



**Sierra Nevada Forest and Community Initiative
Regional Coordinating Council Agenda
July 24, 2013 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Chester Community Center
450 Meadowbrook Lane
Chester, CA 96020**

Action Items from the July 24, 2013 SNFCI Regional Coordinating Council Meeting:

- 1) The National Forest Service requested that SNFCI Council members visit the link to the Implementation Plan and provide feedback and comments. The link to this is: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/r5/>
- 2) Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Staff will distribute the Sierra Cascade All Lands Enhancement (SCALE) Objectives and Action Items to the SNFCI Regional Coordinating Council. The Council will continue to track and support the SCALE effort in a general way, more specifically if obstacles or issues the Council may be able to address are identified as the effort moves forward.
- 3) The SNFCI Coordinating Council will help identify key obstacles the Forest Service is facing in regard to increasing pace and scale of restoration, specifically in the areas of inefficiencies in structure and processes, as well as underutilized tools. Council members will submit ideas focused on the issues where the Council can make a difference. These items will be consolidated into one list which will be used to identify key staff and actions necessary to overcome these barriers. A list of all submissions by the Council will be compiled by SNC Staff and finalized by September 3, 2013. The final list will be sent to Bernie Gyant who will provide US Forest Service contacts working with these issues. The list, or a subset of the list will be discussed at the October 23 SNFCI Council meeting.
- 4) A subcommittee of Council Members (Steve Brink, Craig Thomas, and Bill Wickman) will work together to develop a plan to explore steep slope management issues on USFS lands. The group will work with Bill Stewart and others to gather existing information and research relating to this issue. Bernie Gyant suggested the following contacts at the USFS to assist in this process:

Jeff TenPas, Regional Soil Scientist
Barry Hill, Regional Hydrologist
Deb Whitman, Director, Ecosystem Management
Mary Beth Hennessy, Acting Director, Ecosystem Planning

SNC Staff will assist with the scheduling for this initial meeting, in which this subcommittee will convene to develop an action plan.

The next SNFCI Council meeting will be on October 23 at the Ridge in Auburn.