**Meeting Minutes**

**May 20, 2015 – 9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Location:** Veterans Hall, Hwy 26 x Pine Street, West Point, California

**Meeting Facilitator:** Kendal Young **Note taker:** Kimberly Grissom

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** | **Est. Time** | **Minutes** |
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| **1** | Call To Order | *09:30* |  |
| **2** | Participants Introduction  Amy Rocha, Chuck Loffland, Dennis Bowker, Eric Kleinfelter, Gwen Starrett, Jan Bray, Jeanne Higgins, John Heissenbuttel, Katherine Evatt, Julia Stephens, Jeff Blewett, Kendal Young, Kevin Zeman, Kimberly Grissom, Leland Meyer, Pat McGreevy, Reuben Childress, Rick Hopson, Steve Wilensky, Susan McMorris, Teresa McClung, Gordon Long, John Garamendi Jr., Derrick Bowdon, Lynn Morgan, Jennifer Chapman, Ben Solvesky, Craig Thomas. |  |  |
| **3** | Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda  Correct topic from Northern Spotted Owl to CA Spotted Owl | 09:35 |  |
| **4** | Approval of Previous Meeting Notes |  |  |
|  | **Review of previous meeting action items**   1. Website update – K Evatt – RFP in progress 2. D Bowker – Ed Smith will join in woody biomass usage presentation, including socio-economic issues; 3. TSPN request for ethics interview (R Hopson, S Wilensky) 4. Greenhouse gas grant support letters – one from each county in progress 5. Fuels management adjacent to Forests – continuing opportunities 6. Blueberry farmers need pine needles – S Wilensky will arrange media release | 9:40 |  |
| **5** | **Admin Work Group**   1. NFF Grant update –4 submissions for Admin contract. Hope to have selected one by July ACCG meeting. 2. Communications Team – Contact K Evatt if interested in joining | 9:45 | 5 min |
| **6** | **Planning Work Group** –   1. Last meeting was field trip up Hwy 4. 2. Low Herbicide alternatives were requested from USFS, and USFS is working hard on that with ACCG. Becky Estes and Shana Gross developed planting strategy that follows GTR 220.   ACCG concurs with the letter of support. | 9:50 | min |
| **7** | **Operations Work Group** -   1. Review Calaveras Thin contractor field tour – K Zieman   Great effort by USFS to streamline contracting process. Hope for more participants in the future.   1. 5 year project snapshot, both districts – K Zieman | 9:55 | 10 min |
| **8** | **PRESENTATION** ***Northern Spotted Owls Study, Craig Thomas, and Ben Solvensky, Sierra Forest Legacy***  Draft recommendations include changes to PACs and HRCAs, and not decommissioning or salvage logging burned PACs. The settlement that resulted in GRT 220 provides 5 more years to get fire “on the ground” in forest management. | 10:00 – 10:45 | 45min |
| **9** | **Update on Public Outreach**, Pat McGreevy lead  Marguerite Young is involved, and also NFF, in Peidmont school field trip off of Winton Road, coming soon. Starting from the bottom up with outreach can help involvement. | 10:45 | 10 min |
|  | **SCALE question** – all – discuss and formulate response:  ***What does it mean to be “all-lands” and who might get involved with that type of restoration?***  ACCG would like to involve BLM, PGE, and EBMUD more. Cattleman’s association and other private land owners may be interested. MLLT may have helpful study. | 10:55 | 15 min |
|  | **Introduce new Amador RD CFLR Coordinator Robin Wall**  **(Postponed until July meeting)** | 11:10 | 5 min |
| **10** | **New USFS PAO introductions** [Jennifer and Rebecca] | 11:15 | 5 min |
| **11** | **Wilseyville update** – S Wilensky and J Heissenbuttle  ACCG concurs on support for the grants for Amador and Calaveras for carbon sequestration (plant trees) and reduction (reduce fire risk). Grants due June 10, funds available Oct 2015, work to be done by the end of 2019. Foothill Conservancy abstains from this decision, because their policy is to read grants first, and these are not yet complete. | 11:20 | 10 min |
| **12** | **Reactivating Finance** work group  No volunteer yet, address in July meeting. | 11:30 | 5 min |
| **13** | **Agency/organization updates** | 11:30 |  |
| **14** | Action item review   1. Agendize for June presentation on woody biomass utilization – K Young    1. Notify Ed Smith from TNC, John Kingsbury – R Hopson    2. Rick and Teresa will present on TNC and other Co Gen Plants in the fall 2. SW will contact CKB regarding the media release re: Pine Needles wanted by blueberry farmers. 3. G Starett would like to join admin working group to review administrator position submissions – please add her. 4. Send Shana’s framework, with letter, to full ACCG list – KY - 5. KY will email SFL’s PPT and also post on ACCG Blog - 6. SW will create the response for SCALE, on Agenda for June. 7. Robin Wall, new Amador RED CFLR Coordinator, starts June 1, so move that to June Agenda. 8. Concurrence for grant for Amador and Calaveras? Yes. Under signature of CKB 9. Put Finance Committee Reactivation on next agenda. | 11:55 |  |
| **15** | Upcoming Events/Meetings/Conferences/announcements |  |  |
|  | Adjourn – | 12:00 |  |