

# Amador Calaveras Consensus Group

## Meeting Minutes March 16, 2016 9:30am – 12:00pm

Location: Highway 26 and Pine Street, West Point CA

Meeting Facilitator: John Hofmann Minutes Taken By: Kimberly Grissom

### Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

2. Participant Introductions

Amy Rocha, Annie Dean, Bill Haigh, Cathy Koos-Breazeal, David Griffith, Don Hittenmiller, Eric Kleinfelter, Gerald Schwartz, Gwen Starrett, Jan Bray, Jeanne Higgins, John Heissenbuttel, John Hofmann, Katherine Evatt, Kendal Young, Kimberly Grissom, Mary Sketch, Megan Fiske, Pat McGreevy, Reuben Childress, Rick Hopson, Robin Wall, Steve Wilensky, Teresa McClung, Terry Woodrow, Tim Tate, Jay Francis, Sue Holper, Jennifer Chapman, Donna Vial, Becky Estes, Allison Jolley, Jonathan Kusel, Kent Lambert, Carol Marz

3. Approval and/or Modification of Agenda

- Item 11 and 12 will be combined, the presentation on Defining Local is not yet finalized.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved.

5. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items

6. Administration Work Group

- Web post draft guidelines have been circulated, and are available for review.
- An overview is presented of how to sign up for the ACCG website newsfeed.

7. Planning Work Group

- Emergency Declarations - The Amador Board of Supervisors passed a Tree Mortality emergency declaration. The next step is to establish a task force, which Supervisor Plasse is working on. The Calaveras Board of Supervisors passed a Tree Mortality emergency declaration. Mike Olivera is working on establishing a task force. The ACCG letter of support for making the declarations was helpful.

- CFLR funds may be available to help with travel expenses to the NFF conference in Denver. John Heissenbuttel will draft an ACCG letter of support, and travelers should contact Teresa McClung with amounts requested.
- The next Monitoring meeting is March 30, in Jackson. The framework is nearly done.

8. Butte Fire Work Group – Jan Bray

- Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) has been submitted. Work is still being done to establish an MOA between Amador and Calaveras counties to facilitate the distribution of those funds when they arrive. Contracts that come available through grants ACCG supported will be posted on the website – please submit these to Kimberly Grissom. The CalAm group will draft a letter in support of the Tuolumne North Fork Recreation project. Pat McGreevy has helped dig out 5 of 6 plugged culverts on Ponderosa Way. Thanks to Bill Haigh for getting local hires on the BLM erosion control project. Bill will share a list of lessons learned from the project. BLM

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also has timber sales that are moving forward, including one near Alabama Hill, near Whiskey Slide Rd., and near Lily Gap. That timber will be removed this summer.

- Work is being done by SPI, NRCS, and volunteers, to get conifer and oak seedlings for replanting.

### 9. Tree Mortality Work Group

- This work group is working to fill a knowledge gap. The op-ed by Mary Sketch published recently in the Amador Ledger Dispatch, and the interviews on CHIPS radio program on KQBM are efforts to accomplish that. Next goals include assigning ACCG representatives to attend CARB and other meetings, and establishing a list of recommendations for ACCG to support.

### 10. Presentation: SCALE report, with preview of Defining Local results – Allison Reeves-Jolley, Sierra Institute.

- SCALE has outgrown its name, now encompasses outside of Sierra and Cascade. Issues resolved include facilitating budget and administration for CFLR collaborative. Issues being advanced include supporting local contractors, establishing a pathway to service contracts, socioeconomic monitoring, and methods to increase all-lands approaches.

### 11. Agency Updates

- Updates included an event to be published on the ACCG website calendar, the Natural Areas Association Conference in October at UC Davis.

### 12. Action Items Review

- The Administration WG will pursue additional administration funds through CFLR via USFS – John Heissenbuttel will write a letter of support.
- Cal Am will present a letter of support for the Tuolumne project.
- Bill Haigh will share a list of lessons learned from BLM's erosion control efforts, including aerial wood shreds distribution methodology.
- The Tree Mortality Work Group will reconvene to identify representatives to attend CARB and other meetings on ACCG's behalf, and to develop a list of action items that ACCG can approve.
- An ACCG letter of support regarding reopening the Buena Vista biomass plant will be drafted by Steve Wilensky and brought to a future meeting, to then be submitted to Allison Reeves-Jolley of Sierra Institute.
- The Admin WG will distribute the website guidelines, includes how long posts should remain on the front page.
- Katherine Evatt will draft an op-ed, or environmental outreach letter to help bring pressure to SMUD to purchase power from Biomass plants.
  - Allison Jolley will provide a copy of the Burney biomass plant letter of support.
- The Natural Areas Association Conference in October will be posted on the ACCG website calendar.

### 16. Next Meeting Topics

### 17. Adjourn 12:00 pm.

- Next meeting April 20, 2016, 12200 B Airport Rd, Jackson CA, CA.