

Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

September 27th, 2007

USFS Tahoe Basin Management Unit South Lake Tahoe, CA

Attending: Sue Donaldson, UNCE; Jenny Francis, Invasive Weeds Coordinator/TRCD; Nicole Cartwright, Americorps/TRCD; Alyssa Shook, Americorps/TRCD; Nancy Lozano, CA State Parks; Rita Whitney, TRPA; Jason Brand, NTCD; Jane Schmidt, NRCS; Keith Kohler, Placer County Ag Dept.; Valerie Van Way, CA State Lands Commission; Wendy West, UCCE; Cecilia Reed, USFS-LTBMU, NV rep and Ca. rep; Robert Cummings, CTC; MJ Cross, Incline Village Volunteer/Master Gardener; Analiese Miller, UNCE; Larry Hughes, Douglas County rep.; LeeAnne Mila, El Dorado County Ag.

Next Meeting

December 6th, 2007

10am-1pm LTBWCG

2pm-5pm AIS working group

1. Introductions –Round robin

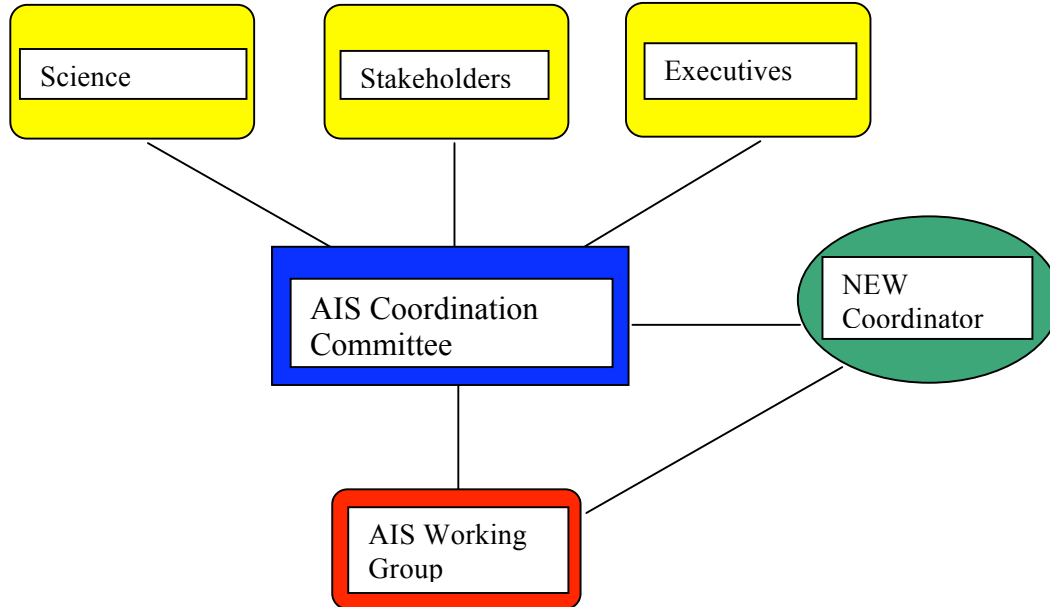
2. Group Leadership-

- Sue Donaldson will be stepping down as chair for the group due to a new national nomination. Wendy West will step up as new chair, taking responsibility for group coordination and facilitation. Sue will still be involved in the group as a partner agency.
- Group believes that we have all the on-the-ground organizations but we need to connect with more executive levels in the Basin, like the Tahoe Yellow Cress Group. Executives in groups/agencies like CTC, FS, TRPA, Cal Fish and Game, etc. Jenny says that the AIS working group is starting to do that. We don't want to carry a perception of "everything is good!" because we might lose funding and interest from community.

ACTIONS: Wendy will plan Annual Report Presentations with Executives for 2007 reports. Jenny will cc Zach Hymnason's (Tahoe Science Consortium) letter to LTBWCG members.

3. AIS update-

- U.S. Army Corps grant of 1.3 million is getting signed on Tuesday. Grant will be issued through CTC and Army Corps. The AIS Integrated Management Plan will be written soon by new coordinator (see diagram below). TRCD will be taking the lead on watercraft inspections, trainings, and outreach and education. TRPA is taking the lead on boat washes and the boat inspection program plan.



** New coordinator will work directly with both AIS Coordination Committee and AIS working group. Jenny or new coordinator will be coordinator for working group.

4. Control Efforts from Summer 2007

- Leeanne and crew- still working, coordinated with Keith to do Placer County work, yellow toadflax was a battle this summer—going to try and get it rated this winter. Hybridizing very easily with Dalmatian. Telar (herbicide) → went offsite last year and killed some scrubs on homeowners property, TRCD was present at time of interaction and will be hand pulling and providing replacement plants.
ACTION: Snapdragon trade for toadflax next spring/summer (like the scotch broom trade done in previous year).
- Larry- “Killed it ALL!”, Fewer sites treated this year, perennial pepperweed was pulled in some areas. If ANYONE finds one plant or plants about to seed, cut off top to buy time and let Larry know about the site.
ACTION: Figure out how to get a licensed applicator on private properties. NRCS and LARRY: Will write WMP for Glennwood, to take care of spotted knapweed. Third Creek and Exercise Course- might be NV State Lands money on those projects → look into that Rosewood EIP projects.
ACTION: Have maps ready by December meeting, TRCD and Larry will get all information to Leeanne by NOVEMBER.

5. MOU updates

- Every one will take home and read over.
 1. Find out why your organization would not sign it and lets make changes to make it work. (wording changes, sections to be added-AIS)
 2. Let’s capture those people that need to jump on board (PUD’s, GID’s, etc)

ACTION: Email/submit all changes to Wendy by NOVEMBER 15th. Sue will email updated list of organizations that have already signed.

6. Update on grants

- Handling private properties is the biggest challenge.

ACTION: CC grant opportunities to Jenny.

- SNPLMA- NRCS still has round 7 funds. Needs outline of \$100,000 plus round 8 \$100,000. Flexible grant, (may be used from lake front too) Round 9 will be coming up here soon. Come up with an outline of activities that the money will be used for (Basin wide, not for private property herbicide control).
- NRCS can have in-house growers grow specific plants to give to homeowners for replacement plants.

ACTION: Jane will email Wendy SNPLMA round 7 and 8 applications. Subcommittee will write proposals around the end of October or first week of November.

7. Priority Weed List

- Take Purple Starthistle off, purple Teasel for rating in NV and CA.; cheatgrass, medusa head?
- Green Book update:
 - o Milfoil- Let Lars be the decision maker for what natives to include
 - o Expand all descriptions to include control
 - o Sulfur Cinquefoil- put palmate leaf look-a-like and disclaimer about others
- Make one sheet documents for each species

ACTION: EVERYONE: bring thoughts, concerns, and ideas about weed list to next meeting. Get website finished for book, contact info and email.

8. Angora Fire

- Not being able to treat until 2009, crews are pulling right now, CTC and El Dorado County Department of Ag. Will work together, ALL AGENCIES will need to work together in control efforts.
- Bull thistle, oxeye, Dalmatian and perennial pepperweed are big concerns
- November 3rd** – The Angora Fire: What will the Future Forest be?
 - o Held by Susie Kocher, from 9-3 at LTCC

ACTION: For December meeting pull together internally what you will be doing for Angora Fire.

9. Trainings

- California Invasive Plant Council: Late May 2008:
 - o Day 1: Control Methods
 - o Day 2: Specific Weeds

ACTION: Come up with list of priority weeds to be covered in training.

- Weed Tour 2007; 5 stations, 39 registered, 31 attendees; received good feedback and suggestions for next year.
- 2008 AIS trainings: watercraft inspection training, rapid response training and smaller Aquatic workshop.

10. Upcoming Events

- Events around the Basin: Forest Stewardship Day(Sept. 30th), Fire Fest(Oct 6th), Kokanee Fest (Oct. 6th), Forest after the Fire (Nov 3rd)

ACTION: Have stats ready for Annual Report ready by Dec. meeting.