

NFCDC/RR/TSS Meeting

8:30AM PST, Wednesday 3/28/12

Via Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

- Review Agenda - Added
- Minutes from 3/12/12 meeting - No edits or changes
- Action Items From Last Meeting - Most of these were completed - we still have issues about utility company support for the CEC grants. **Dan still has to obtain the information from the EIRs to send to Fred.**
- Timeline/Task List Review - Need to bump the completion date for the Communication Plan back to 4/30. The Business Model is being developed.
- Communication Plan
 - Discuss creating a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the project - There is a gasification association with some good resources: www.gasification.org. Gasification FAQs. **Zach will also send photos and other relevant information about the North Fork facility.**
 - **Also use data and information from <http://gasification.org/>**
 - Create 2-Page FAQ - **Tad will send example** - though note that the technology discussed in the document is not similar. We may need two versions of this - one for groups like the Sierra Club and one for our local population. **The NF CDC Communications committee will put the documents together.**
 - Correcting Misinformation - It is important to correct misinformation. It is particularly important to engage in continuing discussions with the Sierra Club to get their support prior to development.
 - Resources to correct misinformation and address concerns- Zach will supply us with needed information. TSS will look over the documents but can't generate them from scratch.
- Fuel Availability / Suppliers
 - Elissa introduced TSS to a local small logging supplier - Brett Willis. Tad talked to him last week about his interest in supplying material. He is interested. He doesn't have all the equipment right now but would be willing to obtain that if he gets a purchase agreement, which he would need to obtain funding for the equipment.
 - USFS is funding the CFLRA projects, one of which is within the project

area (Dinkey Creek). SCE forest manager Rich Bagley is part of the steering committee for the collaborative and says that they need to send some of their material to be used as biomass. Also, SCE is interested in supplying biomass. The downside is that haul distance is longer than it would be for Brett.

- Between the two suppliers Tad is certain there will be enough fuel for a 1 MW facility. This area (contract for fuel supply) is always a challenge to demonstrate to the financial institutions, but Zach doesn't think it will be impossible to do. Probably the longest agreements that we'll be able to get with the suppliers are 5 years. The small scale of the facility also makes it more feasible to overcome this barrier, even without a long-term fuel supply contract. Another advantage is the large amount of space on site for fuel storage.
- Deal Term Discussion - Matt was looking into the fuel supplies issues, Dan was to look into the lumber recyclers, other uses on the mill site regarding using energy from the facility. **Dan will get power usage data from Crossroads.** There are different schools of thought about what is going to happen to the price for renewables. But serving local users could be an important aspect of the financial feasibility of this project.
- Woody BUG Application - Update:
- CEC grant / utility support - We need utility company support for upcoming grants. **Elissa will bring this up to SNC.**
- North Fork Site Visit - no discussion
- Other Potential Funding - New Markets Tax Credit: Costs in general are: 1/3rd capital, 1/3 fuel and 1/3rd operational. NMTC can give 39% tax write-off of the capital costs. This could reduce the cost to produce power significantly.
- Next Steps / Action Items
- Schedule Next Meeting - Wednesday, 4/18, 8:30 am
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