**Meeting NOTES**

**January 21, 2015 – 9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Location:** Veterans Hall, West Point, California

**Meeting Facilitator:** Brandon Sanders

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** |
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| **1** | **Call To Order – Brandon Sanders** |
| **2** | **Participants Introduction** Bill Haigh, Brandon Sanders, Vince Campa, Donna Vial, Tim Tate, J Heissenbuttel, Julia Stephens, Kimberly Grissom, Amy Rocha, John Hofmann, Chuck Loffland, Steve Wilensky, Katherine Evatt, Reuben Childress Gordon Long, Pat McGreevy, Kendal Young, Jill Micheau, Erik Klinefelter, Brad Milesi, Rick Hopson |
| **3** | **Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda** Add Pat McGreevy - Planning commission approval |
| **4** | **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** |
| **5** | Previous Meeting Action Items   1. Final comments to SNAMP Final Report due 2/15 2. John Heissenbuttel/Jan Bray to write NFF grant; Foothill Conservancy will sponsor done 3. Katherine Evatt to send research on local benefit factors to J Kusel done 4. Add 15-20 minutes in January for outreach topics |
|  | **ACCG Work Groups** |
| **6** | **Admin Work Group** – C Koos Breazeal   1. Facilitators: February 18 – Bill Haigh, Jackson; March 18 – Julia Stevens, West Point; April 15 – Jackson – Rick Hopson; May 21 West Point - Kendal 2. Locations for meetings have flipped to “odd months” in West Point and “even months” in Jackson |
| **7** | **Planning Work Group –** Kendal   1. 2015 Cornerstone Plan -Planning WG met last week 1/14 (2nd wed every month) (1) concurrence on: 2015 program of work 49% planned for contracting; 1 sentence project description desired. KKE $40,000 contract for admin – does it include for this body. KY not in there, can put in and take out other. KKE – correct Moore Belfour Rx burn to 250 acres not miles. SW – admin funding should be held locally necessary to maintain breadth of focus and include BLM, PGE and other lands included and how will we embrace. Housed in one agency limits focus.   J Heissenbuttel – what is inventory/monitoring $376K? KY – for mandatory pre and post monitoring. Monitoring is required, what degree is being determined by Planning WG. John Hofmann – if we didn’t have CFLR funding, what would this look like? KY- likely greatly reduced. CONCURRENCE BY GROUP   1. Other seek concurrence on for Pat to continue planning to seek funds for Bear Creek at Lily Gap. 2. 2/11 next planning meeting ; 2/4 monitoring |
| **8** | **Operations Work Group - John Heissenbuttel**  (Long term commitment for biomass – consistent with 10 year plan committed to Ops group by Eldorado and Stanislaus National Forest)  Rick – con call with WO on preferred suppliers. They are aware of goal to keep local; however, Pierce Tucker states IDIQ idea will not work (develop local pool) still have language in appropriations act; Rick will recontact late February. Pearce will try to get staff to assist. Another possible tool is BPA budget option. We can still use local benefit definition for service contracts. Still needs ops work group to marry up CFLR proposal and work of next 7 years and local capacity available.  J Heissenbuttel- 7 year outlook is critical.   1. Wilseyville Power Plant for funding needs long term commitment for fiber supply. Helpful for chips to have a long term 10 year stewardship with FS and/or BLM and perhaps SPI. Ops group willing to take that on. BLM has an existing model in Weaverville. Bill H – will engage with Ops group. Bottom line want go ahead to move forward. |
| **9** | **Admin Funding Discussion**  Need update from USFS  J Heissenbuttel – NFF application – awaiting response. $24K requested, matched by FS, 18 months, admin through FHC, and will put out RPF to provide services. For mid-level admin support  Failing that – paying for admin services –  KY - easier for FS for services through a partnership agreement.  J Heissenbuttel – funds come from cornerstone project? KY yes  SW – another source in the works. SI has been working on behalf of scale for a $70K grant capacity for the 3 CFLR groups; know by mid-February. |
| **10** | **Public Outreach - Pat McGreevy leads, all participate.**  Power Point to Sierra Club shown.  Pat needs a Cornerstone shape map for presentation to Mokewise in Stockton in March; Rick will help  SW – we need to create an annual report to better publicize our efforts  Amy – get on Calaveras BOS agenda asap to inform on our work and forest plans  Johe – underscores need for canned presentation  SW – GIS – partnerships at the table  Rick - $2500 small purchase limit available and can pay with credit card. |
| **11** | **Wilseyville & SCALE updates status – S Wilensky –(**Biomass plant and need for reliable feedstock, and finance; recent even-aged management exclusion **)**  **SW – (1)** one of 3 projects at front line to participate in pricing bid this yea**r**. North fork already has a 10 year plan. Urges group to go back to what had strong agreement and work through at FEBRUARY MEETING. Completing procurement plan, but areas of ambiguity. Need substantial amount of materials coming off federal lands, unmaintained plantations surrounding these towns (Railroad and West Point). Lined up but haven’t reach agreements like Burney and Dinkey. Chips board has no staff, volunteers only. (2) Asking accg to help create this, make task force, etc. Mule Deer Fdn would administer this agreement and a number of agencies and nonprofits would participate. (3) 10 year agreement - acquisition of funding – need assistance /support in going to USDA’s rural electric program. Chips will meet with them in Feb and hope for endorsement and participation of people in this room. (4) engaged in discussion with people involved in Capital investments and ask support on that. North Fork and Burney have a lot less focus on the field ops, which we have placed importance. We cannot rely on federal funds/stewardship alone – needs building of local infrastructure to invest and sustain. And asking for ACCG people to invest their energy and skills. GIS component important.  Can group commit?  DISCUSSION  Rick H – get copies of agreements from Dinkey and Burney. SW will get for Feb meeting  Tim – even age mgt exclusion? – J Heissenbuttel - statutory leg action limits 20% from even age  KKE – PGE and Caltrans? SW yes ; drop in bucket compared to needs.  KKE – agree to resolve feedstock issues. Hung up on plantations both fed and private. She can help with USDA folks  KKE – can SNC help coord or facilitate agreement? BS – have staffer Lisa Brown who was involved in north fork effort. He can float.  KKE – are they working with SBA? SW no. the issue seemed to be nonprofit and need to complete LLC. Main barrier – who controls – local or not?  Gordon Long – mule deer component – is there MOU (SW not yet, but agreement for area) we know RRF deer herd is in high risk; forage availability; wants to incorporate a wildlife component into some of these projects.  Reuben – yard waste drop off – Wilseyville TRANSFER STATION – is there an agreement? SW in the works; would allow delivery for free; ingress/egress needs addressed.  Julia – what will it take to have a staffer work for you? May get a sierra fellow through Sierra Institute  Heissenbuttel – status of TSS sourcing report; SW - couple delays – not yet clear what ACCG agreements. 2. Timing – SW wanted by end of last year; has to come soon. Heissenbuttel ask Haigh – initial focus with BLM due to proximity? SW wants to work with both BLM and Stan. Haigh has forester vacancy. Send Dinkey and North Fork info to him.  CONSENSUS AS FOLLOWS   1. Feedstock agreement for February – review notes from meeting and look at issue areas. Can we have a separate ad hoc meeting on 2/11 ? Heissenbuttel, KKE, Hofmann. Hofmann will look for notes, ad hoc meet and come to Feb meeting for review. 2. 10 year plan 3. Delegation to USDA rural elec program to pitch – KKE can go; recommend Brian Jobson to go also. Brandon will see if SNC can go, or at least a letter. |
|  | **Mokewise Collaborative Group and MAC IRWMP update - Reuben Childress**  Mokewise is project of MAC IRWMP; attempt to solve water rights issues on the Moke; 2 year project, large stakeholder net cast; compromise and middle ground sought; project proposals also.  DISCUSSION  SW – how do you sort water rights and proposed projects  KKE – applications have been made for new water rights and/or extensions not yet approved; how much is available and how much can reasonably be withdrawn? Ground water legislation last year also a consideration; how much water is available?  Jill – at end in June, what is product? Who is recipient? KKE list of projects and data. RC portfolio of projects – what is needed, what can we live with?  Pat – how would he explain ACCG to MCG?  IRWMP – new application for projects deadline ~ 2/7/15. If you have a current project, re-do this year’s application to maintain it or project will be pulled out.  KKE – range of projects – intended to have water projects, not just infrastructure, although it is heavy on infrastructure due to needs like pipeline repair/maintenance. |
| **13** | **ACCG Partner Reports**  Bill – UCC presentation – he is working with CYA on Buckhorn Ridge road parcel; money for Lily Gap phase 2 in hand. Needs a forester.  Rick Hopson – new forester Bob Broderick - Amador and Placerville districts  Lacy – McClintock staff - now chairing for public lands  Vince Campa – lack of jobs, leadership in this community  Tim Tate – finished salvage on Rim Fire; regen next month, 1.2 million trees + 1 million; salvaging federal on Rim and King fire lands  Johe – Gordon Long, Calfauna - wants to sign MOU. CONSENSUS  Kim – developing a report for ACCG data base and cost  Amy – Calaveras rcd possible; equip apps private land;  Hofmann – Becky Estes and Hugh Stafford presentation on King fire. 1/27 Placerville  Steve W – CHIPS working through winter; 20 full timers  KKE – 2/6 Lee Stetson as John Muir in Moke Hill; 1/29 pres for NFF in Berkeley “where is your water coming from”  KY – work on website; Julia has a referral for web development  Erik – new timber harvest Jennifer Garcia replaced Stacy Stannish. He will get her on schedule.  Ckb –PG&E grant completed; starting Fire Adapted Amador; SRA grant 2nd stage; awarded Western States WUI Grant  BS – SNC prop 1 guidelines early February $10 million |
| **14** | **Action item review** |
| **15** | **Upcoming Events/Meetings/Conferences/announcements** |
|  | **Adjourn – Next meeting in Jackson, 12200B Airport Road, February 18** |