**Amador Calaveras Consensus Group**

**Meeting SUMMARY**

**September 17, 2014**

**9:30 – noon Indian Grinding Rock State Park**

**Pine Grove-Volcano Road**

1. **Call to order/introductions – John Heissenbuttel, facilitator 9:30-9:40**

Attending: Rick Hopson, Jan Bray, Pierce Tucker, Jonathon Kusel, Katherine Evatt, Andrew Spaeth, Reuben Childress, Susan McMorris, John Hofmann, Pat McGreevy, Peter Zamagoza, Pat Ferrell, Steve Wilensky, John Heissenbuttel, Anne Heissenbuttel, Kendal Young, Kimberly Grissom, Robert Carroll, Amy Rocha, Eric Kleinfelter, Kellie Hamilton

1. **Approval of agenda**  **9:40-9:45**

Agenda approved. Reschedule Stacy Stanish for a later date.

1. **Approval of August 20 meeting summary**  **9:45-9:50**

Summary approved with modifications made by email.

1. **Previous meeting action items** **9:50-9:55**

* Distribute administration alternatives -- done
* Sierra Institute to circulate administration briefing paper – done

1. **Work Group Reports**

* **Administration WG 9:55-10:10**
* **Funding**

SCALE and USFS have provided funding for administrative support for next couple of months. USFS State and Private Forestry and funds from CLFR may provide significant support. Need to have discussion next month on what group desires as far as administrative support.

* **Planning WG**  **10:10-10:30**
* **Power Fire Lower Herbicide Alternative**

Group concurred that low herbicide option met the intent of ACCG’s request for an alternative. Amador Ranger District did a good job of being open and transparent.

* **Annual CLFR Report**

Get info to Kendal on contributions or leverage dollars/in kind.

* **Operations WG 10:30-11:15**
* **Summary of 8/20 meeting and consideration of discussion draft definition of “local”**

Productive discussion amongst ACCG members and representatives from RO and Eldorado FS office on definition of local. Foothill Conservancy tabled a draft proposal for giving preference to Amador and Calaveras contractors. Group agreed to defer to Operations WG to develop a recommendation for discussion at the October ACCG meeting.

1. **Wilseyville Update 11:15-11:25**

Effort moving forward. Some specific projects “on slow” to avoid unnecessary review. Fiber supply analysis for cogen facility expected in October. This will evaluate the impact of the ACCG filters. Wilseyville public meeting rescheduled from September to October.

1. **Scale Update**  **11:25-11:35**

Based on recent meetings with the Washington Office, SCALE collaborators have learned that it is possible to modify the projects initially proposed in the CLFR based on new land situations (e.g. fire). It is also possible to request funding for administrative support from CLFR funds, but need to identify which land management projects come off the table.

1. **ACCG Partner Reports/Upcoming Events** **11:35-11:45**

***NOTE: ACCG members, please feel free to modify/add to this***

Amy: NRCS has had the funding to assist many private landowners in our area in improving forest and range lands. 1.4 million acres in the Rim Fire area.

Rick H.: High Country News wrote a disparaging article about National Forest management. Need to think about how we cooperate with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – it’s an opportunity.

Pierce: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation may be an opportunity as they can receive funds that the USFS cannot for improving management.

Katherine: Moke River cleanup is this Saturday 9/20.

Susan: Calaveras upcountry schools in trouble. All need to pay attention.

John Hofmann: Moke benefits group is looking for a mastication contractor.

Pat: Working with Calaveras Planning Coalition to help them understand where water comes from. One very successful tour so far, many more anticipated.

Steve W.: Meeting with Margaret Young from EBMUD upcoming. CHIPS is growing .

1. **Action item review** **11:45-11:50**

* Schedule ACCG discussion on administrative support and funding.
* ACCG concurred that Planning WG had fulfilled its request to develop a low/no herbicide alternative for the Power Fire.
* All need to get info to Kendal on contributions or leverage dollars for Cornerstone.
* Empower Operations Work Group to develop a recommended definition of “local” for discussion at next ACCG meeting.
* Secure copy of Dinkey Creek process for defining “local.”

1. **Adjourn to social event**  **11:50**

A good time was had by all.