

NFCDC/RR/TSS Meeting
Wednesday 4/18/12
Meeting Notes

Present: Dan, Zach, Tad, Fred, Elissa

1. Discussion of underground power on mill site – The box closest to the fire station and Tribal TANF is not to code, PG&E says they can't use it (though it looks like they engineered it). The conduit is only 24" deep and needs to be 36". We want to make sure that this can connect to the bioenergy facility. If PG&E owns the lines it might make it difficult to run power through them, even just on the mill site, though it might not be worth the effort depending on what kind of load they have. The fire station probably won't have a large load. **Dan will follow up with this issue. Tom is looking into what Crossroad's load is.**
2. Minutes from 3/28/12 meeting – no changes
3. Question about the relationship between 'pyrolysis' and 'gasification': Pyrolysis refers to the process if the gases being released from the biomass when it is heated in a non-oxygen environment. This is one of the stages of gasification, but there are many subsequent stages to clean up and filter product to produce 'syn-gas'.
4. Action Items From Last Meeting –
 - o Dan sending items to Fred from the EIR – **Dan will call Fred when he's at the mill site and they will go over the materials together.**
5. Timeline/Task List Review - Coming up in June and July – permitting plan and financial plan. The communication plan is supposed to be completed by the end of April. It is important that communication activities take place, even if progress on planning and implementation is delayed. The financial plan will not be difficult, but requires fuel costs and sales/revenues information. Without those costs being fixed it will be difficult to proceed with development, except as grant funding is available.
6. Communication Plan - Elissa produced a 1-page project summary for the North Fork Town Hall meeting. Tad will be able to use this as a project example to help support the AB 2390 carve out for bioenergy projects using forest fuel in high/medium fire hazard areas. This is a proposed \$20 million carve out which would be available to fuel suppliers if the fuel met the hazard criteria qualifications. This is a new proposal which just came out of the Resources committee this morning. **Tad will keep us informed of its progress.**
7. Grants Update
 - o The WBUG grant application was submitted. The decision will probably be out in July.
 - o The CEC Community Scale Renewable Energy Development, Demonstration and Integration grant application is not yet out. Prab Sethi is the program officer – Elissa has spoken to him about the NF project when asking about utility company support. It was recommended that this group have a conference call with him to try and get prepared for the application and to raise the profile of the NF project with the CEC staff. **Elissa will try to set that up as the next project conference call.**
 - o The CEC cannot make an award until CEQA documentation has been completed. An application for a SNC grant was submitted to support this, but the awards will probably not be announced until September. **Elissa will make some calls and do an**

- analysis of the timing issues for this.
8. North Fork Site Visit – Jim Branham, Executive Officer of SNC, is coming for a visit in mid-May. This might be a good time for Zach to visit the site if we could set up a meeting with Jim and other key stakeholders. Elissa will see about setting this up and will let everyone know.
 9. Schedule Next Meeting – Elissa will try to set up a conference call with Prab Sethi for May 2.
(Note: I've set the time of May 2 at 10 am. Please RSVP your availability.)