

2024 Forest Stewardship and Landowner Assistance Committee Annual Meeting

June 4 - 6, 2024 | Lake Natoma Inn | Folsom, CA

Attendees: Forest Stewardship and Landowner Assistance Committee members and partners

Attire: Business casual for the meeting and field clothes for the field tour

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 Lake Natoma Inn	
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Meeting Welcome and Agenda Overview Stewart McMorrow (Chair, CA) California Forestry Overview Peter Leuzinger (Deputy Chief Forestry Assistance, California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE))
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Land Recognition Speaker: Pam Cubbler (Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman, Colfax Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe)
9:15 - 9:35 a.m.	California State Forester Welcome and Host State Information Joe Tyler (Director, CAL FIRE)
9:35 - 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	Message from CWSF and State Forester Advisor Neil Simpson (CWSF), and Kelly Norris (State Forester Advisor, WY)
10:15 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Session 1: Who are we? Introductions From All Attendees Round Robin Reports From Each State Overview of forest landownership patterns in your state Overview of each state's program, such as what are you responsible for, department structure and staff size, budget amounts and sources Contract workforce for commercial and non-commercial work Forest products industry overview Issues impacting your program and the landowners your program serves
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)



1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Session 2: Obstacles and Challenges Break Out Sessions We will break out into three to four small groups to discuss and report out on ways the committee can engage on the topic.
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Updates and Overview James Wright (NASF) IRA Funding Provisions 1 and 4 Briefing Aaron Lumley (USDA Forest Service)
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	Wrap-up and Field Tour Logistics Stewart McMorrow (Chair, CA)

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 Field Tour	
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Meet and depart for Field Tour Location: Lake Natoma Inn
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Field Tour Stop #1 Location: Icehouse Road Mark Egbert (Director of the El Dorado Resource Conservation District) The King Fire project is just up the road, and we can see what the landscape looks like several years after the CAL FIRE-supported restoration/ reforestation efforts. We have "lessons learned" that we have applied from our work on the King Fire to our efforts on the Caldor Fire.
11:30 a.m 12:15 p.m.	Field Tour Stop #2 Location: Sly Park Megan Scheeline (Unit Forester, CAL FIRE Amador-El Dorado Unit) Sly Park Vegetation Management Plan near Jenkinson Lake in Pollock Pines, where CAL FIRE's Amador El Dorado Unit has been working with the Resource Conservation District for many years. Activities include hand crew work, mastication, chipping, pile burning, and understory broadcast burning.
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Location: Sly Park



	Sack lunches will be provided. We will have a lakeside lunch spot with a trail and time to explore on your own and stretch your legs
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Field Tour Stop #3 Location: Mormon Emigrant Trail From Sly Park, the tour will take a short drive up Mormon Emigrant Trail to see the aftermath of the Caldor Fire and look at some post-fire site prep work that Sierra Pacific Industries is doing through a CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant.
4:30 p.m.	Arrival in Folsom and end of the tour

Thursday, June 6, 2024 Lake Natoma Inn	
8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Agenda Overview Stewart McMorrow (Chair, CA)
8:45 - 9:30 a.m.	 Partner Spotlights American Forests Shelley Villalobos (Manager, California Reforestation Pipeline Partnership) California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) Sophia Lemmo (Program Director, Forestry and Fire, CARCD) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Chris Zimny (California State Forester, NRCS)
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 - 11:30 a.m.	USDA Forest Service Update with a focus on IRA Funding Opportunities Dana Walsh (USDA Forest Service)
11:30 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Roundtable Conversation to capture action items Neil Simpson (CWSF)
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Closeout Stewart McMorrow (Chair, CA) and Jonathan Sloan (Vice-Chair, WY)