**Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, May 15th, 2013 - 9:30am – 12:00pm

Location: West Point Veterans Hall

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

Meeting Facilitator: Cathy Koos-Breazeal

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** | **Est. Time** |
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| **I.** | **Call To Order** | *9:30 a.m.* |
| **II.** | **Participants Introduction**   * Cathy Koos-Breazeal, AFSC * Peter Zaragoza, CIMC * Nic Enstice, SNC * John Heissenbuttel, Heissenbuttel Natural Resource Consulting * Amy Rocha, NRCS * Teresa McClung, Calaveras Ranger District * Kendal Young, Calaveras Ranger District * Susan McMorris, BMCRC * Gerald Schwartz, EBMUD * Bill Haigh, BLM * Vince Campa * Tim Tate, SPI * Jeff Laird, ACVO * Robert Smith, Smith Grinding/ACCABU * Rick Hopson, Amador Ranger District * Dennis Lewis, Calaveras Foothills Firesafe Council * Katherine Evatt, Foothill Conservancy * Pat McGreevy, Calaveras County Parks and Recreation * Jan Bray, Nor Cal Society of American Foresters * Jim Carroll, West Point Fire District * John Romena, Buena Vista Biomass Power LLC | 5 min. |
| **III.** | **Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda**   * Katherine Evatt added an item on SCALE under old business * Brief update on conference call with national coordination group; could include CFLR interviews |
| **IV.** | **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** |
| **V.** | **Status of Active Action Items** |
| **VII.** | **ACCG Work Groups** |  |
|  | **A. Admin Work Group** – B. Sanders | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update  * Discussions ongoing relative to teleconference capability * Workgroup developed agenda |  |
|  | **B. Planning Work Group –** K. Young | 15 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update  * Planning workgroup has met twice since last full meeting (April 24 and a tour on May 8th * Meetings will now be the second Wednesday of every month * Taking meetings on the road/conducting field tours and various locations to get more insight on what’s going on in the field * On June 12th the next meeting will be at the Amador Ranger District and potential tour of the Power Fire |  |
|  | 1. Request Concurrence on Projects  * In April 4 different projects were addressed; Callecat Ecological Restoration Project; Forest Creek; Mokelumne River Crossing; San Domingo Trail * These four projects are all implementation   **ACTION**: Concurrence on all four projects listed |  |
|  | 1. Support letter for Ramsey Project  * May 8th Tour with Planning Workgroup * Planning WG produced a letter for consideration in support of the project * Ramsey Fire burned in August 2012 on 1150 acres; 95% USFS, 5% private * Salvage logging on 237 acres including saw timber and biomass   **ACTION**: Approved Ramsey Support Letter   * Brandon will send it off today. All MOA signatories minus Federal members. * Justin Augustine, CBD and John Buckley, CSERC to be copied |  |
|  | 1. Future Field Tours  * Desire to spend more time out on the ground viewing projects * Monthly planning meeting has been moved to different locations * Also potential for additional field trips, including BLM and non-Federal * Kendal provided a calendar listing field trips. |  |
|  | **C. Finance Work Group** – S. McMorris | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update  * Susan is stepping down as the workgroup coordinator * Need to identify a new coordinator   **ACTION**: Send email around to the full list asking for volunteers to coordinate the finance workgroup |  |
|  | **D. Operations Work Group** – J. Heissenbuttel | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update  * Will be producing a calendar for distribution at the next meeting that will highlight projects that are in the works |  |
| **VIII.** | **New Business** | 60 min. |
|  | 1. Environmental Benefits Program Strategic Discussion  * There will be a detailed presentation on this program at the June meeting |  |
|  | 1. Indian Valley and Highway 4 Field Trips  * Plans in development for additional field trips to Indian Valley * Anticipated for Summer 2013; possibly up to 3 different trips * This is in addition to three other trips being planned * Field trip for ranchers planned for June 14th at Indian Valley * Also planning to visit meadow(s) in the Highway 4 corridor that may require or be good candidates for restoration * Potential for ACCG to take on the role of host for tours * There is interest among the group to participate in tour development |  |
|  | 1. CFLR Interviews with NFF  * There is a team of grad students who are working with NFF to interview people involved in CFLR collaborative * They are visiting May 28-30 and will be in the area to conduct interviews |  |
|  | 1. [NFF Funding Opportunity](http://www.nationalforests.org/conserve/grantprograms/capacitybuilding/ccls)  * Community Capacity and Land Stewardship Program * $5K - $24K * Focused on collaborative groups and their capacity to develop, plan and implement projects * AFSC possible fiscal agent for grant * Calaveras Foothills FSC expressed interest in applying for the grant as well   **ACTION**: AFSC along with subgroup to develop proposal and bring it back to the group at the June meeting. |  |
|  | 1. Video Conference with NFF  * Discussion centered around national indicators * Speakers were actual practitioners with CFLR awards * Dinkey CFLR presented on their indicators, been working on them for two years but have not taken them to the full group * Dinkey pointed out that a third-party facilitator has been critical to their process (Center for Collaborative Policy is their facilitator) * Another group arrived at desired future conditions by defining undesirable future conditions   **ACTION**: Post NFF webinar to blog per Kendal’s earlier email |  |
|  | 1. Conference Call Availability  * ACTC facility has teleconference capability * Unsure about what the cost is, if any * The new jail, San Andreas Hospital, and the Pardee Center are possible * Norcross Foundation has technology grants available   **ACTION**: Cathy will contact ACTC; Teresa will contact San Andreas Hospital |  |
| **VI.** | **Old Business** | 40 min. |
|  | 1. SCALE  * Developing funding request for Burney, Dinkey and ACCG |  |
|  | 1. Mokelumne Avoided Cost Analysis Update  * In the middle of the next round of modeling; takes about a month for each model to run * Fire Model results should be available in a couple weeks * Advisory Committee meeting in Sacramento next week * Tech committee meeting at the end of June * July 2nd advisory committee meeting will be rescheduled |  |
|  | 1. Sierra Nevada Conservancy FY13-14 Grant Program  * Presentation to be made at the June meeting |  |
|  | 1. Collecting Project Information for Reporting Purposes  * Desire to have a system that captures reporting data in real-time * Data collection platform online could be a possible approach * Foothill Conservancy will explore hosting data collection resource |  |
| **IX.** | **ACCG Partner Reports** | min. |
|  | 1. Brief updates from those in attendance   AFSC – Working on the High Country CWPP (Dew Drop to Alpine County); collaborating with SPI, PGE and EDNF to develop maps and establish core workgroup; Greater Fiddletown CWPP will begin soon  Foothill Conservancy – Paddling Film Festival in Jackson June 8th  CIMC – Recently attended National Conference in Michigan; good event; CIMC is very involved across ten counties; contractors need to be acknowledged for making an impact  Buena Vista – Looking at a sale in the Lake Tahoe Basin; Forest Service sold it last year; letter will go out; logger will be grinding the tops as he pulls the timber; John Romena will distribute the NEPA documents.  HNRC – Great report on Biomass Industry Clusters  NRCS – Received a little funding (forestry program was cut by half);  ARD EDNF – Kathy Hardy is retiring; no acting/replacement assigned yet  CRD StNF – Sold a small sale with aspen restoration aspect; continue to be disappointed when there are no bids from local contractors, project ended up going to a Tuolumne County Contractor; According to Robert Smith the transporation costs were too high as 70% were required to be shipped to Terra Bella. Thanks for coming out to the Ramsey Fire  BMCRC – Food bank has a school community garden program going.  ACCABU/Smith Grinding – Finishing up the East/West Arnold Shred project; that project allowed Smith to hire another person (through CIMC); Thanks to CIMC for the help; Smith has three people working for him now; Bailey is started (road work) and the crew should be out there soon; Lily Gap is finishing up; East/West Arnold Shred was 350 acres and folks are invited to go view it.  Pat McGreevy – Schaads Lake is surround by CPUD; one corner is USFS. Around those ownerships is private and SPI. FOSL – Friends of Schaads Lake; 25 volunteers donated a hundred hours to make 60 brush piles; West Point Fire District came in and burned them; remaining piles were chipped by CHIPS; Joe Pellegrino donated a bulldozer for a day to repair the road; desire to restore fishing there; Pat is working with CDFW; there is an 1850 ditch system nearby; need to work on sanitation;  BLM – Joint project with West Point FD on Woodhouse Mine Road. Conducted a burn project out there. |  |
|  | 1. Upcoming Events/Meetings/Conferences |  |
| **X.** | **Current Meeting Action Items Review** | min. |
| **XI.** | **Adjourn – *Next meeting in Amador County on June 19th*** | *12 noon* |