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DRAFT Minutes  
Interagency Forest Working Group (IFWG)  
June 12, 2009  
Cal/EPA Bldg.

**IFWG Members Present:**

- David Nawi- Member, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF)
- Tony Brunello- Natural Resources Agency
- Lynn Terry- Deputy Director, Air Resources Board
- Stephanie Tom Coupe- Deputy Assistant Director, Department of Fish and Game
- Crawford Tuttle- Chief Deputy, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Dale Hoffman-Floerke- Deputy Director, Department of Water Resources
- Kelly Birkenshaw- California Energy Commission
- Mike Chapel- US Forest Service?

Kim Rodrigues started with introductions around the room.

**Item #2- Review of outcomes and objectives from last meeting:**

George Gentry did a brief PowerPoint overview of the past meeting main points and IFWG overall goals and objectives (at the end of the meeting it was discussed that this type of “review” was helpful at the beginning of the meeting)

**Item # 3- Review and discussion of desired outcomes for IFWG:**

Kelly Birkenshaw- states the connection between objectives 2 and 3 could use expansion and clarification, and possibly best if merged together as one, with more specific language. Mr. Birkenshaw was asked to discuss the letter written to Mr. Brunello and Mr. Nawi by Commissioner Boyd, it was deferred to discussion for when the letter and PowerPoint came up in agenda later.

Chad Hanson- addressed Proposed Priority # 4, and had concerns about the lack of mention of forest ecosystems, in regards to forest fires and the nutrient cycles that rely on fires for the ecosystems, also, biodiversity, water quality, and air quality were mentioned.

All of Chad’s concerns were noted and listed, when a work shop and more specific guidelines for Proposed Priority # 4 is reviewed, these items can be further addressed.

#### **Item # 4- IFWG Objective # 1- Inventory:**

Lynn Terry discussed the hand out in the packet which outlined the Inventory Workshop.

There was a discussion on how “no net loss” was defined and if everyone had the same working definition.

Mike Chapel- stated that the USFS is working on carbon capability analysis of National Forests under different proposed management plans, and felt it would fit in well with the Inventory work shop. **There was agreement that this topic would be added to the current DRAFT agenda.**

Crawford Tuttle- suggested that work and research being done by the USFS at their research stations through out the state be addressed in the workshop as well.

Ed Murphy- addressed session #3 in the Inventory workshop and again questioned the definition of “no net loss” as it applies to wood products and landscapes.

Tony Brunello- said the definition and numbers behind the IFWG “no net loss” being used is based on the 2020 number of 4.7 billion metric tons.

Kim Rodrigues asked about time in the sessions for Q&A and other dialogue, and Lynn said some time had been accounted for, but that each session could produce a “to do list” and could be addressed in further subcommittees and meetings of the IFWG.

IFWG members and others interested in the larger goals established by the IFWG public process should participate in the July 24<sup>th</sup> workshop with these outcomes in mind as we work towards the goals established in the IFWG Charter. These will be the primary focus for the August IFWG meeting to form potential recommendations for the BOF.

#### **Item # 5- IFWG Objective # 2- Regulatory Review:**

Tony Brunello talked about the need to possibly utilize a consultant for the topic of regulation. He acknowledged that this is problematic given funding constraints.

Stephanie Tom Coupe discussed the need to address biodiversity, the FPRs and the Fire Plan.

Kelly Birkenshaw talked about merging the two issues of regulation and biomass sustainability into one topic, and introduced a PowerPoint.

#### **Item # 6- IFWG Objective # 3- Biomass:**

Jim McKinney- Biomass PowerPoint presentation

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David Nawi- asked how the USFS and State forests are integrating processes because USFS has different regulations.

Mike Chapel- development of management plans that integrate both Federal and State regulations as best as possible, sustainable management techniques

Tony Brunello- Biomass is the largest problem; determinations need to be made as to what is a reachable sustainable figure, definitions of “renewable” need to be worked on, and regulations developed.

Danielle Fugere (Friends of the Earth) stated that she wanted to make sure IFWG didn't think they could address all of biomass in a single sitting and that it is a process that needs to be connected with the scoping plan and no net loss.

Ed Murphy wants to make sure that IFWG is not addressing problems that the State and Federal governments have been working on for years, by trying to start over. He knows a lot of work needs to be done and hopes the attitude of picking up where things are left off and using what is already there rather than starting over to help develop plans.

Bill McKinney addressed concerns of who stakeholders really are and the need to reach out and recruit people from each of those entities.

Mike Chapel- thinks three goals of developing working definitions, characteristics and guidelines should be addressed in reference to woody biomass.

**Item # 7- IFWG Objective # 4- Landowner Incentives:**

Mike Chapel (hand out)- would like to develop a working team or group with ARB and CAL FIRE at a minimum, but thinks other agencies who might have any stake should be involved

Crawford Tuttle- wants to make sure there is dialogue between public and private land owners, conservation groups, communities and so forth, reiterates that anyone who might have a stake in landownership should be involved.

Mike Chapel- working team should concentrate on three areas, protocols, reforestation, coordination of fuels reduction work

**Item # 8- IFWG Objective # 5- Education:**

George Gentry volunteers to take on the Education part which will serve a dual purpose of IFWG and serving the BOF requirements of Education. He would like to form a small working group to develop some ideas.

**Item # 9- Finalize IFWG meeting schedule, process, and workshop topics for 2009**

Will proposed priorities 2 & 3 be combined if so how will this change process?

The idea of small working groups between meetings for each Objective seemed to be of interest to multiple parties in order to keep things moving, will e-mail work or do physically meetings need to be held was discussed.

In the months of workshops should meetings be held as well to keep the ball rolling?

One item that was continually discussed through out the meeting was the larger idea of agencies and how they will be affected by the budget and all agreed that we must keep moving forward and when we hit barriers work with them.