

Action Item Notes

Effectiveness Monitoring Committee Meeting

October 13, 2016

BLM Field Office

Ukiah, Ca.

Participants (17): Dr. Russ Henly (Co-Chair), Stuart Farber (Co-Chair), Dr. Kevin Boston, Drew Coe, Ali Dunn, Matt Dias, René LeClerc, Sal Chinnici, Dave Fowler, Clarence Hostler, Erin Kelly, Elliot Chasin, Mandy Culpepper, Dr. Matt O'Connor, Matt House, Drew Coe, Elliot Chasin, Pete Ribar, Richard Gienger (online), and Ronna Bower (online).

1. Call to Order

2. Introduction of new Committee Member Matt O'Connor

- Co-Chair Farber stated that the Board had unanimously appointed Dr. O'Connor to the EMC. A discussion was provided on compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, which covers the process for communication between committee members outside of a meeting and limitations on sub-committee structure. Member O'Connor introduced himself to the committee and indicated that he looked forward to working with the EMC.
- There was a brief discussion about other committee seats and Co-Chair Farber indicated that he, along with Co-Chair Henly and Executive Officer Dias, are working internally to try to fill the USFS seat.

3. Report by the Co-Chairs

- Co-Chair Farber reported that Board members would like to be able to review the "current status" of EMC-considered monitoring projects that may be reviewed or ranked at future EMC meetings. A proposed solution was to have Appendix E summary page kept updated and current on the EMC website.
- Dr. Russ Henly provided an update on AB 1492 program and spoke of the Campbell Creek Watershed Pilot Project Advisory Committee. He indicated that selection of committee members has occurred and that outreach is being conducted to offer committee seats to the selected individuals. The goal is to have the first Pilot Project Advisory meeting in November.
- Dr. Russ Henly summarized the content of a meeting that was held the day before in Sacramento on the issue of small landowner reform. He indicated that

several potential ideas for streamlining or assisting this category of landowner was offered including safe harbor agreements, further revisions to the Modified Timber Harvest Plan, and the potential to offer loans to landowners through California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) to assist in paying for long term planning permits such as NTMPs. There was participation by many state agencies, NGOs and landowner groups.

- Dr. Russ Henly reported that the Redwood Science Symposium was a very successful event and very well attended.

4. Review of Revised Strategic Plan

- Co-Chair Farber walked the committee through all substantive revisions that had been included within the revised Strategic Plan over the last year, which included revised Appendix F. Committee discussion of each substantive revision was had where desired. The committee made several additional edits to the revised Strategic Plan, which will be reviewed once again in November to assure that the committee agrees with the content prior to taking the revisions to the Board for consideration in December. The decision was made that an Executive Summary will be appended to the revised Strategic Plan. The Executive Summary will provide an update on the EMC progress achieved during 2016. This Executive Summary will also be included within the Board's Annual Report. The following assignments were delegated as a result of the discussion.
 - All EMC participants to review the Themes and Critical Questions within the revised Strategic Plan to make certain that the language of the current Themes and Critical Questions accurately captures the issues of EMC and Board interest. New ideas to be included within the Themes or Critical Questions will be addressed at the November Meeting.
 - Matt Dias to include revisions to the Strategic Plan and circulate for review between staff members and Co-Chairs.
 - Appendix E summary page will remain in the body of the Strategic Plan. The individual one page project summaries will be removed and a hyperlink will be added to the summary page to help readers find the most current version of individual project information.
 - Section 2.5 to be updated to include a current summary of projects.
 - Mandy Culpepper to revise Section 1.3 to include "Executive Summary" discussion and proper reference to reporting process.
 - Mandy Culpepper and Pete Cafferata will review the revised Strategic Plan for non-substantive revisions in regards to grammar, proper tense and consistency.
 - Ali Dunn and Matt House to prepare an Executive Summary that discusses the "progress of 2016". This draft summary will be provided

to Matt Dias and Pete Cafferata at least one week prior to the November EMC meeting.

5. Review of Proposed Monitoring Projects

- EMC-2015-001: Member Coe stated that EMC-2015-001 (Class II-L) is nearly completed. He will be working upon a request for funding. An updated concept proposal and request for funding will be submitted soon for committee consideration.
- EMC-2015-002: Member Coe provided an update on the request for funding on EMC-2015-002 (FORPRIEM) of \$28,000. He indicated the importance of implementation of this project to the Department as a second leg in continuation of the FORPRIEM program and the desire that the Department has to revise the program to capture data that will be statistically valid.

10-13-01 Member Farber moved to recommend funding EMC-2015-002 up to \$28,000. Member Boston seconded.

Roll Call

Boston	Aye
Chinnici	Aye
Coe	Aye
Dunn	Aye
Farber	Aye
Henly	Aye
Hostler	Aye
House	Aye
LeClerc	Aye
Kelly	Aye
O'Connor	Aye
Short	Aye

Motion carries unanimously.

- EMC-2015-004: Member Coe provided an update of EMC-2015-004 (Effectiveness of Road Rules in Reducing Hydrologic Connectivity). This proposed project was originally presented and reviewed by the EMC on June 17, 2016. In June, the EMC recommended some project changes which the principal investigator has incorporated into the current proposed project. A request for funding of \$28,000 for statistical review of the study design is included in the current proposal. To provide a more refined statistical review,

EMC members encouraged the principal investigator to include previous data sets in statistical review.

- EMC-2016-003: Member O'Connor introduced proposed project EMC-2016-003, which is focused upon the effectiveness of the FPRs as they relate to forest management activities on unstable areas and high magnitude/low frequency precipitation events. Various members of the committee offered thoughts on how to potentially frame the proposed project in an alternative way to add additional detail so that the EMC can better understand the value of the outcome of the proposed project. Thoughts that were offered included 1) analyzing how important rapid response to weather events may be; 2) supplementing the proposed project with information on what would be learned; 3) frame the issue on the need for reserve funding for LiDAR in response to triggering weather events; 4) incorporate the idea that findings of maintained slope stability, versus poorly performing areas, in association with forest management is valuable data; and 5) sharpen the proposal in terms of its relation to EMC Critical Questions. EMC-2016-003 will be updated by Member O'Connor and brought forth for consideration for future ranking.

6. Public Forum

- Pete Ribar recommended that the EMC continue on its current course and continue strong scientific review of proposed monitoring projects.

7. Discussion of location and future meeting dates.

- The next EMC meeting will be in Ukiah on November.
- Matt Dias will send out a Doodle Poll for the November EMC meeting, which will include the working days between November 7 -23. It will also include November 31 and December 1 – 2.

8. Announcements: Scientific conferences, symposiums or workshops.

- Member Kelly mentioned that the SAF National Convention will be held in Madison, Wisconsin on November 2 – 6, 2016. She will be escorting Humboldt State Student to compete in the Student Quiz Bowl. (see: SAF National Convention = <http://www.xcdsystem.com/safconference/website/>; Student quiz bowl = <http://www.xcdsystem.com/safconference/website/QuizBowl>)
- The American Geophysical Union will be hosting its annual convention in San Francisco, CA from December 12-16th. Don Lindsay of the California Geological Survey, Dr. Joe Wagenbrenner of [USFS Pacific Southwest Research Station](#) and

Drew Coe from CAL FIRE will be presenting combined research at the convention. (see: <https://fallmeeting.agu.org/2016/>)

- CAL FIRE will be putting on Forestry for Non-Foresters Training in Rancho Cordova, Redding and Fort Bragg over the next several weeks. Information on these trainings, including dates and times, can be obtained by emailing Bill Solinsky (bill.solinsky@fire.ca.gov).

9. Adjournment