**Meeting - Draft Notes**

**July 16, 2014 – 9:30am – 12:00pm**

**Location:** 12200B Airport Road, Jackson, California

**Meeting Facilitator:** Rick Hopson

| **No.** | **Agenda Item** |
| --- | --- |
| **1** | **Call To Order** |
| **2** | **Participants Introduction :** Addie Jacobson, Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch (by conference phone); Steve Wilensky, CHIPS; Robert Smith, Smith Grinding; Brandon Sanders, Sierra Nevada Conservancy; Andrew Spaeth, Sierra Institute; John Heissenbuttel, Heissenbuttel Natural Resources; Chuck Loffland, USFS; Bruce Shindler, Oregon State University; Rick Hopson, USFS; Bill Haigh, BLM; Pat McGreevy, Calaveras County Recreation Commissioner; Jan Bray, Consulting Forester; Gerald Swartz, EBMUD; Reuben Childress, Foothill Conservancy; Kevin Zieman, USFS; David Huttis, Acting District Ranger for Teresa McClung; John Hofmann, Consultant to Amador County Board of Supervisors; Chris Trott, Buena Vista Biomass;Cathy Koos Breazeal, Amador Fire Safe Council |
| **3** | **Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda**  |
| **4** | **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes with to #12 Moke River Benefits clarifications** |
| **5** | Previous Meeting Action Items1. Distance meeting logistics – C Koos Breazeal Rick has a Polycom phone;
2. Concurrence letters for Power and West Calaveras Thin – sent – CKB.
3. USFS Contracting Officers to speak – August ACCG mtg, Rick will coordinate
4. Moke River Benefits coordination – J Hofmann – approved go ahead and be coordinator of studies & implementation. Rick – Vance Russell from NFF is working to develop Moke River funds and this group may coordinate how those funds are spent. Steve W asked Gerald how donations may be acquired from EBMUD -Water Supplies division - for donations.
5. ACTION – Rick contact Vance Russell to set up Moke River Benefits talk
 |
| **6** | **Presentation: Bruce Shindler, Professor Emeritus, Dept of Forest Ecosystems and Society, Oregon State University & Q&A****“Collaboration: Building Trustworthy Relationships for Reaching Agreement ”** (Bruce shared a doc for local economic engagement with Rick) |
|  | **ACCG Work Groups** |
| **6** | **Admin Work Group** – C Koos Breazeal1. Ad hoc Rx fire committee update -
2. Facilitator assignments August Reuben; Sept J Heissenbuttel; Oct – J Hofmann
3. Educational element recommendations – Moke River Benefits – Rick will arrange
4. Social gathering – Proposal for Sept meeting – a.m. meeting in Pine Grove (location TBA and picnic lunch immediately following (J Heissenbuttel) Wilensky will provide cider, jan’s brownies
5. Group Discussion: Continuing administrative function of ACCG beyond NFF grant expiration August 31; reviewed duty list.. Heissenbuttel – Admin group will come up with no, low, medium, high funding and come back in August. S Wilensky – purpose of SCALE is to develop admin continuity; common aspect of failed collaboratives is lack of admin continuity; JAN – Calaveras FSC was initially interested; we should reach out to them. Rick – can we find the funding, Vance Russell, NFF did mention that not a lot of apps for capacity building, we can put in for another one; if we can find funds, need to bring to the table; SW – who is interested, is it possible to share duties between the FSCs, tasks, costs, SCALE conf call on 7/22 – can we use any SCALE money; he will check into it; need to develop succession plan for August mtg; Chris Trott– YSS group in So. Stan has applied for grant with RAC for $2000, FS agreed to match of $30,000 to allow to continue. Would FS consider a grant matching situation; RICK – could go to $2500 on micropurchase. Should be avenue to look at CFLR Funds. Robert – use admin funds? Rick – no. SW – ask everyone to go back to organizations to raise even a small amount and come back to August meeting. Hofmann – define and narrow down, what are the essential items; maybe she did the moderate range, questioned some activities; Rick – this is the baseline; we need to go beyond that; Heissenbuttel – get each group to take their own notes; Haigh - might be able to match. Steve W – get some small pieces ALL RICK contact Vance Russell and ask him to contact Steve for timing for Capacity building Open up to other FSC Brandon will convey need to SNC as well; need at Dinkey and Hat Creek as well, but Prop 84 is declining; explore corporate or foundation sponsorship ie. Campground concessionaire, SPI Foundation, Kirkwood resort RICK will do; EBMUD who will ask them? Vance Russell?, Clorox; Jackson Rancheria – organizations that benefit from our work. SW – funding of a longterm sustained collaborative is one thing a voluntary solicitation to EBMUD may be a piece – 1.4 million questioned some activities.] CKB - CONTACT CALAVERAS FSC for interest
6. HEISS – asked status of NRCS Support letter for Amy – withdrew due to controversy
 |
| **7** |  **Planning Work Group –** Kendal Young1. Power Fire Project updates – Rick – Planning met last week. Continuing low/no herbicide research. 9/22 field trip; in-office meeting follow up proposed 8- 5 p.m. Kendal will participate on SCALE con call. Rick meeting with KKE, P Bell, Craig Thomas. A pathway forward was identified at the meeting.
2. Kervin – West Calaveras Thin - 5 comments received, working on responses; 7/31 Hemlock field trip all day. Pat M – will OHV people be on field trip? Kevin does not know; will find out.
3. Pat M – bring public into what we are doing; wants to bring Calaveras Planning Group to join in Mattley Mdw. We need to do more public outreach. We have no contact with CALFIRE now; Haigh – had some mtgs, need public affairs to engage more.
4. Hoffman – Foster Firs field trip – low participation
 |
| **8** |  **Finance Work Group –**  this group is unpopulated |
| **9** | **Operations Work Group –**  John Heissenbuttel1. August –Regional Office folks to Aug mtg and evening follow-up -- to discuss local hire flexibility. Location TBA for evening mtg. Day meeting at GSA. Bring back in September for how to define local.
 |
| **10** | **Wilseyville & SCALE updates –** S Wilensky -- CHIPS took possession of property; cleared road; surveyors working; met with county re permitting and enviro review process; specific proposal within 45 days; raised funds for procurement plan for fuels, $16000 within 30 mile radius include screens set by ACCG and do comparison without screens by end Nov; work with PX energy to create LLC for anchor tenants. Indicated to PGE connectivity study $300 to request and $12-120,000 to do study (amount unknown). Expect operational mid-2016. PGE & bidding process pushed out to next year. Carbon markets unresolved. Permitted process per zoning, may need mitigated Neg Dec only. Dust/noise/traffic primary issues.SCALE – meeting 2-3 p.m. July 22 to discuss admin support and increase capacity in the 3 collaboratives. Will Teresa or rep participate? David will  |
| **13** | **Action Items Review** – see yellow highlights |
| **14** | **ACCG Partner Reports** **B Haigh** – BLM has funds backlog on variances & 250 acre understory thin near Glencoe - $100K to form special team to clear all projects for NEPA. Heather Fullerton lead. Lily Gap – coming final grant phase 2 SNC just issued CEQA for Stage 2 for $185,000 grant at next board meeting September, winter 2015/16 projected. Forestry budget has been freed up and can replace forester Keith Johnson.**Andrew Spaeth** – Sierra Institute was awarded USDA grant to support a number of organization across Sierra for biomass utilization; his primary focus will be SCALE. **J Heissenbuttel** – SAF holding annual summer Tuolumne ca 8/22-23 economic and environmental impacts of large wildfires with Rim as focus. Field trip 23rd to fire site. Many speakers. **C Loffland** – Plumas Corp found some funding to design restoration project, paired with Mattley**David** – introduced self as on temporary assignment for Teresa; he had a collaborative forest restoration project on front range at former office. Forester/silviculture background. **C Trott** – BV operating well; biomass crop assistance program – fuel delivery by 9/26 issue, elected to to apply for 2014 but assured when money available in 2015, can apply. **Brandon** – water bond negotiations to bring money to Sierra. SNC in various proposals for grant fund programs. Cap and Trade did not work out in favor of SNC this year**Robert Smith** – moving to Bailey**SWilensky** – CHIPS completed project on Ebbetts Pass on Hwy 4 at Ramsey; calls from Nevada County for NA crews to do restoration of cultural sites. **AFSC** – waiting on USFS grant funding; Rick will follow up; PG&E grant  |
| **15** | Upcoming Events/Meetings/Conferences/announcements |
|  | **Adjourn – Next meeting in Jackson August 20, 2014**  |