

SUFC Policy Workgroup Call Notes

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Apologies for the mix-up on conference call numbers. For future reference, 1-866-740-1260 Passcode: 6850829 # is our number for the foreseeable future.

1. Community Parks Revitalization Act Next Steps

- Kevin is still in the process of bolstering the list of Congressional co-sponsors for the act and doing outreach to get as many bipartisan sponsors as possible.
- The main change to the bill has been that any financial numbers associated with the bill have been removed and the act uses an innovative financing model. This act will include grants and loans. Please see the links sent out a few weeks ago and again here for more information:
 - Here is an [ASLA Summary](#) of the Park Bill along with a [statement](#) from ASLA/NRPA on introduction.
- We will be circulating an endorsement email for the full coalition later this summer to get SUFC support on it.

ACTION ITEM: Please continue to do outreach for this act.

ACTION ITEM: Jennifer will solicit full coalition for support later this summer.

2. TREES Act Next Steps

- Becky has been working with the California ACTrees members to reach out to Boxer's Sacramento office. She is waiting to hear back from Boxer's DC office in order to get in a meeting with them before July 4 recess. UPDATE: Meeting held July 1.
- Immigration was just voted on yesterday, so the energy efficiency bill is expected to come to the floor soon.
- We are waiting for sign on from members in order to get the ¾ for the thank you letter to be sent out. If ¾ is not achieved, then a thank you letter with those organizations that have signed on will be sent out by COB July 3.

ACTION ITEM: Becky and Jen will send out the thank you letter by COB Wed July 3.

3. Fly-in Subcommittee Update

- Danielle has not heard any more interest yet for the subcommittee. One more request went out to solicit volunteers, and then will move forward with those already expressing interest.
- We are working with TCIA providing them info for their fly-in on the TREES Act, Community Parks, and reminding them of our appropriations priorities.

ACTION ITEM: Danielle is going to send out a reminder to the whole group to see if anyone is interested in joining the subcommittee.

4. President Obama's Climate Action Plan

- Given the emphasis the President's Climate Plan puts on forests, we have an opportunity to position urban forests as playing a role in mitigation, and the need for adaptation.
- At the Michael Reins meeting in July, those attending will seek his input on how he sees urban forests role in the Climate Action Plan. This could be used as a point of information and get a sense of other programs fitting into the plan.

ACTION ITEM: Faith will send around a link for an air pollution and urban forestry webinar.

ACTION ITEM: Becky will reach out to Keith and Alice on their perspectives of urban forests in the Climate Action Plan.