

**SUFC Steering Call
May 28, 2014**

Participating: Dan Lambe, Carrie Gallagher, Don Winsett, Anne Buckelew, Becky Turner, Steve Sinclair, Mark Garvin, Jen Hinrichs, Beth Larry and Linda Wang

SUFC Activity Recap:

- SUFC Governance document is being circulated and has received 3/4ths required endorsement.
- Julia Anastasio has left APWA and joined Assoc of Clean Water Agencies as their ED/Gen'l Counsel. Don and Jen are working build other relationships with APWA leadership but Julia indicated there was minimal interest.



- SUFC Strategic Outreach: Dan, Carrie, Jen and Don met to discuss strategy and focus areas (public health, youth engagement, urban city/county leadership, and energy. Will provide SC updates in August.
- Policy update: Working group is focusing on FY 16 budget (i.e.OMB), continued cultivation of House champions via SUFC members/fly-out strategy and additional key federal/Ag meetings (i.e. Harden).
- SC held discussion on potential role of individual advisors to SUFC. Paul Ries (retired FS/Idaho) was suggested and supported by several SC members. After the call Jan Davis gave “thumbs up” but while the SC supported this ‘nomination’ in concept, they expressed a desire to discuss the role further to determine what we would specifically ask Paul to do in this role and if we needed to add this to the SUFC governance document. TBC.
- Beth Larry, USDA FS, provided a detailed overview of the FS planning @ FS science and information delivery related to urban natural resources stewardship. A key element of the ad hoc committee that is addressing this issue is a website (potentially build upon Trees Are The Key platform). The SC was supportive of the concept (and potential use of the Trees Are the Key website) but relayed the SUFC role should be advisory – not an integral role in building or managing – as the Coalition does have the capacity or funding bandwidth to play a larger role. Ideal role for SUFC is an “amplifier.” Beth will keep SUFC informed of the ad hoc committee’s progress and revisit the use of the SUFC platform in the future.