**ACCG Meeting Notes**

**May 21, 2014 – 9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Location:** Amador County GSA Building, 12200B Airport Road, Jackson

**Meeting Facilitator:** Teresa McClung

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** |
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| **1** | **Call To Order** By Teresa McClung |
| **2** | **Participants Introduction** |
| **3** | **Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda - none** |
| **4** | **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - accepted |
| **5** | **Status of Previous Action Items**   1. Ad hoc Rx Fire committee update – K Evatt & C Koos Breazeal [continuing to work with Nor Cal Rx Fire Council training committee 2. Grazing field trip update – C Koos Breazeal – field trip cancelled due to low participation. AFSC will continue to meet with grazer for AFSC project 3. Bruce Shindler, OSU, presentation scheduled for 7/16; Stacy Stannish September 4. Distance meeting progress – Calaveras has the following potential video conferencing sites: Sheriff’s office, San Andreas Library, CALWorks, Mark Twain Hospital. Calaveras Ranger District offers carpooling. |
|  | **ACCG Work Groups** |
| **6** | **Admin Work Group** – C Koos Breazeal   1. Response to sign-on or group decision requests outside meeting dates (specifically the Power Fire letter) the group agreed to allow the Admin Work Group to mail recommendations by email and if no objections, will move forward. “Action Response Required” will be placed in the email subject line. 2. Facilitator assignments – June 18 – Eric Kleinfelter; July 16 – Amy Rocha; August 20 – Reuben Childress; September, John Heissenbuttel 3. HSU Erin Kelly, Humboldt State University professor on board to assist with socio/economic monitoring questions. 4. Educational element recommendations – remind the group to continue to send presenter suggestions |
| **7** | **Planning Work Group –** Kendal Young   1. monitoring goals & objectives reviewed. 2. met to discuss Power Fire letter draft; conflicting due dates. John Heissenbuttel opposes the draft letter and will propose alternative wording. The next planning group meeting is scheduled for 6/11. 3. Cornerstone objectives – not looking for concurrence today; bring back next month 4. Next Planning Group meeting – Calaveras, 6/11, field trip. Reviewed additional calendar items. . |
| **8** | **Finance Work Group –** Steve Wilensky stated SCALE as recognized the under-funding of all 3 collaboratives and is taking steps to address. John Heissenbuttel stepped forward to lead a group of three (Steve Wilensky and Peter Zaragova) to develop recommendation to bring back to group on the focus and roles of the finance work group |
|  | **Operations Work Group –** J Heissenbuttel & R Hopson – report reviewed; next steps including definition of “local.” There will be a follow-up meeting in June/July to define local and come back to group with recommendation. Steve Wilensky - need to look more at Oregon process for developing local definition and maybe a tiered approach; what is the criteria and what matters . Peter – process is important but timely conclusion. Heiss - ACTION – SEPT RECOMMENDATION |
| **11** | **Teresa McClung, Calaveras District Ranger, Stanislaus National Forest Report –** The Forest pervisors appreciate ACCG’s Cornerstone efforts. It is a priority for both the Supervisors and the FS Chief. Emphasized need to track in-kind services. Announced that last year two members, John Hofmann and Katherine Evatt, contributed over150 hours and displayed certificates of appreciation. |
| **15** | **Wilseyville & SCALE updates Steve Wilensky -**  SCALE - reviewed McClellan meeting with Dinkey, Burney, ACCG, and Forest Service reps led by Jonathan Kusel. . dinkey, burney, accg, fs, led by J Kusel. Worthwhile processes developed. Contracting and definition of “local” issues discussed; administration and monitoring Meetings, exchanges coming up between groups. J Kusel is engaged in supporting all 3 collaboratives.  WILSEYVILLE - They are in the process of PGE connectivity study; $11000 from Woody BUG to accomplish but cost may be quite higher; new grant, Forest Fuel, through SCALE for all 3 collaboratives to share PGE costs connectivity; looked at recommendations on biomass from ACCG and need look again at fuels procurement; training and cert development started; land zoned permitting gasification plant determined; meeting 5/23 in Berkeley with finance reps meeting with local ppl and businesses for local equity and investment; chips will form llc with phonex energy and another player to have equity majority locally; crowd funding concept to accomplish locally. Putting together Woody Biomass; stakeholder meeting Wilseyville next week 5/28 WV firehouse Blue Mt Rd near transfer station, 6:30. |
| **16** | Action Items Review |
| **17** | **ACCG Partner Reports**  CHIPS – 12 new successful hires  AFSC – High Country CWPP - & new CAFSC grant, Fire Adapted Amador  Peter – where’s the salmon? CIMPC – 36 years – he does 10 counties – we need to give ourselves kudos for our work together  Tim Tate – SPI fee lands continue to operate on Rim salvage harvest about halfway through, back to full production, 9 tractor 2 cable sites; 100,000 trees planted this spring; next season 1.5 million new trees and another million.2 2016 plant season. Will probably need tree planters next year  Dambacher – chips should train local people for grinder  Matt – delivered 1st load today, adding more.  Heiss – salmon coming late august;  Robert – back to Bailey soon, depending on owl nesting  Jan – volunteers to help with making bids more competitive  Reuben – Moke ERC for PGE projects just established rec flows for Electra and Tiger Creek.  Amy – next 2 weeks NRCS is obligating ½ million to private landowners on Rim; farm bill caused delays; large application pool for drought on range land – obligate by end of June; Trott asked status of BCAP?  Trott – BV Biomass – started back up mid-October running strong, new operating company IHI Power; plenty of fuel, bulk coming from ag and landfill diversions, small amt of forest material; difficulty replacing John Romena; Trott is interim. Asked Steve W – can they use CHIPS grinder?  Eric K – Stacy Stannish, Senior Biologist in charge of timber harvest program on private lands – will speak to ACCG in September; get your specific questions to Eric early so she can address a response  Teresa – Calaveras district folks in field opening campgrounds, vacant positions Rim Fire – draft EIS for larger restoration out for public review –ends June 6. Ramsey – salvage logging last fall, expect to reopen in June to public access, CHIPS will remove some biomass not included in timber sale.  Kendal – Mattley Meadow funding update – searching for individual to give design elements – plug pond or other – good example of all-lands approach. |
| **18** | Upcoming Events/Meetings/Conferences/announcements |
|  | **Adjourn – Next meeting in West Point June 18** |
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