**Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, March 20th, 2013

Location: West Point Veterans Hall

Corner of Highway 26 and Bald Mountain Road, West Point, CA

Meeting Facilitator: Susie Kocher

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** | **Est. Time** |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| **I.** | **Call To Order** | *9:30 a.m.* |
| **II.** | **Participants Introduction**   * Bill Haigh, BLM * Susie Kocher, UCCE * Erik Kleinfelter, CADFW * Peter Zaragoza, CIMC * Teresa McClung, Stanislaus NF Calaveras RD * Kendal Young, Stanislaus NF Calaveras RD * Jim Junette, Stanislaus Calaveras RD * Katherine Evatt, Foothill Conservancy * Tim Tate, SPI * Gerald Schwartz, EBMUD * Matt Waverly, SPI * John Hofmann, Consultant to Amador County * John Heissenbuttel, HNRC * Gary Slade, TU * Rod Pimentel * Jeff Laird, ACVO * Robert Smith, Smith Grinding * Addie Jacobsen, EPFW * Rick Hopson, Eldorado NF Amador Ranger District * Arvada Fisher, CHIPS * Chris Wright, Calaveras County Supervisor | 5 min. |
| **III.** | **Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda**   * Approved |
| **IV.** | **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**   * Items originally bulleted with prefixes did not stay with the bullets |
| **V.** | **Status of Active Action Items** |
| **VI.** | **Biomass Feedstock Exercise** | 90 min. |
|  | Susie Kocher – Approached by administrative workgroup to assist with this exercise. She covers Eldorado, Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne County.  Plant opening in Stockton (50MW)  Standard (7MW)  Ultrapower (20MW)  Buena Vista (15MW)  Placing pressure on existing plants.  2-3 MW plant will require 5 trucks a day M-F; Certain parts of the year will need to look elsewhere than the woods or have storage capacity.  Bottom line is there will be increased competition. This is something to keep in mind.  Full agreement   * Shaded fuel-breaks within a fire-fuels management program or CWPP * Power Line trimmings * BLM Variance Program * Community road-side chipper waste (of otherwise non-merchantable material) * Defensible space clearing within 200’ of homes and structures * Meadow restoration biomass (of otherwise non-merchantable material) * Native American Cultural Site Restoration (of otherwise non-merchantable material) * GTR-220-consistent projects that are done at an ecologically sound pace and scale (of otherwise non-merchantable material) * Road construction and maintenance * Projects that leave adequate viable habitat for plants/wildlife diversity (structure, WL trees, e.g. cavity nesting) * Riparian Zone restoration (of otherwise non-merchantable material) * Trees damaged by storms threatening public safety (downed trees on roads, of otherwise non-merchantable material) * Municipal green waste/homeowner green waste (non-treated woods) * Mill by-products and mill waste (non-toxic and otherwise non-merchantable) * Consistent with Firewise Program * Agricultural waste – general (non-toxic) * Any slash/fuel/biomass pile on the ground the day before the agreement is reached (date of support letter)   Discussion   * Plantation thinning to increase stand diversity over time or to meet specific wildlife or ecological objectives. |  |
| **VII.** | **ACCG Work Groups** |  |
|  | **A. Admin Work Group** – B. Sanders | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update |  |
|  | 1. New MOA Signatories – ACVO Approved as New Signatory |  |
|  | **B. Planning Work Group –** K. Young | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update |  |
|  | **C. Finance Work Group** – S. McMorris | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update |  |
|  | **D. Operations Work Group** – J. Heissenbuttel | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update |  |
| **VIII.** | **New Business** | 10 min. |
|  | 1. Participating Agreement Status |  |
|  | 1. Woody BUG Support Letter for CHIPS  * Third paragraph – CHIPS is selling themselves short by stating it will only support 6-8 new jobs. * 1-2 MW vs. 1-3 MW * Sustainably harvest(ed) OR sustainably managed forest OR landscape * Taking out jobs figure and simply stating ‘new jobs’ * Attached the list of organizations. |  |
| **VI.** | **Old Business** | 10 min. |
|  | 1. Mokelumne Avoided Cost Analysis Update  * R. Hopson – Concerns have been expressed over a meeting that occurred where Hopson attended and the demand-side analysis was presented. * Demand-side analysis – envision a future where the supply side is the projects being done and the demand-side is those who will invest. * Indian Valley project has raised awareness to Region and DC Level * Want to start a conversation with other potential funders * Discussion forum took place, was kept small, considered a pilot process; wanted to see where the conversations went * Another forum coming up in April; we need to start communicating with upstream interests. * Suggest that we host one of these up here. * At the last ACCG meeting this came up, concerns were expressed by Steve W. and Katherine E. given that matters in the watershed being addressed outside the region need to include interests other than agencies. * Need to include local environmental NGO’s * Agencies cannot speak for the people living in the watershed * Steve is interested and wants to be involved * Chris Wright will be participating in the activities moving forward * ACCG needs to be represented in those meetings; not necessarily by agency staff, but by local representation * **ACTION**: Maintain standing agenda item for this topic |  |
|  | 1. Update and Discussion on Forest Service FY 2013 Budgets |  |
| **IX.** | **ACCG Partner Reports** | 10 min. |
|  | 1. Brief updates from those in attendance |  |
| **X.** | **Current Meeting Action Items Review** | 5 min. |
| **XI.** | **Adjourn – *Next meeting in Calaveras County on March 20th*** | *12 noon* |