



Sierra Institute

for Community and Environment



Sierra to California All-Lands Enhancement Meeting

Capitol Event Center, 1020 11th Street, Sacramento, CA

November 5th and 6th, 2019

Day 1

- 9:00 to 9:30** **Introduction: Jonathan Kusel, Sierra Institute Executive Director; and Kyle Rodgers, Collaborative Forestry Program Manager**
- 9:30 to 10:00** **Introductory Speaker: Jessica Morse, California Natural Resource Agency Deputy Secretary of Forest Resource Management**
- 10:00 to 10:45** **Collaborative Updates**
Hear updates from collaborative group members on key events, successes, and challenges from the past year; and what they have learned over the past 3-5 years of collaboration. Groups may include Butte County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Workgroup, Western Klamath Restoration Partnership, Dinkey Creek Collaborative, and Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions.
- 10:45 to 11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:00 to 12:15** **Collaborative Approaches to Large Landscapes**
Steve Buckley (SLWG), John Amodio (YSS), Jodie Pixley (WKRP), Todd Sloat (BHCCFWG)
A panel of representatives from several collaborative groups will share the mechanisms they are using to work at a landscape-scale, from strategic planning and project prioritization, to different approaches to NEPA, to implementation.
- 12:15 to 1:15** **LUNCH** (*provided*)
- 1:15 to 2:15** **Condition-Based NEPA: Lessons and Possibilities**
Laura Hierholzer (USFS R5), Steve Wilensky (CHIPS), David Edelson (TNC)
A panel discussion to include an introduction to what a “condition-based approach” is, what didn’t work in the Moving Toward Resiliency within the Mokelumne to Kings Landscape (MOTOR M2K) planning effort and what is needed for condition-based NEPA to work. The Nature Conservancy will follow with possibilities for using condition-based NEPA in the future.
- 2:15 to 3:00** **The Science Behind Forest Restoration: Prof. Scott Stephens, Center for Fire Research and Outreach, University of California Berkeley**
- 3:00 to 3:15** **BREAK**
- 3:15 to 4:30** **Breakout Sessions: Getting to Landscape-Scale through NEPA**
Kyle Rodgers (Sierra Institute)
Small group discussions about different approaches to NEPA and moving toward landscape-scale restoration.
- 4:30 to 5:00** **Reflection Speakers: Jennifer Montgomery, Forest Management Task Force Director; and Jim Mayer, California Forward Senior Fellow and President Emeritus**

Social Hour at Empress Tavern, 1013 K Street, Sacramento



Day 2

8:30 to 8:45

Recap of Day 1

8:45 to 9:15

Introductory Speaker: Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy Executive Officer (retired)

9:15 to 10:00

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10:00 to 12:00

Stewardship Authority: Master Stewardship Agreements

Kevin Vella (NWTF)

An introduction from National Wild Turkey Federation about their experience on the Eldorado NF, followed by small-group discussion of the barriers to implementation and how to address those barriers.

12:00 to 1:00

Lunchtime Speaker: Bill Craven, Chief Consultant, CA Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water

Lunch provided

1:00 to 2:15

A. State Programs for Supporting Landscape Restoration

Lisa Worthington (CalTrans), Angie Avery (SNC), Angie Lottes (CalFire)

A panel of representatives from state agencies, including CalTrans, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, CalFire. Hear about the approaches state agencies are taking to support and implement landscape-scale restoration work, and what is needed.

B. Support for Collaborative Restoration: Challenges to Integrating Funding

Collaborative group members will discuss gaps and challenges in funding collaborative activities, what is preventing groups from getting to landscape-scale, and how the state could address these challenges.

2:15 to 3:00

Agency Reflection on Effective Engagement with Collaboratives

David Bunn (DOC), Matthew Reischman (CalFire), Chris Fischer (USFS R5)

A panel of representatives from state agencies will reflect on issues raised throughout the meeting, followed by a facilitated discussion.

3:00 to 3:30

Evaluation, Next Steps, and Closing: Jonathan Kusel, Sierra Institute Executive Director