**Meeting Agenda**

August 21st, 2013 – 9:30am – 12:00pm

Location: Amador County Health Services Building Rooms B&C

10877 Conductor Blvd., Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Meeting Facilitator: Kendal Young

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** | **Est. Time** |
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| **I.** | **Call To Order** | *9:30 a.m.* |
| **II.** | **Participants Introduction*** Kimberly Grissom, Blue Mountain GIS
* Leland Meyer, Amador County Veterans Organization
* Katherine Evatt, Foothill Conservancy
* Bill Haigh, BLM
* Amy Rocha, NRCS
* Cathy Koos-Breazeal, Amador Fire Safe Council
* Alan Leavitt, CHIPS
* John Sikora, Trout Unlimited El Dorado Chapter
* Kendal Young, Calaveras Ranger District
* Reuben Childress, Foothill Conservancy
* Peter Zaragoza, CIMC
* Matt Waverly, SPI
* Teresa McClung, Calaveras Ranger District
* Brandon Sanders, SNC
* Robert Smith, Smith Grinding
* Susan McMorris, Blue Mountain Community Renewal Council
* Chris Wright, Calaveras County Supervisor
* Rick Hopson, Amador Ranger District
* Steve Wilensky, Humbug Creek Farms/CHIPS
 | 5 min. |
| **III.** | **Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda*** Dan Macon unable to attend
* Add item to discuss SNFCI meeting outcomes and action item
* MOA Signatory (Kimberly Grissom)
 | 5 min. |
| **IV.** | **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes*** Edit made under MACA item to correct reference to Baybank.org
 | 5 min. |
| **V.** | **Status of Active Action Items** | 5 min. |
| **VII.** | **ACCG Work Groups** |  |
|  | **A. Admin Work Group** – B. Sanders | 10 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update
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|  | 1. Facilitator Assignments
* Sheet passed around for members to volunteers to sign up
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|  | **B. Planning Work Group –** K. Young |  5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update
* Kendal has brought handouts covering the field trip calendar and SNC proposal drafts
* August Planning meeting covered SNC grants primarily
* Hemlock field trip also conducted
* Additional field trips planned for Sourgrass and Gardner Meadow
* Sourgrass will be centered around implementation review
* Foster Firs Field trip on the 24th
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|  | 1. Upcoming Meetings
* Next planning meeting will take place in Amador County and will be an office meeting.
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|  | **C. Finance Work Group –** P. Zaragoza and S. McMorris | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Status

 * In-kind tracking is ongoing.
* Foothill Conservancy will be considering the development of an online resource for tracking in-kind and matching funds.
* **ACTION: Post need to blog and include in email transmittal**
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|  | **D. Operations Work Group** | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Contractors Meeting
* John Heissenbuttel has been working with Rick Hopson and others
* Prospective date is September 13th
* Rick H. and John H. will continue to work on putting together the contractors meeting.
* Katherine has been doing research on what tools are available to the Forest Service in terms of prioritizing local benefit
* Katherine will compile her findings and share with the group
* Participating agreement is in place with CHIPS
* **ACTION: MOU development will be revisited between USFS and ACCG**
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| **VIII.** | **Discussion Items** | 60 min. |
|  | 1. ACCG Informational/Training Sessions – K. Evatt
* There have been past discussions on putting forward educational and training opportunities for group members
* There was a list put together at one point, may be with Rick Breeze-Martin
* Katherine has suggested to the admin workgroup that we include some kind of informational or training opportunity at each meeting.
* The GTR-220 presentation by Malcolm North was given as an example
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|  | 1. University of Michigan Request
* **ACTION: Please review the email transmission provided via email and follow-up directly with the University with project ideas.**
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|  | 1. Update on CHIPS Woody BUG – A. Leavitt
* CHIPS was recently awarded a WBUG
* Purpose of the grant is to fund the infrastructure process design and permitting for Wilseyville.
* $184K total award
* Appreciate the support of ACCG and SNC’s support
* Only two awarded in California
* Working with TSS Consultants and Phoenix Energy
* Key tasks include permitting plan including work with Calaveras APCD
* Explore opportunities for water supply and discharge
* Site plan for biomass plan
* Communicating with PG&E to work out an interconnection arrangement
* Will be reporting out more details on progress over the next couple months, anticipate completion within the next five months.
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|  | 1. MACA/Environmental Benefits/Moke Fund Discussion
* At the last meeting we discussed the environmental benefits program
* Katherine was seeking guidance along with John Hofmann as the ACCG reps to that effort
* Avoided Cost Analysis report is coming available this fall
* Quantifying benefits from fuels reduction in terms of operating cost savings for utilities.
* Katherine is seeking guidance on how ACCG interfaces with this effort moving forward including implementation or acting upon findings
* Broader question is what will be done with the information
* Could tie into the need for a landscape strategy document
* **ACTION: Have a presentation from the MACA once the final report is published.**
* NFF is exploring the potential of establishing a Mokelumne Fund which could help with implementing projects.
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| **VI.** | **Action Items** | 30 min. |
|  | 1. SNFCI Forest Service Process Discussion
* SNFCI council met in Plumas County about a month ago
* There was a lot of discussion about the various collaborative and Firesafe council
* Most everyone was faced with limited funds and barriers to success
* Long turnaround time between implementation and payment
* Are there ways to expedite moving funds to projects?
* **ACTION: Send your ideas relative to this request to Tristyn Armstrong**
* **ACTION: Full request sent via blog**
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|  | 1. Discussion on SNC Grant Proposals
* Planning committee met earlier this month and reviewed 3 different proposals and concurred to bring forward for recommendation
* Handouts provided at front of room.
* Amador Firesafe Council, Eldorado NF, and Stanislaus
* **AFSC** – Refined proposal from last week; no shovel ready projects; Suite of pre-planning activities that will help leverage future funding opportunities; Pine Acres/Mitchell Mine Fuel Reduction planning project; complex of shaded fuel breaks; $30K for landowner contact, arch and CEQA activities, project layout using modeling, etc; expected outcome would be shovel ready project to conduct implementation; Additional funding for CWPP’s for the High Country ($7K) and Greater Fiddletown ($3K);
* **BLM** – Resubmitting Big Lily Gap Phase II; failed earlier consideration due to CEQA; $185K proposal, NEPA is done.
* **Calaveras RD** – Mattley and Foster Meadow Pre-Project due diligence; complete PPDD for plug and pond type restoration like Indian Valley; Design work;
* **Amador RD** – Bailey riparian restoration;
* **ACTION: Concurrence reached on submitting all these projects**.
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|  | 1. Community Review Committee Update
* The committee met briefly following last month’s meeting
* There have been no issues to date relative to piles being out of compliance
* **ACTION: Steve W. will follow-up with BV and CBD**
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|  | 1. SCALE
* There is a push to complete an MOU between the three California CFLR Projects (Dinkey, Burney-Hat Creek, and Cornerstone)
* Teresa McClung agreed to help Steve W. advance this
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|  | 1. MOA Signatory
* **ACTION: Kimberly Grissom approved as a signatory to the MOA**
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| **IX.** | **ACCG Partner Reports** |  10 min. |
|  | 1. Brief updates from those in attendance
* The Bailey project is ramping up and Smith Grinding is one of the contractors
* Ramsey appeal period ends Monday
* South Medusa Stewardship Contract was advertised twice with no bids, so it has been altered slightly and will go out for a third time
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|  | 1. Upcoming Events/Meetings/Conferences
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| **X.** | **Current Meeting Action Items Review** |  5 min. |
| **XI.** | **Adjourn – *Next meeting in Calaveras County on September 18th***  | *12 noon* |