

# Amador Calaveras Consensus Group

Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2016 9:30am – 12:00pm

Location: 12200 Airport Rd, Jackson, CA  
Meeting Facilitator: Rick Hopson Minutes Taken By: Mary Sketch

## Agenda Items

1. Call to Order
2. Participant Introductions  
Rick Hopson, Mary Sketch, Gwen Starrett, Donna Vial, Frank Axe, Pat McGreevy, Don Hitmeiller, Annie Dean, David Griffith, Reuben Childress, Megan Fiske, Darrell Scholtz, Katherine Evatt, Dennis Bowker, John Heissenbuttel, Tim Tate, Kendall Young, Robin Wall, Brian Mulholland, Jan Bray, Gerald Schwartz, John Hoffman, Terry Woodrow, Teresa McClung, Bill Haigh, Michael Pickard, Steve Wilensky, Kevin Zeman, Kent Lambert, Jeannie Higgins, Jennifer Chapman, Sue Wolper, Sherry Reckler, Steve Dunsky, Dennis Rodman.
3. Approval and/or Modification of Agenda
  - Add SCALE meeting update after item 11.
  - Add Master Stewardship Agreement (MSA) update after item 5.
  - Confirm Next meeting is May 18, 2016 (to correct typo)
  - Agenda approved as modified
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - Approved.
5. Review of Previous Meeting Action Items (see agenda)
6. Master Stewardship Agreement Update and Discussion – Teresa McClung
  - Details regarding coordination of the signing event following the next meeting are discussed, and tasks assigned as follows:
  - Robin Wall will coordinate from USFS side including working with the Public Information Officers, including USFS Region 5; Katherine Evatt and Gwen Starret will coordinate from the ACCG and Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authorit (UMRWA) side; the Admin Work Group will participate in a call to finalize plans. More explanation on how the MSA will work may be needed, and can be provided in the future.
7. Presentation: Smith's Grinding Operations – Brian Mulholland
  - John Romena, Robert Smith, and Brian Mulholland have taken an old lumber mill site in Wallace, CA and turned it into a log yard. Using local contractors equipment, they have delivered 100 loads of wood chips so far. PG & E has been providing trees removed from their right of way in the Butte Fire, which has been crucial to making enough money to cover paychecks. Challenges currently being worked on include finding a way to accept homeowner's logs that are beetle killed or burned, without cost to the homeowner, acquiring a post and pull machine that can utilize short logs to make posts, and getting added to the region's economic development plan.
8. Administration Work Group
  - Funding individual's travel to the National Forest Foundation (NFF) Collaborative Restoration workshop in Denver is moving forward. John Heissenbuttel drafted the ACCG letter of support for this and submitted it to Teresa McClung and Rick Hopson.
9. Planning Work Group

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- A field trip group went to the Darby Fire area, to see the Last Chance project, which includes approximately 400 acres of brush removal along the Utica ditch. It is a possible site for maintenance by grazing, since there are houses too close for using prescribed fire.
  - A field trip group also went to the McKay's project, and to a fuel break built for the Butte Fire. A challenge is how to maintain that fuel break, which is important to protecting the town of Avery.
10. Monitoring Work Group
- The next monitoring meeting (May 4) will include a presentation by Mr. Metcalfe of USFS Region 5, which has done a socioeconomic study which includes West Point, Wilseyville, and Jackson.
  - Dennis Bowker suggests contacting Henry Provencio from Flagstaff AZ.
11. Tree Mortality Work Group
- Amador and Calaveras are forming tree mortality task forces, and ACCG representatives are involved. Each county has two parts to their group – a core group of mainly agencies, and a task force more open to the public. Alpine is not included as high risk yet.
  - ACCG may set up an area of the website with resources for people facing tree mortality issues on their property. Tuolumne County has an example. Disclaimer is needed.
12. Presentation: USFS Mokelumne Water Education Video – Sherry Reckler and Steve Dunskey
- Goal is a 60 second high resolution video that is compatible with social media, and with big screen. It will be available to partners as public domain work produced by USFS. Input is desired from locals who know about the region including ACCG participants, landowners. A key factor is tying it all the way down to the Bay Area, to show the connection.
  - Challenges include topography here, locating local resources, finding professional B-roll, and deciding on possible data to collect in the process.
  - Interested parties will meet after this meeting, after lunch. Or people can contact Steve Dunskey (707)562-8680, or (707)853-6664, [sdunskey@fs.fed.us](mailto:sdunskey@fs.fed.us)
13. SCALE Meeting Update and Discussion– John Heissenbittel
- Attendees included ACCG, Burney/Hat Creek, Dinkey, South Fork American Cohesive Wildfire Strategy, Western Klamath Watershed Project
  - Topics included Landscape as the preferred focus, building and maintaining capacity, handling Air Quality Boards as a barrier, NEPA-CEQA crosswalk, avoided cost, single species management, and Defining Local. USFS Region 5 will incorporate individual collaboratives' definitions of local into their own. The table put forward at the meeting seems to be accepted by USFS Region 5.
14. Agency/Organization Updates
- Skipped because of running 15 minutes over
15. Action Item Review (see addendum)
16. Next Meeting Topics Review.
17. Adjourn 12:00 pm.
- Next meeting May 18, 2016. Veterans Hall, Hwy 26 and Pine Street, West Point, CA.

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## Action Items April ACCG:

1. Bill Haigh from BLM will share “lessons learned” from Butte Fire erosion control efforts, at a future meeting.
2. Allison Reeves-Jolly of the Sierra Institute will provide an update on the ACCG letter of support for the Buena Vista Biomass plant reopening
3. The Admin WG is revising and updating the MOA.
4. Katherine Evatt will renew efforts to coordinate with USFS PIO regarding ACCG.
5. Katherine Evatt, Gwen Starrett, Teresa McClung, Robin Wall, Jennifer Chapman – Work together on Press Release for Master Stewardship Agreement signing by USFS Supervisor Randy Moore.
6. Admin team and Jennifer Chapman – ACCG Agenda for May ACCG meeting designed based on Master Stewardship Agreement signing by USFS Supervisor Randy Moore
7. Kevin Zeman – Offered to present general information on Master Stewardship Agreements at a future ACCG meeting.
8. Admin team (Katherine Evatt) and Tim Tate – Put on ACCG website information for homeowners re: how to remove bug-killed trees
9. Katherine Evatt – Provide Google flyover info to Sherry and Steve (USFS videographers) for USFS Mokelumne Water Education
10. Mary Sketch – Provide SCALE info to full ACCG
11. Steve Wilensky – Actions re: local contractors and CCC letter of first refusal