

Action Item Notes

Effectiveness Monitoring Committee Meeting

July 8, 2015
Redding, CAL FIRE Regional Office

Participants (19): Stu Farber, Drew Coe, Bill Condon, Sal Chinnici, Nick Kunz, Tom Engstrom, Clarence Hostler, Dr. Erin Kelly, Matt Dias, Stacy Stanish, Bill Short, Dave Fowler, René LeClerc, , Matt Bokach, Amanda Culpepper, Kevin Boston, Russ Henly, Matt House, Mike Miles, Bill Short and Bill Condon.

Webinar participants: Webinar was scheduled and link posted online. CAL FIRE IT experienced some difficulty in successfully launching the webinar, therefore the webinar was cancelled.

EMC Strategic Plan Review and “Homework” Assignments

All homework assignments were completed.

Meeting Goal as stated by Co-Chair Farber is to review Strategic Plan for submission to the Full Board.

Committee Review of DRAFT Strategic Plan:

- Section 1.1 EMC Charter
 - The use of the term “Forest Practice Rules and associated regulations” is used and therefore that term throughout the document and replace other iterations of this term (e.g. Forest Practice Rules, Water Board objectives, and Fish and Game regulations or other variations)
 - Insert hyperlink to Board website where the final EMC Charter resides.
 - Insert text box in Section 1.0 that defines different types of monitoring
- Other minor edits that focused upon grammar, verb tense, and abbreviations were made through section 2.1.3
- Section 2.1.4 State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards
 - Co-Chair Farber and Nick Kunz will review waterboard citations as it applies to the use of the term “preserve” as referenced in paragraph one of section 2.1.4.
- Section 2.1.7 Federal Agency(s) and Public Stakeholders

- It was determined that this section should be parsed out to only address the USFS. New sections, presumably 2.1.8 and 2.1.9 will be drafted. One for public stakeholders and one for NOAA (NMFS).
- Add citation 36 CFR, part 219 for USGS Planning Rule. Replace existing URL with the provided citation.
- Public stakeholder category may include, but would not be limited to, private timberland owners, public interest groups, and citizens
- Section 2.3 EMC Categories and Critical Monitoring Questions
 - There was robust discussion on changing the structure of Figure 3. The goal of the discussion was attain consistency between Figure 3, Appendix D and F. New terminology to be applied to Figure 3 may include the following:

Critical Question Themes	Natural Resources	Rule or Regulation	Critical Monitoring Question
↓	↓	↓	↓
WLPZ	Canopy Closure	14 CCR 916 et seq.	WLPZs maintaining water temperature

- Additional minor language revisions were made to existing categories throughout section 2.3.
- The use of the terms “Categories” will be supplanted with “Critical Questions/Themes”. This change will also occur in Appendix D.
- Remove subcategory (c) from Category 5: Fish Habitats and place in Appendix D.
- Add reference to “fuel loading” in Category 6.
- A sub-committee of Bill C., Drew, Rene, Bill S. and Dave F. will provide specific FPRs or regulation citation including specific Article for each critical question described in Section 2.3
- Section 2.4 Catalog and Review of Past and Ongoing Cooperative and Individual Monitoring Projects
 - Reword the language in the first paragraph to make federal studies potentially inclusive in the catalog (Appendix H).
- Section 3.0 Board Adaptive Management
 - Co-chair Farber to email out Board Adaptive Management policy that was used to develop Section 3.0
- Section 4.1 Study Design and Adaptive Management Framework
 - Sub-committee of Drew, Kevin and Erin edit this section for consistency with 4.2.1
- Section 4.1.1 Resource Benefit

- Move newly developed economic to language to alternative location.
- Revise the language to reduce the perception of an onerous standard to produce an economic analysis with each study design.
- Section 4.2.1 Monitoring Dynamic Ecosystems
 - Potentially re-Title to Range of Variability
 - Sub-committee of Bill, Tom E., Drew, Kevin, Erin will re-work this section to address better address issues of variability versus natural range of variability. Also add and clarify the issue of scientific uncertainty.
- Co-Chair Farber stated that the DRAFT Strategic Plan will not be presented to the Full Board in July given the scope of the issues discussed during today's meeting.
- Nick Kunz announced that the State Water Resources Control Board approved the 2016 CWA 319 Program Preferences at the July 7 meeting. This action by the State Board incorporated the program preference for the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund appropriation as part of the annual 319 grant solicitation.

Next Meeting

- Potentially the week of August 5 – 7, and 13 - 17. Matt Dias to send out a Doodle poll. Note that “homework” assignments are to be submitted to Stu Farber, Russ Henly and Matt Dias at least one week prior to the meeting date.