



**Sierra Nevada Forest and Community Initiative**  
**Regional Coordinating Council Agenda**  
**Wednesday, January 27, 2015**  
**10:00 AM – 2:30 PM**  
**US Fish & Wildlife Services Conference Room**  
**11641 Blocker Drive, Suite 110, Auburn, CA**

**Information:** Contact Mandy Vance at: (209)742-0482 or Tristyn Armstrong at (530)823-4700.

TIME	MEETING AGENDA
10:00	<b>Welcome and Agenda Check - Mandy Vance</b>
10:05	<b>Opening Remarks – Jim Branham</b>
10:10	<p><b>Watershed Improvement Program Update and Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>General Update - Mandy/Jim</b></li> <li>• <b>Forest level assessment status – Genny</b></li> <li>• <b>BLM assessment status – Este</b></li> <li>• <b>NPS assessment status – Mandy</b></li> <li>• <b>Private lands assessment – Mandy</b></li> <li>• <b>Next Steps – Watershed efforts/pilots</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Objective: To update the Council regarding the SNC/USFS’s Watershed Improvement Program; and to update the Council on the status of WIP public and private lands watershed assessments and discuss the next steps for the watershed efforts and pilots.</i></p>
11:30	<p><b>February 23 Region 5 Check-In McClellan -- Jim/Mandy</b></p> <p><i>Objective: To discuss the focus and agenda for the February 23 Region 5 Check in at McClellan.</i></p>
12:00	<b>Lunch (Bring your own or pre-order) – 30 min</b>



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12:30	<p><b>SNFCI Council Future Focus Discussion, including five focus areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large Landscape Demonstration</li> <li>• Local Contracting</li> <li>• Steep Ground Restoration</li> <li>• Increasing Fire as a Restoration Tool</li> <li>• Wood Processing Infrastructure</li> </ul> <p><i>Objective: To take stock of the status and progress and determine the future of the SNFCI Council Focus areas, as well as the overall future focus of the SNFCI Council.</i></p> <p><i>Guiding questions include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Has the workgroup taken concrete actions that have resulted in increasing the pace and scale of restoration while keeping benefit in local communities?</i></li> <li>• <i>Is there more work to be done that the Council workgroups can accomplish in a reasonable timeframe, and is there enough investment from the workgroups to do the work required?</i></li> <li>• <i>Are there parallel efforts at the leading edge of the focus area doing more effective work to address the issues than the SNFCI Council?(Example-Fire MOU; Tree Mortality Task Force)</i></li> <li>• <i>What role should the SNFCI Council play in the WIP moving forward?</i></li> </ul>
2:00	<p><b>Other Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Fork American River Large Landscape Project -- Genny</li> <li>• FCAT Forest Carbon White Paper – Jim</li> <li>• SPI/FS/ CalFire Meeting Update -- Jim</li> <li>• Council Member Updates - All</li> </ul> <p><i>Objective: To discuss and provide feedback on the Forest Carbon Action Team’s white paper; and to provide updates to Council members regarding the progress of relevant projects.</i></p>
2:20	<p><b>Next Steps – Mandy/All</b></p>



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2:30	<p><b>Proposed meeting dates: April 20, 2016; July 20, 2016; October 19, 2016; January 18, 2017</b></p> <p><b>Adjourn</b></p>

### Meeting Ground Rules

- **Electronic courtesy.** We ask for your attention during the full meeting. Please turn cell phones, or any other communication item with an on/off switch to “silent.” If you do not believe you will be able to participate fully, please talk to your facilitator.
- **Be comfortable.** Please help yourself to refreshments or take personal breaks.
- **Humor is welcome** and important, but humor should never be at someone else's expense.
- **Stay focused on the charge and deliverables.** There are many related topics that people care about. The group cannot address all of these. The facilitator will help the group stay focused.
- **Use common conversational courtesy.** Don't interrupt others. Avoid side conversations.
- **Treat each other with respect.** People are passionate about these issues and in many cases have invested their careers in this work. People offer their time, expertise, insight, and resources in these discussions. Please respect the work that people do to advance the conversation and create common ground.
- **All ideas and points have value.** You may hear something you do not agree with. You are not required to defend or promote your perspective, but are asked to share it. All ideas have value in this setting. If you believe another approach is better, offer it as a constructive alternative.
- **Avoid editorials.** Please avoid ascribing motives to or judging the actions of others. Please speak about your experiences, concerns, and suggestions.
- **Honor time.** In order to achieve meeting objectives it will be important to follow the time guidelines provided by the facilitator.