



SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE

MINUTES OF THE

Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. Western SIC Meeting 2016 Annual Conference Tampa

Sept. 28, 2016

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This document will serve as the record of the proceedings of the Sept 28 2016 meeting of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. (SFI Inc.) Western Regional SIC.

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ACTION #	Action Item Description	Responsible	Deliver by:
#01- Sept 2016 Western SICs	Determine status of Teachers on Summer Assignment program.	SICs	December 31, 2016
#02- Sept 2016 Western SICs	CA, OR and MT SICs determine status of Logger Training MoU and their position regarding signing onto MoU.	SICs	November 30, 2016
#03- Sept 2016 Western SICs	Investigate the use of a common template for record keeping and communicating of logger training.	Gregor Macintosh	December 31, 2016
#04- Sept 2016 Western SICs	WA SIC to communicate to neighboring SICs whether they have instituted a two –tier level of logger training.	WA SIC	November 30, 2016
#05- Sept 2016 Western SICs	SFI to reach out to those CBs that have issued variances related to prohibited chemicals to assess the processes being used to ensure consistency in approaches.	Gregor Macintosh	October 31, 2016
#06- Sept 2016 Western SICs	SFI staff to review feasibility of an SIC Chairs meeting at 2017 SFI Annual Conference with SFI Staff and VPs.	Amy Doty	November 30, 2016
#07- Sept 2016 Western SICs	SFI to resend the SIC Members' Area information.	Amy Doty	November 30, 2016

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PARTICIPANTS

	Committee members	Company			
1.	Gretchen Lech, Chair	Hancock Forest Management	9.	Bobby Maddrey	Georgia Pacific
2.	Ben Cazell	Rayonier, Inc.	10.	SFI Inc. Staff	Title
3.	Cedric Twilight	Sierra Pacific Industries	11.	Liz Woodworth	VP, Communications and Community Engagement
4.	Andy Hopkins	Weyerhaeuser	12.	Gregor Macintosh	Senior Director, Standards
5.	Andy Weathers	Weyerhaeuser Columbia			
6.	Lena Tucker	ERP & Oregon Dept. of Forestry			
7.	Jim Brown	representing Stimson Lumber Co.			
8.	Doug Meekins	Campbell Group			

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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
<p>LEED Outreach Opportunities Discussion</p>	<p>Liz Woodworth then highlighted the LEED ACP and how important is that SICs assist in communicating to the market and particularly architects the significance of the ACP. It is critical that the ACP is taken up and SFI product is used in LEED projects to ensure that it becomes a permanent credit within the LEED scheme.</p> <p>Liz highlighted the materials that SFI has developed to assist in this outreach. For more detailed discussion regarding LEED and the ACP, SICs are directed to Jason Metnick – SFI lead for the ACP and LEED. This discussion was complemented well by the following day’s panel on green building, especially Tedrick Ratcliff, from the Mississippi Forestry Association, who presented on the work they are doing with the local SIC.</p> <p>Discussion included the importance of having students attend the SFI Conference, including architecture students interested in green building. The Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) has produced a new video called ‘Forest to Frame’ which focuses on the need for wood buildings, associated technologies, and the important role forests play.</p>	
<p>SFI Standard Requirements re: chemicals</p>	<p>SFI staff provided an overview of review and feedback regarding the status of variances for use of prohibited WHO 1A and 1B chemicals.</p> <p>Of those in the meeting only one PP had a variance so it was not possible to continue the discussion and get additional feedback on this item. In the PNW there are two CBs that have issued variances to PPs and three PNW companies have variances.</p> <p>ACTION: SFI to reach out to those CBs that have issued variances related to prohibited chemicals to assess the processes being used to ensure consistency in approaches.</p>	<p>#05- Sept 2016 Western SICs</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>The Western SIC suggested that there be a “Chair” members only meeting next year at the SFI AC. This would take place before the conference, with the regular regional meetings still taking place as part of the conference. This would enable various SICs to share highlights of their individual committees. A “five in five” format was suggested (5 slides in 5 minutes). Chairs could then report back on what they have learned during the regional SIC meetings.</p> <p>ACTION: SFI staff to review feasibility of an SIC Chairs meeting at 2017 SFI Annual Conference with SFI Staff and VPs.</p> <p>Ben Cazell (Rayonier) also suggested that there be a common place to share documents, videos, projects, best practices, etc. Liz Woodworth discussed the SFI website Members’ Area. ACTION: SFI to resend the SIC Members’ Area information.</p>	<p>#06- Sept 2016 Western SICs</p> <p>#07- Sept 2016 Western SICs</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The Chair thanked all those in the meeting which was adjourned at 5:30 pm.</p>	