**Meeting Notes**

Wednesday June, 19th - 9:30am – 12:00pm

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** | **Est. Time** |
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| **I.** | **Call To Order** | *9:30 a.m.* |
| **II.** | **Participants Introduction*** Amanda Cundiff, USFS R5
* Erik Kleinfelter, CDFW
* Steve Wilensky, Humbug Creek Farms
* John Heissenbuttel, HNRC
* Matt Waverly, SPI
* Tim Tate, SPI
* Teresa McClung, Calaveras RD
* Susan Skalski, Stanislaus NF Supervisor
* John Hofmann, Consultant
* John Sikora, Trout Unlimited
* Erin Kelly, Humboldt State
* Rick Hopson, Amador RD
* Kendal Young, Calaveras RD
* Amy Rocha, NRCS
* Susan McMorris, BMCRC
* Cathy Koos-Breazeal, AFSC
* Jan Bray, Norcal SAF
* Bill Haigh, BLM
* Peter Zaragoza, CIMC
* Brandon Sanders, SNC
* Kim Carr, SNC
* Robert Smith, Smith Grinding
* John Romena, Buena Vista Biomass
 | 5 min. |
| **III.** | **Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda** |
| **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
* Met to develop the agenda
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|  | **B. Planning Work Group –** K. Young |  5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update
* Field trip to Hemlock on the 30th
* Calaveras District did host a field trip to Ramsey with CSERC
* Planning group meeting at the Amador RD on the 12th with a field trip to the Power Fire
* Additional field trips will be scheduled
* Monitoring Meeting July 9th 9am – 3pm (Social and Economic Indicators discussion)
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|  | 1. Future Field Tours
* Next tour will be July 10th on the Amador RD (Foster Firs)
* July 18th Hemlock/Mattley Meadow
* Kendal will look at the July and August Calendars for add’l field trips
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|  | **C. Finance Work Group** | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Lead Recruitment
* We need to find someone who will lead this workgroup
* Important role in pursuing funds
* Identify and pursue funding opportunities
* **ACTION**: Peter Z. and Susan M. will work on this and bring a recommendation back to the group at the next meeting.
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|  | **D. Operations Work Group** – J. Heissenbuttel | 5 min. |
|  | 1. Workgroup Update
* There are a couple of projects on the Amador RD that will begin this July and will be completed by the fall.
* Presents and opportunity to initiate monitoring task
* Silver Lake Thinning Project and Pre-Commercial Thinning project
* Suggestion was made that more contractors participate in the field tours
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| **VIII.** | **New Business** | 90 min. |
|  | 1. MACA/Demand Analysis Presentation
* Copy of PowerPoint
* Reporting on progress in three different areas
* Apologies from Vance Russell who was unable to make it
* Three components/separate projects that SNC and multiple partners are involved with
* Intent is to call out the three separate projects and address how they are related
* Avoided Cost Analysis; Environmental Benefits Initiative; Demand Analysis
* Key driver is interest in linking the upper watershed to the lower watershed and end users
* 3 years ago the Environmental Benefits program began; establish protocols and metrics to quantify the benefits of restoration work, with the result being building interest for beneficiaries to invest in restoration
* The tools that are being developed are generally more applicable to lower watershed and agriculture-intensive portions of the watershed
* This was followed by the avoided cost analysis
* The MACA is focused on what would it cost today to reduce risk compared to what it would cost post-fire
* Interest in including private ownership, WUI, etc.
* Definitive findings will be available in August/September
* Those findings will include sedimentation values modeled in a post-fire setting
* Final piece is the Demand Analysis, also called Water Forums.
* Appealing to high water users to seek investment
* Riparian zone planning tool is in development
* Demand analysis is at information gathering stage
* Water forums in urban areas ongoing
* Targeting key businesses
* Looking beyond individual business and seeking out associations to capture a larger audience
* About a half-dozen individual business meetings have take place.
* Many business have employee volunteer programs which present an opportunity
* Seeking input from ACCG to identify projects that we can highlight that tell a good story
* Also where can they get involved in a project on the ground
* **ACTION**: Send ideas/example projects to acundiff@fs.fed.us
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|  | 1. Environmental Benefits Program Strategic Discussion
* ***Tabled for next meeting***
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|  | 1. Humboldt State University/Erin Kelly
* Teaches Policy and Economics at Humboldt State
* Working with Burney-Hat Creek on a case study
* Interested in the All-Lands concept
* Particularly how you get private lands to participate in the collaborative groups
* There are four private landowners who worked on Burney Gardens
* Expanding beyond Burney and looking at CFLR recipients
* Working with the PNW Research Station
* Putting together a grant proposal to look at the variety of all-lands efforts
* Purpose of visit is introductory to ACCG and to open a dialogue
* Particularly interested in how these collaborative groups are going to implement projects across ownership boundaries
* Also interested in looking at the rural-urban connection
* Not the intention to overlap with Michigan State researchers who recently visited
* Also speaking with Weaverville
* PNW researcher (Susan Charley) is focused on social science
* She is currently working on similar research in the Northwest
* Still developing the research questions
* Eck107@humboldt.edu
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|  | 1. Discussion on Facilitation Options
* Administrative workgroup has been looking at facilitation format
* Should we keep it internal or seek outside facilitation services?
* There is a cost involved with bringing in someone from outside
* Earlier discussions on using CFLR funds to provide facilitation
* Groups will explore what they may have available in terms of funding to support this effort.
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|  | 1. Community Review Committee/Buena Vista
* John R. was able to work with CBD for review of materials from the Lake Tahoe basin.
* CBD was very responsive and the outcome was positive.
* CBD wants to get together and review the agreement and discuss options for streamlining
* Placer County agreement is much different, may want to review and see if there are opportunities
* There are many piles on Highway 88 that will be made available. Must be sold within the year otherwise they will have to burn.
* Amador RD has not sold any piles yet
* Annual report needs to be initiated as well as a discussion with CBD and Buena Vista as the agreement predates CFLR and there may be further opportunities
* **ACTION**: Committee will develop recommendation for the full group to discuss at the next meeting.
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| **VI.** | **Old Business** | 20 min. |
|  | 1. Moving Forward on Biomass Feedstock Discussion
* Admin workgroup spoke with Susie Kocher
* Recommendation was to continue moving the discussion forward in order to identify areas of agreement/disagreement
* Outside facilitator (Susie or other) needed to advance the discussion further
* Suggest that everyone read the Placer County agreement with CBD
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|  | 1. Sierra Nevada Conservancy FY13-14 Grant Program
* **ACTION**: Planning workgroup meeting will include a discussion on SNC grants
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|  | 1. [NFF Funding Opportunity](http://www.nationalforests.org/conserve/grantprograms/capacitybuilding/ccls)
* Touched upon this item at the last meeting
* Opportunity centers around capacity of the collaborative group
* Needs to be submitted by a non-profit or government entity
* AFSC volunteered to put this together, Brandon and Katherine helping
* Proposals are due July 1st in Montana
* Letters of support from the 2 forests are required
* Includes administrative costs/functions as well as funding for workshops; total request is $24K
* AFSC will submit on behalf of the ACCG
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| **IX.** | **ACCG Partner Reports** |  10 min. |
|  | 1. Brief updates from those in attendance
* Remember to contact Kendal about field trips
* Power Fire settlement reached, could bring in additional resources
* Kathy Hardy retired, replaced by Lawrence Crabtree from the Plumas NF
* Stanislaus NF took a 4% hit on their budget due to sequestration
* Ramsey Fire is very close to a signed decision; Field trip with CSERC and Audubon; Everyone gained a better understanding and there was an offer by CSERC to assist with any appeals that might come up
* CHIPS is completing due diligence for Wilseyville with a Phase I environmental review and they should take possession of the land in July sometime; WBUG postponed until July
* East/West Arnold Shred has been completed; moving on to Bailey
* Suggest that we take a break during long meetings
* SAF has a weeklong forestry institute for teachers going on right now
* SAF has multiple fair events coming up
* SAF Summer meeting is in Santa Cruz in August
* SAF working on legislative tours to Blodgett August 16th
* AFSC is working on the High Country and Fiddletown CWPP’s
* NRCS may be receiving additional funds (about $500K, 50% cost share) for implementation on non-commercial BMP’s
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| **X.** | **Current Meeting Action Items Review** |  5 min. |
| **XI.** | **Adjourn – *Next meeting in Calaveras County on July 17th***  | *12 noon* |