

Steering Committee Actions, Tasks & Information (16 SC and team leads in attendance)**1. Strategic Plan & Operating Guidelines:**

- Approved Delivery Area as WGCP in East TX with annual definition through RFP
- Revise Operational Guidelines for review at next SC meeting (June 28, 2023)
- Establish Science Work Group to
 - Revise Strategic Plan (edit and present SC by January 15, 2024)
 - Work with Matt Jackson on new Delivery map using HIS model

2. Steering Committee Leadership, Membership. & alternates

- Transition Vice Chair-Chair at next SC June/July Meeting
- Each SC member will designate an official alternate
- Each SC member will recommend new Vice Chair nominees, and
- Nominate Voting (SC) or Non-Voting Memberships Via Email by 1/5/23

3. Work Group Leadership – review geographies & seek new members**4. Establish Watershed “AD-Hoc” Committee:** Task to develop avenue to integrate CDN with River Authority, Water Management Districts and Flood Plain Boards – Include avenues to engage with TWAC - Texan by Nature, and Caddo/Big Cypress; ***Watershed Lead will be NE Texas Municipal Water District Robert Speight*** <https://netmwd.com/>**5. RFP process will continue to use project protocol from 2022 for 2023**

- One funding pool RFP & agreement for NETX habitat incentive projects
- Retain project **funding cap \$40K**
- Modify score sheet to include 10 points for proposals “inside restocking areas”
- 314 Brush Mgt. Forestry, Woody Control, Broadcast App Chem. **\$90/ac**
- 338 Prescribed Burning Forestry Burn **\$30/ac** (higher cost covers prep)
- 666 Forest Stand Improvement TSI Mulching **\$272/ac**
- Modify Score sheet to add points (~10 pts) for TPWD Restocking Areas

HIP Funding Future and Delivery Opportunities to NETX CDN Program Managers:

Hip Support 2022-24 is supposed to meet or exceed \$100k from PR federal aid + \$80k TPWD upland gamebird stamp funds; 2023 budget has not been set, but it is anticipated increased funding is possible.

RFP Calendar

Opens April 17-21, 2023

Closes June 9

Draft Ranking June 26

Steering Committee Convene to Approve Projects & Budget

June 28, 2023 at the Tyler Nature Center

Shortleaf Pine Incentive Opportunity – **Watershed Leads please convene team** for another landowner incentive will be available through Arbor Day Foundation – **Shortleaf Pine Seedling Opportunity** @ .35 per seedling for handling and planting. We want to focus in areas of ecological suitability (see NRCS Ecological Site Descriptions)

Calendar

- April 10-14 TX Fire Training Mt. Pleasant
- May 10-12 LMVJV Board Cleveland MS
- May 16-18 Fire in Oak Woodlands Tyler
- June 1-2 NPAT New Boston Field Day
- August 15 RCW meeting Alexandria LA
- September 13, NETX CDN All Hands Meeting BSCA
- September 15 Longleaf Forest Stewards Natchitoches LA

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