



November 19, Synopsis

At its November 19 meeting, the Monitoring Coordinator presented the results of the First Annual Ecological Monitoring Report. Discussion included how the Forest and Collaborative could improve monitoring protocols, practices and reporting in the future. Collaborative members then reviewed and recommended, with some revisions, a contract with the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment to conduct socioeconomic monitoring. Following that discussion, the facilitator reviewed the results of the annual Collaboration Evaluation, and discussed the facilitation services transition. Ms. Stephanie Kavanaugh from the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution then conducted the annual review of facilitation services during lunch. After lunch, members prioritized the remaining 2015 goals. Ms. Sarah LaPlante, Deputy District Ranger, then provided brief presentations on the planning activities including the project activity schedule, revised prescribed fire targets, 2016 draft project budget, and the draft annual accomplishment report. Members then discussed the outcome of the Fire Policy Work Group's October 21 meeting with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District staff and the next steps. Finally, members received updates on the ongoing activities including the upcoming Monitoring and Science Symposium, and the Ecological Fire and Fuels Strategy. With the December 17 meeting canceled, the full Collaborative will meet again on January 21, 2016.