**Location:  Veterans’ Memorial Hall, West Point, CA  
Meeting Facilitator: Katherine Evatt ••• Minutes: Jill Micheau**

*Attendees: Terry Woodrow; Robert Smith; Jeff Blewett; Bill Haigh; Reuben Childress; John Heissenbuttel; Pat McGreevy; Jay Francis; Ray Cablayan; Bob Breusch; Karen Quidachey; Gerald Schwartz; Jim Burk; James Trythall; Bronson Merdibles; Katherine Evatt; Sue Holper; Scott Tangenberg; Ron Hames; Rick Hopson; Jill Micheau, Robin Wall*

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| **Item Number** | **Agenda Item** | **Owner(s)** | **Est. Time** | **Minutes** |
| 1 | Call to order | Katherine Evatt | 9:30 AM | 0 |
| 2 | Participants introductions | All | 9:30 AM | 5 |
| 3 | Modification and/or approval of agenda -- OK | All | 9:35 AM | 5 |
| 4 | Approval of July minutes -- approved | All | 9:40 AM | 5 |
| **Presentations and Business** | | | | |
| 5 | PG&E Transmission Line Herbicide Maintenance Project – presentation to be put on website. | Peter Beesley  PG&E PM | 9:45 | 30 |
| 6 | LIDAR and hyperspectral imaging uses in forestry -- presentation to be put on website | Scott Conway  USFS | 10:15 | 30 |
| **Updates** | | | | |
| 7 | See updates below… | All | 10:45 AM | 30 |
| **Planning Update and Exercise** | | | | |
| 8 | Strategic Planning Update   * Revised Mission Statement – ballots were distributed so members could review options that were developed by the strategic planning team and indicate their preferences. * SWOT Analysis results – posted to website here: xxx * Current and Future State brainstorm – discussion notes posted to website here: xxx | Jill Micheau | 11:15 AM | 45 |
| 9 | Wrap up and Adjourn   * Next meeting September 20, 2017,  **Amador County GSA Building, 12200 Airport Road, Sutter Creek, CA 95685** | Katherine Evatt | Noon | 0 |
| **Meeting Adjourns at Noon** | | | | |

**August 2017 Updates from Working Groups and Associates**

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| **Group/ Associate** | **Updates** |
| **Admin Work Group,** John Heissenbuttel,  Jill Micheau | * Comment letter for PG&E Transmission Line Herbicide Maintenance Project sent 8/8/2017 * Letter requesting support for full funding for CFLR in 2018 federal budget sent to Dianne Feinstein, Kamala Harris, Tom McClintock 8/8/2017 |
| **Planning Work Group,** Robin Wall | * July 26, 2017: meeting at the Calaveras Ranger District with field trip to Slick Rock Jeep Trail. One ACCG member participated in the meeting. * August 23, 2017: meeting at the Amador Ranger District. Discussion includes: Power Fire EIS, Upper Mokelumne Meadows Planning Grant and Bear River Allotment EA. No field trip scheduled. |
| **Monitoring Work Group,** Shana Gross,Robin Wall | * Field Monitoring Days (August 30-31, 2017 at Thompson Meadow). Register by August 20, 2017. Have about 15 participants currently. For additional information contact: Shana Gross, [segross@fs.fed.us](about:blank). * Amador-Calaveras Consensus group Monitoring and Science Symposium (November 8th, 2017 8-5 Amador County Department of Health and Human Services 10877 Conductor Blvd. Sutter Creek, CA) - Announcement should be available by the end of the week * Need more participation in socio-economic discussion. Especially if people have strong feelings about moving forward with Chico. Have had multiple opportunities for people to participate in socio-economic specific calls and folks have not participated.: August 8th Monitoring Call focused on social economic discussion because Becky and Shana were at a conference however no one participated in hour long call scheduled. * Next Monitoring Call 9/13/17 10-12 |
| **Forest Service, Amador**  Robin Wall | * Panther EA – working through the objection process. The objection meeting with Deputy Regional Forester, Eldorado National Forest and Objectors was held on August 15, 2017. Anticipate a final decision in next 2-4 weeks. * Draft Record of Decision for the Power Reforestation EIS expected to be released for the 45 day objection period on August 25, 2017. * Power Fire Roadside Brushing work will start August 11, 2017. * Foster Firs Stewardship Contract bids accepted until August 28, 2017. For additional information go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/eldorado/home/?cid=STELPRD3836027> * Ellis Road opened to the public on August 7, 2017. Spur 19 is closed for about three weeks for asphalt repair. * Fire Apprentice jobs in the Eldorado and Stanislaus NF. Hiring period is open August 11-25, 2017. For additional information go to: <https://go.usa.gov/xNtwu> * The price of the America the Beautiful Senior Pass will increase from $10 to $80 on August 28, 2017. |
| **Foothill Conservancy**  Katherine Evatt | * We'll be sponsoring the annual Mokelumne River Cleanup as part of the Great Sierra River Cleanup on Saturday, September 16. Everyone is welcome to participate. Details should be on our website and pre-registration is required. |
| **Forest Service, Calaveras** Ray Cablayan | * Pumpkin hollow: CHIPS subcontracted under Greater Valley Conservation Corps. Project is ready to go. Will start after CHIPS’s current Yosemite project work is done. September start, road work 2018. Planning to move forward with Hemlock/Cabbage Patch work; similar to Pumpkin Hollow. Michael Pickard involved. * Field trip to Slick Rock – route was changed again after the field trip. Not Cornerstone funding. * UMRWA meeting: discussed move away from FS not working with local contractors; trying to get UMRWA to incorporate more locals. One contract went to an Ashland Oregon company; only 5% weight is given to local economy. We need to talk to UMRWA reps about local benefits, ways to include more local contractors in projects. Ray: Cost was given most weight in the decision process. The rest was technical approach, references, experience, etc.  Heissenbuttel: Note that there is no consensus within this group about how to work with locals or how much weight to give. * Field trip to Matley Meadow included Fish & Wildlife participants, others; state and federal Wildlife reps thought project worthwhile. Meeting again in September to discuss. * Question: How does Ray let us know about field trips? ACTION ITEM: JILL TO ASK RAY TO INFORM HER RE FIELD TRIPS SO SHE CAN POST TO WEB OR EMAIL MEMBERS. |
| **SPI** Jay Francis | * Major issue over last 1.5 years has been tree mortality. Bark beetles and dead pines seem to be receding; noticing more fir engravers attacking firs in higher elevations. Shifting efforts from pine to fir mortality. Several major land owners enlisted here. Can provide update on progress. Can others provide same update? ACTION ITEM: SEND INFO TO JILLMICHEAU@GMAIL.COM |
| **Stanislaus National Forest** Scott Tangenberg | * Selection of new FS Supervisor will be made in the next couple of weeks. Just got authority to proceed to hire new District Ranger for the Highway 108 corridor, including Miwok and Summit Ranger Districts. Took months to get exemption from hiring freeze and authorization. Freeze is still in place. * Will solicit and submit a 2nd round of exemption requests but will not encompass all vacancies, strictly those geared toward public safety and critical mission delivery * Considers the continuation of CFLR to be a critical mission. Will advocate for CFLR coordinator position. |
| Pat McG  CalAm | * Onion Meadow: working with Gwen Starrett; will discuss at planning meeting next week * CalAm team wants to instill capacity in comment. We usually write grant proposals; EPPOC was spoken to last week. Pete Padelford and Pat presented map of Highway 4; showed fuel breaks; need money; need a plan, then write grants; starting to get Arnold community to write grants. ACTION ITEM: JILL TO ASK PAT FOR PRESENTATION AND MAP FOR WEB SITE. Requested 8/18 |
| Bill Haigh BLM | * South Fork Mokelumne is on BLM property -- 900 acres; most proactive on south side because focused on hazard tree work for many; getting back to other things end of summer. |
| **Wheelabrator Shasta Energy** Jim Burk | Looking to buy high hazard zone material for bio program? Another outlet for material. If you have material, contact Jim at: [biomasster@aol.com](about:blank), 530-219-0128 |
| **Amador Ranger District** Rick Hopson | * Both the Copycat (part of the Callecat EA) and Foster Firs timber sales are out for bid. Callecat TS is currently being harvested. View 88 Sale will have some activity later this fall. (Rick, please fill in details) |

# 2017 Meeting Schedule:

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| **Date** | **Location** | **Facilitator** | **Speakers/Topics** |
| September 20 | Jackson | Shana Gross | Shana Gross: tree mortality |
| October 18 | West Point | Robin Wall |  |
| November 15 | TBD |  |  |

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| January 17 | West Point |  |  |
| February 21 | Jackson |  |  |
| March 21 | West Point |  |  |
| April 25 | Jackson |  |  |
| May 16 | West Point |  |  |
| June 20 | Jackson |  |  |
| July 18 | West Point |  |  |
| August 15 | Jackson |  |  |
| September 19 | West Point |  |  |
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