

Southern California Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
Conference Call/Planning Meeting
August 25, 2004

Minutes

In Attendance: Cowie, Dicus, Hanna, Koepp, Lopez, Piirto (Chair), Todd (7)

Meeting called to order at 1405 hours.

Items for discussion today:

- Fall Meeting
- Deadlines for *The Sundial*
- Next Executive Conference Call

Fall Meeting Planning:

Proposed meeting title is still: "Emerging Technology for Natural Resources Managers" sponsored by the SoCal SAF and hosted by ESRI.

J and I are going to meet with Kevin Dougherty at ESRI on Friday, August 27. J. has also met with Ross Johnson who specializes in forestry products. He will assist with providing the appropriate speakers from ESRI.

We will check to see if lunch is available at ESRI or if we need to bring it in. We will work with Tamara regarding providing morning snacks/coffee.

We will plan for dinner at Pomona Valley Mining Company and provide a list of hotels in the area.

Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens is still scheduled for Saturday. J. and I will look at that site on Friday.

***The Sundial* – Deadlines and other important dates**

September 1: deadline for submissions to the *Sundial*

September 15: publishing date for the *Sundial*

October 8: registration deadline for the Fall Meeting

October 22-23: Fall Meeting

Items to be included in *The Sundial* – please e-mail to J. Lopez at your earliest convenience

- Chair's Comments, Doug Piirto
- Article featuring Fritz Koepp, Tamara Hanna
- Spring Meeting Review, Craig Cowie
- Policy Update, Fritz Koepp
- Fall Meeting Announcement and Registration Flyer, John Todd and J. Lopez
- SAF National Convention, J. Lopez
- Brief acknowledgement of the members who have been a member of SAF for 50 years, 40 years, 30 years, 25 years, John Todd

Forest Plan Update

We briefly discussed our comments that were submitted regarding the National Forest Plan for the four SoCal forests. There was some concern that our comments would not be considered because they were a little late. Craig asked to receive a copy of SoCal SAF's comments; he said he will be able to ensure that it is properly received.

The initial preference for the forests was alternative #4 for three forests and alternative #2 for the Cleveland. Now the consideration is for developing a new alternative (#7) that will be a combination of alternatives #2 and #4 and prescribing this alternative for all four forests.

J. Lopez commented that the Sierra Club has attended several of the open forums hosted by the USFS. The Sierra Club prefers alternative #6, which would turn a large portion of the ANF in a wilderness area.

Fritz met John Melvin (CDF-Riverside) at the Urban Forests Ecosystem Institute (Road Show) at the Arboretum. Mr. Melvin advocated greater SAF involvement in the field of Urban Forestry. Fritz asked Mr. Melvin if he would like take a leadership role with SoCal SAF and serve as the Urban Forestry representative. Brief discussion ensued regarding Mr. Melvin joining the EC as the Urban Forestry Chair. Fritz will follow up with Mr. Melvin.

J. Lopez/John Todd Planning Meeting/Field Trip on Friday, August 27

On Friday, August 27 J. and I traveled to Redlands and visited with Kevin Dougherty at ESRI. We visited the Pomona Valley Mining Company and met with a banquet coordinator, and we went to Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and met with Director of Education, Lorrae Fuentes.

ESRI

At ESRI we met with Kevin Daugherty, Cadastral/Land Records Solutions Manager, to discuss holding the meeting at their facility. Kevin stated that ESRI would be happy to host the meeting and that he did not have a problem with other technology vendors sharing their products with our audience. We toured their meeting facilities, the MAST room, the wildland fire 'War Room,' the meeting room, and the cafeteria. The room we will be meeting in has a PowerPoint projector and screen but we will need to provide our own laptop.

Kevin stated that as we develop our agenda and we fill in our day with speakers that we should let him know how much time we want ESRI to speak and what topics they should cover. ESRI can provide morning coffee and pastries. After a morning session we will be able to have lunch in their cafeteria. A full menu is available, providing everything from salad to burgers to pasta. Early in the afternoon, we will take a walking tour of the ESRI facilities. Late in the afternoon, after we have heard from our featured speakers, we will allow our technology vendors to each do a short show and tell where they will be able to share their products. We will need to let Kevin know how many people we expect to attend thirty days prior to the event. Kevin will also print up signs to direct our attendees to the meeting once they arrive. We will need to provide a file of our SAF logo for the signs.

Our agenda for Friday, October 22, 2004 looks like this:

9:30 -10	Registration, Coffee and Donuts
10-10:15	Introductions
10:15 -12	Morning Session
12-1	Lunch
1-3	Afternoon Session 1
3 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 5	Afternoon Session 2/Technology Fair

Speakers that we have been lined up or are proposed include:

- An overview of their operation and product presentations by ESRI
- A presentation on the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST)
- BLM Fire Manager Tom Patterson on the Wildland Fire War Room
- A product presentation on *CityGreen*
- FireMapper* presented by Dr. Phillip Riggan
- Laser Technologies* products by Joe Cronn
- New GPS Technology: *Magellan (Thales) and/or Trimble*
- Fireball* – IR Mapping

Pomona Valley Mining Company

After our day at ESRI we will travel to the Pomona/Claremont area and dinner will be held at the Pomona Valley Mining Company in Pomona. A list of hotels in the immediate area will be provided for attendees to choose from. Depending on the number of people in attendance we will either need to make reservations or, if we have more than 30 people, we will need to reserve a banquet room. With a banquet we would need to have a set menu and pay up front. If we eat in the restaurant, we will be able to order from the menu. We will need to decide which direction we are going to go before we decide on the cost of the meeting.

For more information on the historic *Pomona Valley Mining Company* go to <http://www.pomonavalleyminingco.com/>

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

On Saturday morning we will convene at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden at 8:30 am. A large group is already scheduled to visit the Botanic Garden at 9 am on the same morning so that is why we will need to get there early. The Botanic Gardens will provide coffee, juice and pastries. The normal cost to enter the garden is \$8 but they are going allow our group to enter for \$4 per person. A representative from the garden will greet us and take us inside for a brief overview of the garden and its history. Then we will be led on a 90 minute tour. Attendees will be able to tour the garden and the gift shop at their leisure after the tour. There is also a community fair going on in Claremont on the same day that we will publicize and the group can attend if they would like.

Issues that still need to be decided include the cost of the meeting and if our insurance premium will need to be paid (if it was not already paid for 2004).

Upcoming Conference Calls/Meetings

We would like to have a sit down Executive Conference at the end of 2004 or the beginning of 2005 to plan for next year

Next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2004 at 1400 hours. Fritz will coordinate setting up the Conference Call with Craig Cowie.

Meeting adjourned at 1505 hours.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Todd
Secretary, Southern California SAF

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