

**North Fork Bioenergy Project Meeting
February 6, 2013**

Present: Dan, Zach, Tad, Matt, Elissa, Fred (integrating phone call with Greg afterwards)

Action Items in Red.

1. Discussion of funding for fees. At this point we are hoping to get an augmentation of the SNC grant of \$4,700 (they can't go above \$5,000) for the CUP/CEQA/permitting fees, as well as possibly an additional \$4,999 specifically for the PG&E SIS fees. The YS RC&D has sufficient discretionary funds to cover the remaining fees needed for permitting. If this funding all comes through, this would mean that all fees at this point would be covered except for \$5,800 for the SIS, which would need to be covered by the development team. If the team doesn't decide to move forward with the NCCLF contract, or if Greg can get those fees waived, the \$5,000 that was going for that could be used for the SIS. Otherwise, the development team will need to raise additional initial capital funds.

Elissa and Steve will follow up with SNC about the funding.

2. Financial/Legal issues

a. Formation of LLC – Dan, Zach and Greg will set up a date to meet and discuss this in the next couple weeks.

b. Discussion with NCCLF –Greg talked to Shobna at the NCCLF. They hope to be able to deliver both the debt and the equity financing at the same time. His impression is that they are not familiar with energy financing, but want to break into it. He will meet with them again, including David Wilkerson, who knows more about the New Market Tax Credits. If possible, **Greg is going to try to get them to waive their \$5,000 fee because there is mutual learning taking place.**

c. Crowd-funding for NF – There is agreement that we should look for opportunities for local funding and 'crowd funding', if it can be done legally. **Elissa will look for assistance in doing this.**

3. Update on WBUG and SNC grants

CUP Timing – the team will be ready to submit the application as soon as they have the site plan. They had a conference call yesterday with Rod to go over details and are awaiting Rod's next revisions. **Steve Haze will contact Rod about this.**

SIS Timing—a large part of the application asks for details of equipment. The developers need to decide on that. Greg and Zach need to sit down together and make decisions about the equipment they will use. The application needs to include detailed information (specs) about that equipment. **Greg and Zach will do this – they have to match it to other things at the site.** To move forward with this, it would be helpful if PG&E has any baseline requirements that might drive their decision on the type of generator that is acceptable. Then they can avoid doing this twice. PG&E doesn't have a published list of synchronous generators or any aspects of generators. Greg has contacts with the PG&E GIS staff, Man Hou Jung. Greg and Zach need to start working on this, even though it may be a while before they actually do the application for the SIS.

There was a discussion about whether we should wait on the SIS process until they work out the FIT policy issues so 5 projects (or even 2) are not required to start the auction. Elissa and Tad think that we should move forward. Zach is concerned with the unsettled nature of the policies. The development

team should consider whether or not to invest the funding into the SIS process when things are up in the air.

4. Project workshop

- a. dates – looks like 4/2 is the best
- b. content – invitation to CBD – We want them to see the process, get information about the forests, provide advance input into the CEQA process (possibly). **Elissa will make sure that this is coordinated with Biomass Working Group outreach efforts to environmental organizations.** Workshop will be facilitated by Judie – It is suggested that the presentation address outstanding issues from feedback.

5. Other

Elissa will do Matrix that shows upcoming fees – where the funding will from.

Next meeting - February 20 8:30 – 9:30