



MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM QUARTERLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

Date of meeting: Friday, September 26, 2014, 9:30 a.m.

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ATTENDEES

Gali Beh (Beh Management Consulting), Carol Ekarius (Coalition for the Upper South Platte); Ron Archuleta (USFS); Terra Lenihan (Beh Management Consulting); Greg Aplet (TWS); RC Smith (El Paso County); Erin Connelly (USFS); Chuck Dennis (West Range Reclamation)

AGENDA:

1. The group did introductions and ice breakers, and welcomed Chuck as the newest member on the Executive Team, representing the forest products industry.
2. Updates on Working Teams:
 - a. Gali gave an update on working teams. There is a new team assembling, which is currently called the Recommendations Refresh team. The Roundtable approved this new team at the last quarterly meeting. There is also interest in reforming the biomass utilization team. Mike Eckhoff mentioned at the quarterly meeting that he could lead this.
 - b. Gali asked the Executive Team to consider how we support teams. Both Gali and Terra support the LR team currently, and Terra supports the Wildlife team. The team discussed how resources are used. Gali clarified that not much more fundraising would be necessary to provide this support. Greg asked if we need to reassess our whole structure; other CFLRs are more self-led. We have always had leadership on the LR team. Erin mentioned that more established teams may be able to take on self-leadership, but newer teams may need more facilitation. Greg asked if they could do with less facilitation but more coordination; coordinating the meetings and getting meeting space, but not attending meetings; would need someone to record action items. RC suggested a different look at it; look at the history of those teams that have had facilitation versus those that haven't. Greg brought up that we wouldn't have hit our marks without support, but how deep does engagement need to be? Gali reminded the group that the Community Protection team has never needed support and Megan is doing a great job. But they are not an end-product type of team. It's more of an information exchange. We should get



Paige's input as far as the new Recommendations Refresh team needs. Gali gave the group four possible support options. (1) We provide no support, like the current Community Protection team. (2) We provide meeting coordination, but we don't attend and facilitate. (3) We provide partial facilitation, such as Terra and the Wildlife team. (4) We provide full facilitation like we do with the LR team. Erin proposed that we provide level 2 support for the BUSS team, but we may want to ask Mike first what he needs. Terra will check in with Mike Eckhoff on what he needs. Greg suggested we expect more from the LR team in terms of self-governance. They need meeting coordination but maybe a co-chair or a couple of leaders could take over the responsibility for agenda and leading? Chuck agreed. Greg will take that case to the LR team for more discussion. Terra will add that to an LR team meeting agenda. Terra will also ask the Wildlife team what their needs are. For the Executive Team, it was agreed that the need is for full facilitation, as that makes all the Executive team members "equals" in decision making, etc. It was also agreed that full facilitation needs to be kept for the Roundtable meetings. In general Erin suggested we ask teams what their needs are, and if it's within our means, we offer that support, then we can decrease over time if it's appropriate.

3. National Indicators – We are required to submit results on National Indicators every five years for CFLR. A small group is working on our submission. We are submitting to the region on 11/7. The LR team is hosting a special virtual meeting at the end of October or early November, and will invite the Roundtable to give a chance to see what is being submitted. Gali explained that there are four questions being asked. Greg explained that all CFLRPs will be different. Terra sent an invite to the small group that we really need on this call and once we get a date scheduled with them we will send the invite to the broader group.
4. November 14 Quarterly Meeting Agenda Items – the group discussed the agenda for the 11/14 meeting. Terra will look into a location in the Denver area.
 - a. Mastication panel - Brett Wolk requested 2 hours and will lead the discussion and introduce the speakers. He's already confirmed the speakers. Erin asked if this would be more information sharing, or would we be trying to drive some decision or recommendation? Would we be hearing just their research? Carol would like to hear their opinions. Greg suggested we set it up as a panel discussion, giving them each 5 minutes to introduce their research. Terra will ask the panel members for their research ahead of time as pre-reads. We will ask Brett to facilitate. Terra will talk to him about it.
 - b. National Indicators – provide overview of what was submitted. Need to notify the small group of need for pre-reads for National Indicator submission, and provide Roundtable with pre-read on decision.



- c. Ecological Monitoring/CSE/Socio-Economic/Spatial Heterogeneity reports – save for Q1-15 meeting.
 - d. Recommendations Refresh – Group should organize before the Roundtable meeting and at the meeting tell the Roundtable their plan. Greg suggested it be an early scoping discussion with public participation.
 - e. Legislative news – The group discussed asking Jeannie Nicholson to come discuss legislative issues and the current matters of the Wildfire Review Committee. Sallie was at their last meeting. Carol said there was nothing at the last meeting about renewing the DNR grant. RC discussed restoration shifting from emergency post-incident/recovery to mitigation work pre-incident. He asked if we want to help guide the legislators. Gali or Paige to invite Jeannie to lead this discussion. The team would like her to discuss what she expects to see in legislature, and what input from the Roundtable they might value to get bills on the floor.
5. Letter of Support to communities – as discussed at the last Executive Team meeting, the team reviewed the letter and form that Terra drafted. Gali suggested adding our map. There was further discussion on if several communities are competing for the same grant money. Chuck suggested we draft a letter to the grantors with our support of such communities that align with our vision/goals. Greg agreed. Carol summarized that we would send a letter to those few agencies that issue these grants. Greg suggested we do it when communities ask for our support. Carol brought up some other types of letters are still appropriate for us to send, like when Jenny asked for a letter to the Joint Science Committee. Terra will draft a letter to the grantors. Chuck thinks over time that will encourage the granting agencies to align with our recommendations.
 6. Issues – Any other issues we want to raise at our October meeting? Greg thinks we still have issues over our adaptive management process and how we govern ourselves. Could be resolved at LR meeting and bring recommendations back to the Roundtable. He pointed out that the adaptive management process has just been used in relation to CFLRP, and there are still some unknowns to be flushed out. Carol suggested letting the LR team have that discussion and then come back with recommendations. Terra will add to the November LR team meeting agenda – how to apply AM to non-CFLRP work, and add a standing discussion on current issues to the Executive Team agendas. Terra to ask Paige and Megan about open action items from the Community Protection team meeting. Specifically Jeannie Nicholson.
 7. Action items – Gali reviewed open action items. RFP plan for contractor – Megan and Carol are working on it.



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8. Fundraising – Greeley donating this year. Thanks Carol.
 9. Calendar – Special meeting for National Indicators TBD. Need to plan date for fourth quarter Executive Team meeting. Terra will check with rest of the team. Greg and Carol have a CUSP board meeting 1-:30-12 on 12/5 but Chuck and RC could make that day. On 12/12 Erin and Carol are unavailable, but Chuck and RC could make a meeting. Terra to CCCJ calendar. Roundtable meeting on 11/4 – all available (Erin, Chuck, Greg, Carol, RC, Gali and Terra).
 10. Meeting adjourned.