**Amador Calaveras Consensus Group**

**Planning Work Group**

Meeting Notes

November 13, 2013

ATTENDEES: Kendal Young; Cathy Koos Breazeal, Katherine Evatt, Chuck Loffland, Bob Carroll, John Heissenbuttel, Gary Slade, Rick Hopson, Amy Rocha, (?? Laura ?? did not introduce)

1. Reviewed annual report; add mileage column; discussed loaded pay rates; add meeting prep column to standard sign-in sheets. Use for all ACCG meetings. Review at the end of each meeting – leverage data collection.
2. Admin work group calls
3. Reminder email to group – record hours
4. Need map of Cornerstone boundary and ACCG area boundary
5. Wilensky – SCALE meetings; avoided costs meetings; Dinkey/Hat Creek
6. Federal question: what is ACCG bringing to the effort
7. Indian Valley
8. How does TREAT (sp?) model work?
9. Question #4 – Katherine, John (Heissenbuttel or Hofmann?) et al send in thoughts, ie. Ramsey sale avoided a law suit.
10. Cathy – send RAC and ; data to Kendal
11. Reviewed leverage and match online forms
12. Project updates:
* Foster Firs – Rick Hopson -- proposed action being finalized
* Cancelled field trips due to ice
* Callecat
* Ramsey – sold to SPI; removed skyline and biomass elements. No local contractors bid; tree tops will be pile/burn; SPI may end up subcontracting; local benefit challenge; mill availability challenge. Katherine - Local benefit issue needs research, i.e. MSA. Rick – we can do MSA
* West Calaveras and Hemlock – not much change
* Jim Junette on Rim restoration for 1 year
* Rick H – task Monitoring with tracking on what to do or not do
1. Calendar – schedule large planning meeting for 3 days week of 1/21 or 2/24
2. Gary – Raintree Project with Trout Unlimited – put trees in streams – 30-50” DBH on North Fork Cosumnes for 1-2 miles.
3. Amy – NRCS project proposals due 11/15 – thin on private ground
4. POWER FIRE REVIEW – Bob Carroll and Laura ?? – NEPA review coordinator.
	* Katherine – FS has pattern of offering only 1 NEPA alternative, rather than a range of alternatives
	* Rick – agrees they have allowed marginal input to process so far
	* Option to pull project from Cornerstone
	* John Hofmann – cited urgency of work for herbicide effectiveness.
	* NEXT STEPS:
		1. Discuss areas with herbicide disagreement; collaborate position on herbicide
		2. Where is herbicide mandatory?
		3. More background needed on scoping documents
		4. Mention alternatives, i.e. low or no herbicide
		5. Rick acknowledged need to work with Native Peoples; contact CIBA
		6. Katherine – SPI uses a lot of herbicide – what is the cumulative effect?
		7. We can move forward if another alternative like grazing is included/acknowledged.

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