

MINUTES
SOQUEL DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST (SDSF)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 2, 2012

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Donna Bradford	Santa Cruz County
Patty Ciesla	Stewards of Soquel Forest
Eric Huff	Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Tim Hyland	California Department of Parks and Recreation
Terris Kasteen	California Department of Fish and Game
Patricia Marland	Neighborhood Representative
Larry Serpa	The Nature Conservancy
Steve Staub	Registered Professional Forester
Thomas Sutfin	Ex Officio Technical Advisor to Advisory Committee

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT

Steve Butler Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County

GUESTS

No Guests Present

STAFF

Angela Bernheisel Forest Manager of SDSF
Jill Butler CAL FIRE

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Steve Staub, Chairman of the SDSF Advisory Committee.

2. REVIEW AGENDA AND DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS.

There are no Ex Parte Communications. The Agenda was reviewed.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2011.

The minutes were approved as amended.

4. RECEIVE DRAFT OF UPDATED GENERAL FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (GFMP).

The Advisory Committee received a draft of the GFMP up to and including Watershed Assessment Chapter Seven.

5. CAL FIRE TO PRESENT KEY UP-DATES AND RESPONSES TO SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON GFMP.

Angela Bernheisel went over the draft and asked the Advisory Committee to provide feedback. Some key changes discussed included maps, discussion of zoning, Noren property is section, new information in the Biota Chapter, new information in the Fisheries Chapter, and information about the Large Woody Debris project. Angela asked the Advisory Committee review the tables and graphs for readability.

Subsequent Chapters will also be submitted to the Advisory Committee in hard copies.

6. DISCUSS PROCESS MOVING FORWARD FOR REVIEW OF GFMP AND FEED-BACK TO CAL FIRE.

The committee will review the draft of the GFMP up to and including Watershed Assessment. Advisory Committee comments are due by Friday, May 4. The Advisory Committee will meet again on Monday, June 18.

7. UPDATE ON STATUS OF RIM THP, FERN GULCH THP AND LARGE WOODY DEBRIS PROJECT.

Big Creek Lumber Company won the high bid on the Fern Gulch THP with the high bid of \$346 per 1,000 board feet for approximately \$860,000 revenue to the FRIF fund. This harvest will be completed in one year. There will be public tours including horse logging.

The Rim THP will be finishing up as soon as the weather permits. They will be cleaning up and re-opening areas for public use probably by July.

The Large Woody Debris Contract will go to bid the end of April or the beginning of May. This Contract will include four sites on the creek to provide improved habitat for fish. As part of this Contract, stream base road failures will be repaired. All of this work needs to happen between August 15 and October 15. Funding for this project comes from a grant from the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District and the rest from FRIF out of Sacramento. The materials come from the Fern Gulch Timber sale.

The major amendment to the Fern Gulch THP was to change the Fern Gulch road from a permanent road to a temporary road.

8. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

9. REVIEW DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be Monday, June 18, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Steve Staub adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.