

Colorado Forest Health Council Meeting

Chair: Dan Gibbs, DNR Executive Director

Colorado Department of Natural Resources
February 1, 2023



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Agenda

9:00	Agenda Item I	Roll Call & Review Agenda
9:05	Agenda Item II	Approve 10/20/2022 Meeting Summary
9:10	Agenda Item III	Review Bylaws/Statutory Duties
9:25	Agenda Item IV	Review 2023 Priorities Survey Results
9:40	Agenda Item V	Rx Fire-Fire Commission Update
10:00	Agenda Item VI	Forest Atlas Workshop
10:30	Agenda Item VII	BREAK
10:40	Agenda Item VIII	Committee Updates
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Leveraging Resources Committee● Legislative Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Executive Session:● Other Legislative Updates
11:45	Agenda Item IX	Roundtable Updates
11:55	Agenda Item X	Public Comment
12:00	Agenda Item XI	Adjournment



Agenda Item III Review Statutory Duties and Bylaws



Powers & Duties

(a) The mission of the council is to improve forest health in Colorado through an integrated, science-based, statewide approach focused on collaboration among federal, state, and local governments, and private and nonprofit partners, to mitigate wildfire, restore ecological health, safeguard communities and water supplies, mitigate and adapt to climate change, support local economies, and protect recreational settings, as appropriate, across all jurisdictional boundaries.

Powers & Duties

(b) In furtherance of its mission, the council shall engage in at least the following activities:

(I) Making recommendations for forest health and wildfire mitigation capacity building and funding;

(II) Development of, and recommendations for, attaining a thirty-year vision for forest health in Colorado, including developing goals and both annual and multi-year recommendations for actions to improve forest health and reduce fire risk through increased funding and capacity building;

(III) Landscape-scale planning to identify state-level priorities for forest restoration, wildfire risk reduction, and related management; key barriers inhibiting the achievement of those priorities; and solutions to overcome those barriers;

(IV) Monitoring trends related to forest ecosystem health, including those related to climate adaptation, and advising on opportunities for state-level action;

(V) Monitoring and identifying opportunities to support and promote synergy across forest-based collaboratives in the state, including coordinating state funding sources and sharing best practices;

Powers & Duties

(VI) Identification of strategies for building sustained capacity to conduct forest restoration and wildfire mitigation work at scale through collaboration across multiple agencies, organizations, and jurisdictions; public-private partnerships; innovative public and private funding vehicles; shared stewardship; and other solutions, with emphasis on leveraging and maximizing the impact and reach of state funding;

(VII) Identification of workforce development challenges and opportunities, as well as potential regional and statewide economic benefits, associated with a significant increase in wildfire mitigation and forest restoration activities;

(VIII) Development and support of solutions to manage and utilize woody material produced by mitigation work, including consideration of climate change and ecological impacts;

(IX) Development of legislative and regulatory recommendations for policies that could support wildfire mitigation and forest restoration goals; and

(X) Providing technical expertise and recommendations to inform the general assembly, the executive branch, and federal and local agencies on forest health and wildfire mitigation issues.

Membership

(b) The term of most council members is five years; terms of council members appointed by the Governor are three years.

Reports

At a minimum, the council shall annually brief the Wildfire Matters Review Committee (July to October) and submit an annual report to the Governor.

Bylaws

ARTICLE IV:

Section 3. Regular attendance and participation are vital to the purpose and effectiveness of the Council in carrying out its duties and responsibilities. Council members accept the duty and obligation to attend meetings either in person, by teleconference, or through an online platform and shall provide advance notice by phone or email if they are unable to do so.

Section 5. No individual Council member shall make a statement of policy that purports to be that of the Council unless the Council has adopted such a policy, but no one shall be prohibited from stating his or her personal opinions with respect to any matters also addressed by the Council, provided they are clearly identified as such.



Bylaws

ARTICLE V:

Section 3. All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, except when executive session is authorized by law. Notice of meetings and the agenda shall be posted on the Council's website at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to a meeting.

Section 5. All open meetings of the Council shall be memorialized in appropriate meeting minutes, which shall be considered unofficial until approved by the Council. Any executive sessions entered into by the Council shall be recorded as required by law.

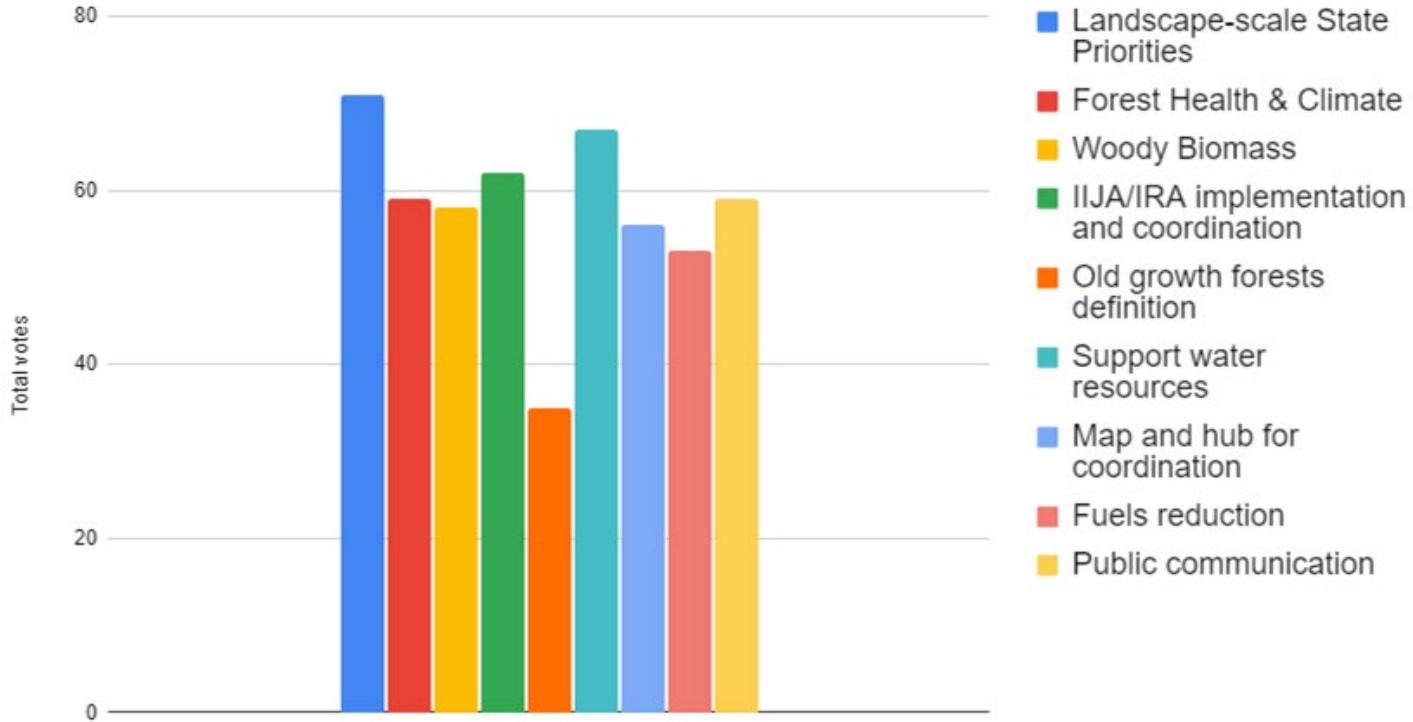
Questions?

Agenda Item IV Priorities Survey Results

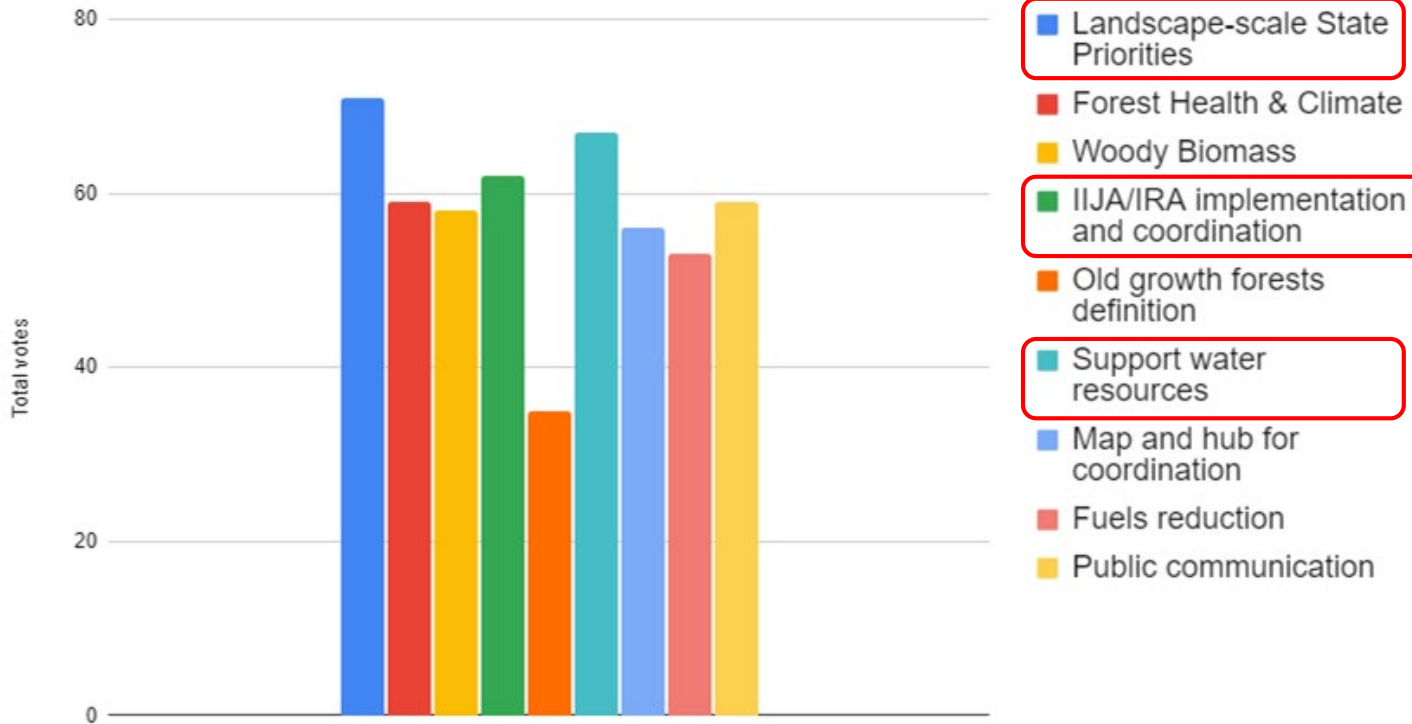
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2023 FHC Priorities



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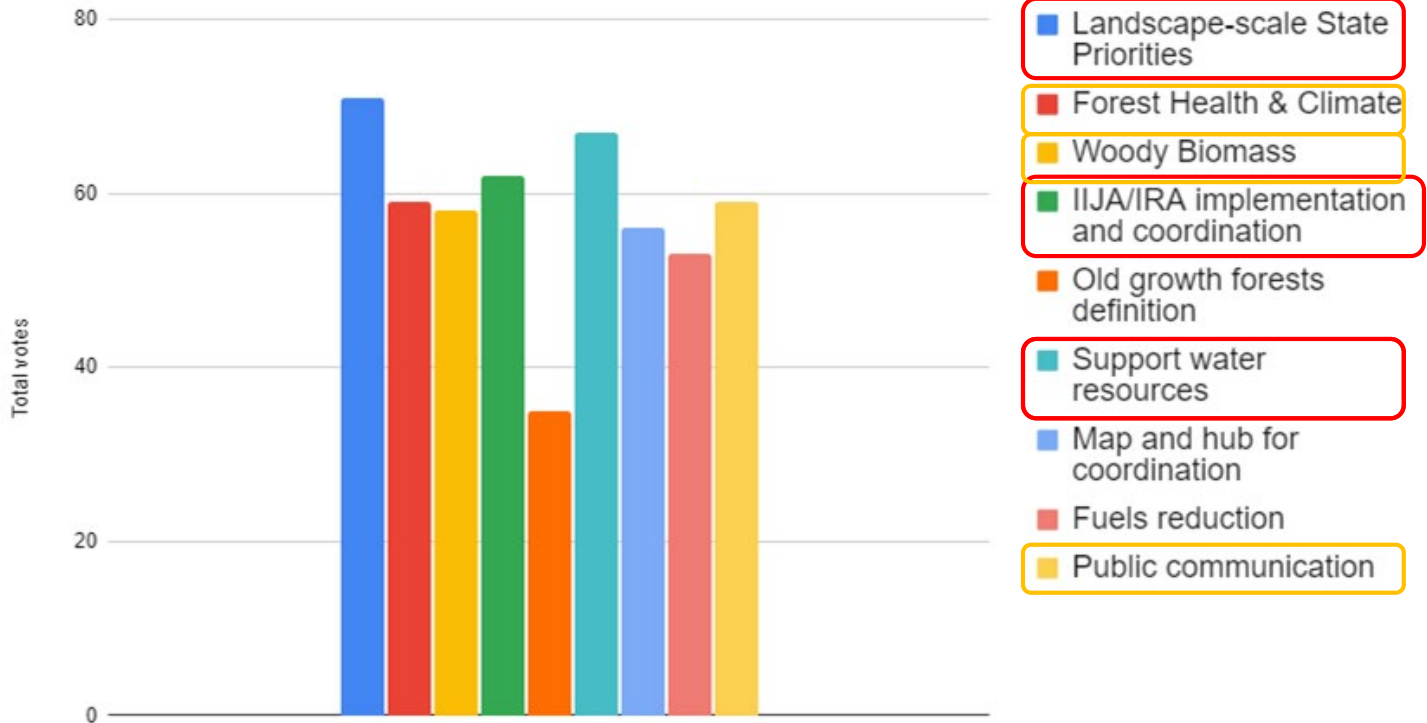


Top Priorities

1. **Landscape-scale State Priorities** (Statutory duty): Landscape-scale planning to identify state-level priorities for forest restoration, wildfire risk reduction, and related management; key barriers inhibiting the achievement of those priorities; and solutions to overcome those barriers (specifically, education on current mapping tools and opportunities for use/improvement)
1. **Forest management techniques to support water resources** (Specific suggestion)
1. **Maximizing success of IJJA/IRA implementation and coordination** (Specific suggestion)



2023 FHC Priorities



Next Priorities

1. **Forest Health & Climate** (Statutory duty): Monitoring trends related to forest ecosystem health, including those related to climate adaptation, and advising on opportunities for state-level action (specifically, post-fire restoration, forest regeneration and replanting)
1. **Develop proposals for clearer public communication channels to highlight progress and opportunities for participation** (Specific suggestion)
1. **Woody Biomass** (Statutory duty): Development and support of solutions to manage and utilize woody material produced by mitigation work, including consideration of climate change and ecological impacts



Agenda Item VIII Committee Updates

Committee on Leveraging Resources-
Amy Moyer

Legislative Committee- Commissioner
Jody Shadduck-McNally

Other Legislative Updates- Daphne
Gervais

