

SUFC Policy Workgroup Call Notes

7/12/13 (2pm)

Participating: Rebecca Turner, Maki Tazawa, Danielle Dills, Danielle Watson, Nick Tobenkin, Rebecca Arvin, Gerry Gray, Jen Hinrichs, Kevin O'Hara, Jake Donnay, Piper Milna, Cara Boucher, John Barnwell, Chuck Mills, Leland Milstein

1. TREES Act Update (Becky, Leland, Danielle)

- Becky, Leland and Danielle met with Boxer's office and Matsui's office in the past couple weeks.
- We have been looking into adding the act as an amendment into the energy efficiency bill in the House (HR 1616). Matsui's legislative aid (Jill) agreed that this was the best way for the act to move forward. Jill is going to contact Boxer's aid (Kyle) in how this will proceed. If the act is in one version of the energy efficiency bill, then there is a possibility for it to go through during conference of the House and Senate versions.
- If this act is not added to HR 1616, then there may be other venues for this act to continue.

ACTION ITEM: Becky, Leland, Danielle are going to follow up with both Boxer and Matsui's offices to see what our next steps can be (advocacy, getting cosponsors, etc.).

2. Administration's Climate Action Plan engagement with Forest Climate Working Group (Jake, Becky)

- FCWG recently had a meeting to discuss climate change and their recommendations for the Administration's Climate Action Plan. The group is going to begin to consider urban forestry more in the future. There is a willingness from the group to review recommendations from SUFC in their counsel to the administration.
- Because of the quick turnaround for this, we will put together a review by reframing some of our previous work.

ACTION ITEM: Becky, Gerry, and Danielle will establish the review and have something prepared in order for us to meet with the FCWG in mid-August.

3. Next Steps for SUFC Endorsement of Community Parks Act (Kevin)

- The workgroup needs to agree that we put the proposal out to the full coalition for it to be signed on to.

ACTION ITEM: Jen is going to send out...

4. Update from Advocacy Day Subcommittee (Danielle)

- Individuals have signed on to be part of the subcommittee and it is moving forward.

ACTION ITEM: Danielle is going to set up a meeting and the first call for the subcommittee this week.

5. Other

- Gerry announced his new consultant role at ACTrees.
- Jake announced his acceptance to join the legislative affairs unit of the Forest Service at the end of the month.
- TREES Act leave-behind nearing completion and will be circulated via email once finalized.

ACTION ITEM: Please send Jennifer an email about whether or not you are able to endorse the Research priorities platform.