



## **Urban Forest Project Protocol Revision Process**

Workgroup Meeting 2

Conference Call

July 16, 2013

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (pst)

### **Workgroup Members Present:**

Cindy Blain (Sacramento Tree Foundation), Denise Farrell (Environmental Capital LLC), Russell Hansen (City of San Jose, CA), Tom Hayes (Environmental Conservation Alliance), Robert Hrubes (SCS Global Services), Nancy Hughes (California Urban Forests Council), Greg McPherson (US Forest Service), Mark McPherson (Hillis Clark et al), Brett Milligan (UC Davis), John Nickerson (Climate Action Reserve), Michelle Passero (The Nature Conservancy), Walter Passmore (City of Palo Alto, CA), Emily Russell-Roy (Climate Action Reserve), Misha Sarkovich (Sacramento Municipal Utility District), Andy Trotter (West Coast Arborists), Doug Wickizer (Cal Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection), Katie Hoeberling (UC Davis), John De Goede (UC Davis).

### **Workgroup Members Not Present:**

Francisco Escobedo (University of Florida), Jeremy Williams (ArborVitae Environmental Services).

### **Observers Present:**

Morgan Hagerty (CE2 Capital), Joe Liszewski (California ReLeaf).

### **Other Participants Present:**

Elizabeth Skrzat, Mary Klaas Schultz, Terrance Anthony, Laura Ratcliffe, Lisa Shibata, Philippe Visintainer, John Wunderlin, Jqbal Javed, Meghan Shearer, Melissa Tso.

### **Meeting Notes**

1. Workgroup members went around and introduced themselves.
2. John Nickerson presented a summary of the first meeting with the quantification team held on June 17, 2013. Discussion included a desire to develop a 'wall to wall' accounting of forest carbon within urban boundaries using a canopy level assessment (e.g., remote sensing supported with ground-based inventory).

3. Discussion of proposed team members, assignments, tasks, and timeline for deliverables.
  - a. 3 teams with assigned issues to work on—decided to focus on two approaches concurrently across the teams: 1) revisions to existing protocol focused on tree planting activities, and 2) new approach based on a canopy-level assessment of carbon stocks.
  - b. Google Docs to share documents—can be uploaded and edited by anyone in the workgroup.
  - c. Informal notes to be written up and shared among teams; opportunity to come together periodically as a full workgroup to share progress; John and Emily to serve as bridge between teams as well.
  - d. Key discussions points included:
    - i. Moving away from tree sites as metric towards more sampling or plot-based approach
    - ii. Making the existing protocol more efficient and cost-effective—small team is going to take the lead on proposing areas within existing protocol to focus on for revision.
    - iii. Allowing more flexibility, more options for meeting requirements (e.g. let project developers choose between tree site-based approached or canopy-level approach).
    - iv. Expanding eligibility to include a larger area, more trees within scope of a project
    - v. Postponing the focus on aggregation of multiple ownerships until September, after groups have made some progress on issues within context of single entity.
4. Identified times for follow-up workgroup and team calls
  - a. Policy Team I: Wednesday, July 17 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
  - b. Policy Team II: Monday, July 22 (time TBD)
  - c. Quantification: Thursday, July 18 (time TBD)
  - d. Joint Policy II and Quantification: TBD
  - e. Next full workgroup: Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
5. Adjourned

The next full workgroup meeting is a conference call scheduled for **Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm PT.**

The next in-person workgroup meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 3, 2013** at the SMUD offices in Sacramento, CA.