



Interagency Forestry
Work Group:
Task 2 Work Plan

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Presentation Objectives

- Task 2 objective and approach
- Work Plan deliverables and steps
- Comments by public
- Potential revisions and next steps

IFWG Task 2 Objective

Determine the effect of the State's existing forest and rangeland regulations and related programs on meeting the state's GHG goals, whether simple adjustments are needed, or whether more significant action is needed.

BOF report to ARB on AB 32

“To meet the goal of No Net Loss and to meet or exceed the 5 MMT CO₂e target...

a review of the effects on carbon sequestration of existing regulations and consideration of new amended regulations as a potential means of meeting the target, if needed...”

Approach

- CAL FIRE lead
- Developed with USFS and solicited input from CEC and ARB
- Build upon Task 1 (symposium discussion)
- Provide foundation for Task 3 w/re to carbon sustainability
- Short and long-term deliverables

Deliverables

- Evaluation of capacity of forest regulations and programs to achieve Scoping Plan target
- Concerns or regulatory and program gaps
- Recommendations, if needed, for amending regulations or improving program practices/procedures
- Recommendations, if needed, for longer term analysis, research, demonstration or monitoring of program effectiveness

Work Plan Steps

1. Establish public participation process for developing recommendations
2. Review existing information on carbon stocks and sequestration trends
 - Quantitative
 - Inventory symposium
 - Reliability of data for different types or scales of analysis (geographic, activity, ownership)
 - Drill down into data bases and consider additional info
3. Review regulations and procedures for program that affect sequestration
 - State
 - USFS

Work Plan Steps (cont'd)

4. Consider long-term carbon stock projections (past 2020)
5. Identify concerns or information gaps about achieving target
6. Determine adequacy of current programs to achieve target
 - Recommend changes if needed (measurement, tracking, reporting, implementation, practices, regulations)
7. ID longer term research, analysis or monitoring
 - Work plan and resources

Comments on Task 2 Work Plan

■ Scope of task

- Focus on most relevant and significant programs
- Consider policy and program effects outside state
- Add biodiversity considerations
- Include oak woodlands (where conversions are occurring)
- Consider more than just sequestration, eg albedo, need for thinning to reduce fire risk, bioenergy benefits, urban forestry, aspen regeneration

■ Stakeholder process

- Need balanced stakeholder input
- Stakeholder process not necessarily a substitute for science

Task 2 Comments (cont'd)

- Sequencing and coordination of Tasks:
 - Consider how Task 1 inventory improvements informs Task 2
 - Task 2 should precede Task 3; minimize redundancies
 - Keep Task 2 and Task 3 distinct (opposing view also expressed)
- Potential types of recommendations
 - Consider easy-to-implement improvements in reporting and data gathering to fill gaps (eg BOE data)

Potential Revisions and Next Steps

- Identify and prioritize risks to carbon stocks and sequestration in order to focus task on most relevant programs
 - Consider biological, management and financial risks to forest carbon (CA Forestry Protocols categories)
 - Scoping Plan: wildfire and conversion
 - Consider evidence for activities or areas of significant forest carbon loss or risk of loss
- Swap order of steps 3 and 2:
 - Start with introductory review of programs and rules
 - Use step to further focus subjects for quantitative evaluation
- Include “program effectiveness monitoring” in list of potential recommendations
- Consider public process and coordination of Tasks 2 and 3