

**SUFC Policy Working Group Call
October 7, 2011**

DECISIONS:

- Rough timeline for Farm Bill and SUFC advocacy efforts:
 - September 29 – SUFC Recommendations sent up to the Hill (House and Senate Ag Committees)
 - Oct. 1-14 - SUFC members and constituencies prepare for advocacy roll-out (collect materials, draft letters, set up appts. etc.)
 - Oct. 14 – Standing Committees weigh in (recommendations to Super Committee); SUFC members+ begin more intensive push to follow-up into SUFC Recommendations with in-person visits to targeted House/Senate members.
 - Nov. 23 – Super Committee completes review of all standing committee recommendations, full vote and some kind of proposal for Ag. Bill (may be recommendations/outline or more comprehensive draft – unknown).
 - Late December – Farm/Ag Bill submitted to full vote by House and Senate

*Highlighted area/timeline is when SUFC members make strongest push (but not limited to this window). More information will be forthcoming from Policy WG as process unfolds.

- Hill briefing will be put on hold; SUFC members to focus resources on key 1-1 visits. May reconsider if get word from staff that it would be desirable.

ACTION for WG MEMBERS:

- Send ACTION ALERT to SUFC membership (Gerry & Jen)
- Share list of participants on Farm Bill call when available (Jen)
- Draft internal Q and A document (Carrie, ALLI forward questions/content to her)
- Upload listing of House and Senate Committee members to SUFC website (Jen)
- Provide printing instructions on website for Farm Bill Executive Summary (Jen)
- Distribute SUFC Action Alert to your constituency and report back to Jen on distribution and response (ALL)
- Distribute Ag Committee target list to SUFC Policy WG again – encourage sign-up (Jen)
- Contact 1-2 SUFC member colleagues as part of mobilization and outreach (see match up below – see attached for member contact info.):
 - Gerry – contact ISA (Jim Skiera) AND Arbor Day Foundation (Dan Lambe, no response to sign on request) AND TCIA (Mark Garvin)
 - Carrie - contact SMA (Jerri LaHaie) AND America in Bloom (Laura Knuckle) AND City Parks Alliance
 - Jake – contact Davey Tree (Scott Maco) AND Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) AND APWA (Julia Anastasio)
 - Kevin – contact ASCA (Rob Allen) AND UAA (Jack/Ray)
 - Other: Gary, Don and Jen to cover remaining members/needs