**Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, January 16th, 2012

Location: West Point Veterans Hall

Corner of Bald Mountain Road and Highway 26, West Point, CA

Meeting Facilitator: Peter Zaragoza

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** | **Est. Time** |
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| **I.** | **Call To Order** | *9:30 a.m.* |
| **II.** | **Participants Introduction**  Peter Zaragoza, CIMC  Elena Linehan, MLJT  Reuben Childress, Foothill Conservancy  Nic Enstice, SNC Katherine Evatt, Foothill Conservancy  Susan McMorris, Blue Mountain Community Renewal Council  Cathy Koos-Breazeal, Amador Firesafe Council  Shahla Doroud, UC Davis Graduate  Pat McGreevy, Calaveras County Parks and Recreation Commission  John Heissenbuttel, Heissenbuttel Natural Resource Consulting  Tim Tate, Sierra Pacific Industries  Matt Waverly, Sierra Pacific Industries  Jim Carroll, West Point Fire District  Dennis Lewis, Calaveras Foothills Firesafe Council  Gary Slade, Trout Unlimited  Bill Haigh, BLM Motherlode Field Office  Rick Hopson, EDNF Amador District Ranger  Brandon Sanders, SNC  Erik Kleinfelter, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife  Chris Wright, Calaveras County Supervisor District 2  Teresa McClung, Stanislaus National Forest Calaveras District Ranger  Paul Maben, Pacific Gas and Electric  Kendal Young, Stanislaus National Forest Calaveras Ranger District  Amy Rocha, Natural Resource Conservation Service  Addie Jacobsen, Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch  Gretchen Vorbeck, Sutter Creek Resident  Robert Smith, ACCABU and Smith Grinding | 5 min. |
| **III.** | **Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda** |
| **IV.** | **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**  Additions: Talked about developing a schematic of the relationships that ACCG has with groups like CHIPS and Wilseyville  Additions: Strategic Planning Workshop |
| **V.** | **Status of Active Action Items** |
| **VI.** | **ACCG Work Groups** |  |
|  | **A. Admin Work Group** – Brandon Sanders | 20 min. |
|  | 1. Status of ACCG Workgroups: Roles and Membership  * **ACTION**: Leaders of workgroups should gather and define roles * **ACTION**: Clarify monitoring workgroup roster * John Heissenbuttel would like to participate in the Admin Workgroup * **DECISION**: Trout Unlimited Signed MOA * **DECISION**: District Two Supervisor Chris Wright signed MOA |  |
|  | 1. Status of External Communication Efforts  * **ACTION**: BLM Press Release on Lily Gap (distribute) * Press items |  |
|  | 1. ACCG Overall Needs and Gaps Discussion  * Rick proposed a coordinator position on the Amador RD * Facilitator discussion – Consider a proposal to use CFLR funds * UCCE may have resources to support these activities * Additional assistance with administration * Participating agreement could be a mechanism with the Forest Service; Could be a mechanism for the Forest Service to utilize external funding streams. |  |
|  | **B. Planning Work Group –** K. Young | 10 min. |
|  | 1. Status of Current Projects  * Planning workgroup took December off * There was a monitoring meeting yesterday, designed to refocus attention. January 29th follow-up meeting to capture everything discussed * **ACTION**: Wednesday the 23rd regularly scheduled planning meeting in Jackson * 9:00am Location TBD |  |
|  | 1. Discussion on Monitoring Component  * Ongoing |  |
|  | 1. Cornerstone MOU/MSA Recommendation  * No additional work taken place; discussion at next planning meeting. |  |
|  | **C. Finance Work Group** – S. McMorris | 5 min. |
|  | 1. In-Kind Reports  * Cathy Koos-Breazeal circulated in-kind tracking sheet * **ACTION**: Make entries on in-kind tracking sheet |  |
|  | **D. Operations Work Group** – J. Heissenbuttel | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Report From Operations Workgroup Meeting  * **ACTION**: There will be an operations workgroup meeting between now and next ACCG meeting * Jan Bray retired from CDF the first week of December * Now Executive Director of Norcal SAF |  |
|  | **E. SCALE Project Development Ad Hoc Work Group** – S. Wilensky | 10 min. |
|  | 1. Status of SCALE development  * Narrowing down document relative to socioeconomic piece * Constitutes recommendations regarding metrics and statistical basis for monitoring community impact of CFLR * Document provided by Steve * Subheading 2 are secondary and less critical * Most recent discussion have revolved around section 2 * Calaveras has agency resources to report on this data * Still need to approach Amador County to receive the same information * Refer list and related material to Monitoring workgroup * *Question*: How does one measure community capacity? * Forest Service already has metrics to measure environmental impacts; there are some obvious economic impact statistics; still need to determine social and community impact. * There is interest in expanding the monitoring outside of the Cornerstone, but we are not in a position to do that given the complexity of the CFLR program and the required reporting. * Talking to people as part of the data gathering process will be key. * Community resilience program from DHS (CARRI) * **ACTION**: Send the document to the monitoring workgroup; recruit people who have an interest and background to join the group (agency partners who gather the data in particular) |  |
| **VII.** | **Old Business** | 10 min. |
|  | 1. Mokelumne Avoided Cost Analysis Update  * At the last meeting fire maps were distributed * Sediment maps available today * Baseline is 2008; some modification to the data sources for corrections * Fire maps showed estimated burn probability and flame lengths * Sediment map is broken up into Analysis Units (AUs); mini-watersheds and also separated by side of the waterway due to differing characteristics consistent with slope aspects * Computer model took information from fire model and developed the sediment maps as a result * The maps provided today are only for sediment coming from hill slopes, not gully erosion; that conversion work is still being done * These maps are only tracking small sediments; maps are only accounting for first year post-fire; re-growth will influence sediment discharge * Follow-up to a question about the categories in the map legend: There are 29 Analysis Units with predicted erosion rates of between 20 and 40 Tons/acre. There are two AUs predicted to be in the 40’s, one in each the 50’s, 60’s, and 80’s. And one, the dark green one furthest east in the watershed, that is predicted to have 115.92 tons of erosion per acre come off it in the first year post-fire. * Developed tool for technical committee to access data and develop own models; includes landscape and built features; will assist in determining where to place treatments * Advisory committee is meeting on February 6th in Sacramento * Pat McGreevy is seeking datasets for the Ponderosa Way restoration effort. |  |
|  | 1. Update and Discussion on Forest Service FY 2013 Budgets  * Continuing resolution expires on March 23rd; Forest Service has a budget through March * Cornerstone Funding was provided at full amount requested, but there was a comparably hit to other funds on the Forest. * Last fall, the Forest Service in CA was asked to turn back $10M to the WO for firefighting across the Country; Congress reinstated those funds and they will be redistributed but not necessarily to their Forest of origin, so there may be a opportunity for EDNF and StNF to receive additional dollars. * Burney-Hat Creek is having a similar problem; Forests that receive CFLR dollars are experiencing a loss in funding comparable to the CFLR amount. * **ACTION**: Coordinate response to Region 5 with BHC and Dinkey to address concerns associated with a loss in funding. * Ramifications include the timber budget was reduced by nearly half * Reality is becoming a zero-sum game; no increase in Forest Service funding for decades |  |
| **VIII.** | **New Business** | 60 min. |
|  | 1. Group Discussion on Facilitation Services  * UCCE may be a resource for facilitation services; QLG, Biomass Workgroup and others are facilitated by UCCE * New UCCE Forestry Staff – Susan Kocher * She may be interested about the possibility of facilitation * Can use Cornerstone Funds to pay a facilitator; something the group needs to decide, including amounts * **ACTION**: Admin group should have a conversation and bring a recommendation forward |  |
|  | 1. Year-End Report on Buena Vista Biomass Power CRC Monitoring  * Under the settlement agreement with CBD, ACCG is required to report on the inspection of piles to be utilized by Buena Vista * Recommendations may result from on-the-ground experience * When this agreement was reached, we had not anticipated a CFLR Project, may need to reconsider the 15% cap given the expanded scope * Amador Ranger District is approaching a NEPA decision, and could use some additional awareness on the process to approve piles |  |
|  | 1. Defining Sustainably Harvested Biomass for ACCG |  |
|  | * Wilseyville Feasibility Study Findings – T. Mason   Presentation and feasibility study will be made available on the blog |  |
|  | Group Discussion   * CHIPS is receptive to input on the scale and inputs for the project; * Strong community support to date for the site and the project overall; * Katherine Evatt shared a list of what she feels the definition of sustainably harvested biomass; document distributed; will post * TSS findings include <35% slopes, CEQA and NEPA compliance * If these additional constraints were added, there are concern as to whether or not the 2MW target can be achieved * Concerns over THP’s serving as a functional equivalent of CEQA * EPFW is committed to the project being successful, however they maintain a strong commitment to the triple-bottom-line. * Consider a smaller plant as a means of mitigating conflict * Scale is seen as a critical piece in siting a power plant at Wilseyville * Consistency with the CBD/Buena Vista Agreement; mainly want to avoid putting merchantable trees into a power plant * Need to more clearly define and support diameter limit * Concerns also expressed in contrast to earlier statement regarding THP as a functional equivalent of CEQA. * Existing definitions, including the Forest Practices Act, should be considered. * Further discussion needed on this topic * **ACTION**: Request for teleconference capabilities * **ACTION**: Schedule meeting during the week of February 4-8 * **ACTION**: Meeting on February 4th, 9:30am in Jackson |  |
| **IX.** | **ACCG Partner Reports** | 20 min. |
|  | 1. Brief updates from those in attendance   MLJT Open house on the 30th from 2-4 |  |
| **X.** | **Current Meeting Action Items Review** | 5 min. |
| **XI.** | **Adjourn – *Next meeting in Amador County on February 20th*** | *12 noon* |