**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 |  |
|  | 1. Facilitator Assignments  * Sheet passed around for members to volunteers to sign up |  |
|  | **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 |  |
|  | 1. Upcoming Meetings  * Next planning meeting will take place in Amador County and will be an office meeting. |  |
|  | **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** |  |
|  | **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** |  |
| **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 |  |
|  | 1. University of Michigan Request  * **ACTION: Please review the email transmission provided via email and follow-up directly with the University with project ideas.** |  |
|  | 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. |  |
|  | 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. |  |
| **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** |  |
|  | 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**. |  |
|  | 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** |  |
|  | 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 |  |
|  | 1. MOA Signatory  * **ACTION: Kimberly Grissom approved as a signatory to the MOA** |  |
| **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 |  |
|  | 1. Upcoming Events/Meetings/Conferences |  |
| **X.** | **Current Meeting Action Items Review** | 5 min. |
| **XI.** | **Adjourn – *Next meeting in Calaveras County on September 18th*** | *12 noon* |