

GREAT BASIN LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE
STEERING COMMITTEE
Webinar Meeting Summary



Executive Summary

Steering Committee Recommendations and Action Items

The Steering Committee considered four key topics:

- The Steering Committee heard an update from Dr. Elsa Haubold, National LCC Coordinator on network activities including the assessment of the LCC network, the LCC Council, network science prioritization, strategic planning, and communications. See www.lccnetwork.org for information.
- The committee was briefed on the Central Basin and Range Rapid Ecoregional Assessment Opportunities and Challenges report, including a preview of recommendations from each of the theme teams in the areas of climate change, landscape metrics, hydrologic function, plant ecology, wildlife, soil and site stability and disturbance/development. The report is on track to be finalized by the end of July and delivered to BLM leadership in August.
- Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (S-TEK) working group progress
 - The Steering Committee received an update on the S-TEK strategic plan progress and an upcoming July 15 workshop to review a “long list” of potential science priorities and consider how to incorporate traditional ecological knowledge into the strategy.
 - S-TEK priority topics will be drafted in September, and a final report will be distributed in December.
 - The Steering Committee learned the FY 2014 Science Investment RFP is available on grants.gov and there will be information webinars about the RFP on July 11. The Steering Committee was requested to provide panelist reviewers for the project proposals due July 29.
- FY13 Science Project update
 - The Steering Committee received a briefing on the Desatoya Mountains Project and the Porter Canyon Experimental Watershed” research project including an invitation for the Porter Canyon Experimental Watershed Tour, August 20th, 2014 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Smith Creek Ranch Porter Canyon, Lander County, Nevada, 89310

Steering Committee Business

The Steering Committee agreed:

- To amend the Charter regarding Steering Committee attendance and participation.
- To meet for a virtual meeting September 16
- To have the next in-person meeting in February, 2015

Presentation and Updates

- GBLCC Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Basin & Range Rapid Ecoregional Assessment (CBR REA) Opportunities and Challenges Report
- Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (S-TEK) Strategic Plan update
- FY13 Science Project update: “Desatoya Mountains Project and the Porter Canyon Experimental Watershed”
- Partner Highlight: Nevada Department of Wildlife
 - To view Nevada Crucial Habitat Risk please visit: gis.ndow.nv.gov/NVCHAT/
 - To visit CHAT’s website please visit: westgovchat.org/
- Great Basin Consortium Meeting February 17-19, 2015