paragraph summarizing how it will be used by the EMC.
- Additionally, this subcommittee will add one or two sentences in section 1.1 of the revised EMC Strategic Plan addressing the high priority for mandatory effectiveness monitoring requirements stated in the FPRs that fall within the 10 themes identified in the plan.

#### **EMC website modifications:**

- A EMC website subcommittee was formed composed of Matt Dias, Kevin Boston, Russ Henly, and Matt House.
- The subcommittee will review the draft website plan developed by Matt Dias. It will have a tab for “proposed project”, under which all appropriate draft material will be stored for each listed project (e.g., EMC-2015-001, EMC-2015-002, etc.).
- Matt Dias will take the approved draft and work with CAL FIRE Communications staff to modify the BOF EMC website accordingly.

#### **Review of EMC Strategic Plan Appendix E “Summary of Current Listed Projects”**

- **A 4-5 page detailed project description is to be developed by the PI(s) for each of the following proposed projects prior to the next EMC meeting (February 24th), potentially allowing the EMC to determine if support is merited, and possible support for funding. PI(s) are to follow “study design” steps found on page 24 of the EMC Strategic Plan.**
  - EMC-2015-001 (Class II-L monitoring)—Drew Coe.
  - EMC-2015-002 (FORPRIEM ver. 2.0)—Pete Cafferata.

- EMC-2015-003 (Road Rules effectiveness at reducing mass wasting)—Subcommittee composed of Bill Short, Drew Coe, and Dave Fowler will write the one page project proposal.
  - EMC-2015-004 (Effectiveness of reducing hydrologic disconnection and road surface erosion)—Drew Coe.
  - EMC-2015-005 (Effectiveness of Class II headwater WLPZ protection measures for water temperature, near stream humidity, and streamflow)—Dave Fowler and Bill Condon; possible tie to 3<sup>rd</sup> experiment in SF Caspar Creek watershed; consider material learned from the 1997 FRAWG workgroup effort, as well as studies being conducted on industrial timberlands in California.
  - EMC-2015-006 (Post harvest effectiveness of WLPZ measures to maintain or enhance coho salmon habitat in forested watersheds)—Brian McFadin, NCRWQCB, to develop project proposal and 4-5 page detailed project description.
  - EMC-2015-007 (Monitoring habitat of anadromous salmonid species in forested watersheds)—Stacy Stanish.
  - EMC-2015-008 (Landscape-level long-term water temperature monitoring of forested watersheds)—Brian McFadin, NCRWQCB, to develop project proposal and 4-5 page detailed project description.
  - EMC-2015-009 (Long-term trend monitoring of SWAMP sites)—Dave Fowler to further refine the project proposal and write the 4-5 page detailed project description.
  - EMC-2016-001 (Post-fire 2013 road rules effectiveness monitoring)—Subcommittee of Don Lindsay, Drew Coe, Bill Short, Kevin Boston, and Pete Cafferata to refine the draft project proposal and write the 4-5 page detailed project description.
  - EMC-2016-xxx (General protection of nest sites—implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Practice Rules at protecting active nest sites)—TBD (Subcommittee of Sal Chinnici, Bill Condon, Stu Farber, and Mandy Culpepper will investigate possible lead PI).
  - EMC-2016-xxx (Snag retention-- implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Practice Rules at maintaining functional wildlife habitat through snag retention)—TBD (Subcommittee of Sal Chinnici, Bill Condon, Stu Farber, and Mandy Culpepper will investigate possible lead PI).
- **All materials for these projects are to be posted on the EMC website in the manner described above by Matt Dias, prior to February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest Studies**

- Drew Coe and Stacy Stanish are to continue to update the EMC on post fire erosion and wildlife study results from data collected on Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest.

**Review of EMC “Request for Applicants” document**

- Pete Cafferata will edit the revised document, providing an opening sentence under “background information” that does not state the exact number of EMC members (i.e., a more generic sentence), and add “by the public” in the next to the last sentence in that paragraph.

## **Public Forum**

- Stu Farber will write a letter representing the EMC to Big Creek Lumber Company thanking them for their offer of using their water temperature data set, and making them aware of the project descriptions being developed using water temperature data sets (i.e., EMC-2015-001, EMC-2015-005, EMC-2015-008).

Lloyd Bradshaw commented that if specific FPRs are no longer necessary or outdated the EMC or full Board should review necessity of those FPRs. **Next meeting date and agenda items**

- Date is February 24<sup>th</sup> in Redding.
- The following EMC meeting will occur either during the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> or April 18<sup>th</sup>; Matt Dias will send out a Doodle poll. The location may be in Willits or Ukiah.
- Agenda items will include, but are not limited to:
  - A presentation by Russ Henly on state budget funding and how it can be used by the EMC.
  - A presentation by Dr. Salli Dymond, USFS PSW, on the third experiment at the Caspar Creek Experimental Watersheds.