



SNAMP 2009 Q2.5 Meeting Notes

September 8, 2009

Participants: UCST – John, Lynn, Ann, Sarah, Doug, Susie
MOUP – Mike, Todd Ferrara, Dave Martin (Dave at end of call)

Summary of Next Steps and Agreements:

1. John will contact Mike by the end of September with Year 3 and Year 4 current budget needs, and the best schedule for receiving the remainder of Yr4 USFS funds.
2. After Sept 18th Science Meeting, Qinghua, Mike, Pat, and John will have a conference call to work out the process of integrating available SNAMP data into USFS databases.
3. Ann will contact Mike and Dave as soon as possible (September 21st or soon after) with the science teams' decision on whether to request a delay in treatments until 2011 in Big Sandy.

1. Status of 2009 (YR3) Budget

a) Update from John Battles

- Received \$600K advance of USFS Yr4 (2010) funds. Part of this money is keeping the Spatial Team operating.
- No word yet from SNC when \$50k that was granted for 2009 will arrive. SNC has been able to pay for work that was invoiced last year.
- John and Michi are working with Frank at DWR to get contracts ready once DWR funds for SNAMP are released. Still no knowledge of when that will happen. Contracts for Water and Spatial will go through an umbrella contract between DWR and UC. Grants will go directly to individual PIs.

b) Update from State Partners (Todd Ferrara, CA Resources Agency)

- No news from SNC; he will check with budget staff on status for SNAMP.
- Todd offers his help to John in case anything comes up when working with DWR that he can help with.

c) Update from Mike Chapel

- Mike – Beth intends to provide remainder of Yr4 funds (~\$1.45 million) to SNAMP. He adds that Beth will be on detail to DC for a 2 month assignment. While she is gone their ability to move any funds quickly may be hampered. He requests that John let him know what UCST's current financial status is and what the best schedule is for providing the remainder of Yr4 funds. Would like this information before setting up a Grants Team meeting.

- John – Will check with Qinghua, Roger, and Martha. Decision to delay treatments may affect Yr4 budget needs.

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2. Fisher at Sugar Pine

Bass Lake Ranger District had requested data from the Fisher Team for the biological evaluation portion of the Sugar Pine Project draft EIS. The Fisher team has given the district information on den site locations and home ranges. Mike and John believe that this issue has been addressed.

3. Providing SNAMP Data for USFS databases

Mike asked for a UCST member contact that could work with Pat Flebbe, a USFS data manager in the Vallejo office, to integrate SNAMP data into USFS data systems.

- UCST has a website (<https://snamp.ucmerced.edu/>) that gives access to the server on which teams archive data. As much as possible is made available to the public and agency members for download. Qinghua Guo (Spatial Team co-PI) manages the SNAMP data server. UCST has a discussion planned on September 18th to review the status of the data server.

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4. Scheduling Treatments to Meet Research Goals

- Mike and Dave Martin have asked the UCST to discuss whether or not to request that treatments in the Water Team's treatment catchment in Sierra National Forest ("Big Sandy") be delayed until all of the Water Teams' equipment can be installed.
- Sarah confirmed that the Water Team is considering a request to delay treatments in Big Sandy until 2011, if the weir and other equipment are not ready before the 2010 snow melt.
- John adds that a postponement increases the risk of wildfire during the project, and could increase the cost of the project, since Owl and Fisher teams continue to collect data during all years of the project.
- The Science Team is scheduled to discuss the Water Team's proposal on September 17-18th.

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5. Timeline updates from districts

Last Chance

- Ann has contacted American River, they are still on track with most recent timeline.
- Mike says they are concerned there will be an appeal.

Sugar Pine

- Dave says they are still on schedule
- Mike says they received substantive comments on draft

John asks if planning rules revision process will affect Last Chance or Sugar Pine. Mike says that it will not affect current projects. He adds that the 9th Circuit Court is scheduled to hear arguments soon regarding a request to halt projects that were planned using the 2004 Record of Decision as guidance.