**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 |  |
|  | **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) |  |
|  | 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 |  |
|  | **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. |  |
|  | **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 |  |
| **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](mailto:acundiff@fs.fed.us) |  |
|  | 1. Environmental Benefits Program Strategic Discussion  * ***Tabled for next meeting*** |  |
|  | 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](mailto:Eck107@humboldt.edu) |  |
|  | 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. |  |
|  | 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. |  |
| **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 |  |
|  | 1. Sierra Nevada Conservancy FY13-14 Grant Program  * **ACTION**: Planning workgroup meeting will include a discussion on SNC grants |  |
|  | 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 |  |
| **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 |  |
| **X.** | **Current Meeting Action Items Review** | 5 min. |
| **XI.** | **Adjourn – *Next meeting in Calaveras County on July 17th*** | *12 noon* |