**Meeting Notes**

**October 15, 2014 – 9:30am – 12:00pm**

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

**Meeting Facilitator:** John Hofmann

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** |
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| **1** | **Call To Order** |
| **2** | **Participants Introduction** John Hofmann, Pat McGreevy, Susan McMorris, Anne Heissenbuttel, Jan Bray**,** Rick Hopson, Chuck Loffland, Reuben Childress, Amy Rocha, Katherine Evatt, Bill Haigh**,** Cathy Koos Breazeal, Brandon Sanders, Eric Klinefelter, Dave Hattis, Katie Wilkinson, Julia Stevens, Chris Wright |
| **3** | **Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda Move #11 up (CSERC membership)** |
| **4** | **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** |
| **5** | Previous Meeting Action Items   1. Reschedule Stacy Stannish/replacement speaker - recontact early Spring 2015 2. Administrative support – what does the group want – discuss see Item 7 3. Reminder - contributions/leverage dollars for Annual Cornerstone Report – due to Kendal by 10/22. Report deadline 11/1 per R Hopson. D Hattis – using environmental indicators this year. 4. Work Group – develop definition of “local” – see Item 9 5. Secure copy of Dinkey Creek “local” definition process -- Cathy sent out. RESEND |
| **6** | **CSERC request for membership/MOU -** Julia Stevens represented Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center is based in Twain Harte (Tuolumne County) CA, 501c3, currently working with USFS on the Hemlock project. CSERC’s request for membership was accepted and Julia signed the ACCG MOU. |
|  | **ACCG Work Groups** |
| **7** | **Admin Work Group** – C Koos Breazeal   1. Facilitator assignments – November (Brandon Sanders), January (Katherine Evatt) , February (Bill Haigh) 2. Educational element presentation recommendations – R Hopson will contact NFWF for a speaker; Jan Bray recommends – Rick Standiford, UCCE – Davis, forest management; Brandon Sanders can recruit an SNC staffer to speak on technical assistance for the greenhouse cap/trade call for grants; Rick Hopson will contact Scott Stephens of UC Berkeley for a presentation on fire research SW Research Stn – f 3. Discussion ACCGs needs/desires for administrative services. SCALE paid for October/FS will pay for November – send bill. K Evatt recommended asking the FS to put in for approx. $24,000 per year, possible participating agreement.   The Admin work group will receive comments from ACCG until 11/10, compile and present to ACCG at November meeting. |
| **8** | **Planning Work Group –** USFS representative for Kendal Young   1. Scoping for Hemlock for approval - K Evatt/R Childress presented a report on Hemlock. Discussion followed; group consensus to move forward with scoping. |
| **9** | **Operations Work Group –**  Rick Hopson   1. Definition of local report presented 2. Group discussion:  * K Evatt raised concern that some items discussed at the work group meeting were not included in report. Gave summary of additional local benefit factors for considerations, including: locally owned businesses, local workforce, local economic benefit & infrastructure, workforce training, community leadership & education, local equipment/least # of entries/minimal forest damage. * RH: this is a good starting point to start working with contracting * KKE: wants commitment in writing to continue develop additional local criteria that takes into account criteria broader than the workforce criteria. Similar work being done on other forests. * RH: will wordsmith to add additional consideration to local benefit and wants to include ecological balance also. Then send out. * D Hattis – Likes KKE’s benefit factors. There is some work to do here. Need for biomass contractor all across Stanislaus. Some could be done on Cornerstone, if we had some info on what local means. * RH: IDIQ is important. Stewardship - bid with less points. 2 step process. * KE: add additional screen to pool, layer of review, that prioritizes contract benefits to local. * Hofmann - Can we start with this as foundation and continue to refine local benefits? * KE wants commitment from FS to prioritize Am and Cal counties. * RH – will work with KE to develop acceptable language.  1. Consensus was reached.   f |
| **10** | **Wilseyville & SCALE updates –** procurement area study status – S Wilensky not present. D Hattis - FS entered into agreement $400K with CHIPS. |
| **11** | **ACCG Partner Report**   * BHaigh – awarded SNC Lilly gap project 2015/16. Lots projects on shelf -- variance, demo in Amador. * Chris Wright – joint planning meeting with Planning Commission on 10/28 to roll out draft General Plan. * C Loffland – Jim Wilcox coming to Mattley and Foster. * E Klinefelter – good deer opener end Sept. Check station on Hwy 4 – 25 bucks, no bear; lots of hunters. Worked with Calaveras RD. Maybe next year work with Amador on Hwy 88. |
| **13** | **Action item review**   * RESEND Dinkey Creek local definition (CKB) * RESEND greenhouse grant information (CKB) * Admin WG send comments to me by 11/7 (CKB) * Send projects for cap and trade to Brandon for any support assist and to Cathy to forward to all of us before 11/3. * ALL - reminder year-end report to Kendal |
| **14** | **Upcoming Events/Meetings/Conferences/announcements** |
|  | **Adjourn – Next meeting in Jackson, 12200B Airport Road, November 19** |