**Date and Time** December 9, 2015, 0900-1200.

**Location** Amador County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California.

**Participants**

Reuben Childress, Jennifer DeWoody, Katherine Evatt, Megan Fiske, Jeff Griffin, Kimberly Grissom, John Heissenbuttel, John Hofmann, Rick Hopson, Paul Leusch, Chuck Loffland, Gordon Long, Teresa McClung, Autumn Olsen, Karen Quidachay, Mary Sketch, Gwen Starrett, Robin Wall, Kendal Young, Robert Zellers,and Kevin Zeman.

**Pumpkin Hollow Grant** (Karen Quidachay and Kevin Zeman)

* Update on $500K grant for 1000 acre treatment subset stewardship within Hemlock Project.
* Master Stewardship Agreement with UMBRA.
* Funding grant through Center for Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
* Pumpkin Hollow Grant used for CFLR matching funds.
* Requesting Letter of Support from individual groups including ACCG by mid-February 2016.
* Grant application due March 1, 2016.

Follow-ups:

* Kendal Young will send Project map, pre-application and draft letter.
* Karen Quidachay will submit preapplication to Center for Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
* Letter of Support will be discussed at next ACCG Planning meeting on January 13, 2016.

**Summary of Calaveras Projects** (Kevin Zeman)

* Bear Valley pre-commercial thin.
* 180 acre north of the town of Bear Valley.
* Alpine County interested in exploring other grant opportunities (Prop1 Grants).
* $75-$100K of funding projected.

**Summary of Red Fir Workshop**

* Held December 6, 2015 in Sacramento.

**Update on Panther Project (**Rick Hopson, Jeff Griffin, Paul Leusch and Chuck Loffland)

* Brief summary of project.
* Proposal is pending going out for scoping.
* Summary of comments from ACCG received by Rick Hopson; project issues of discussion:
* Fire Strategy and Fuel Breaks
* Owl PACs
* Herbicide use
* GTR220
* Suggested language for consideration from ACCG to include in Proposed Action:
* Purpose is to protect the Power Fire area
* Protecting habitat (owl)
* Include wildlife targets
* Strategic fuel break purpose
* Need for and interval of herbicide use in the fuel breaks
* Clarify 500 acre herbicide treatment per year
* Frame Proposed Action to GTR220 concepts
* Additional comments on Proposed Action:
* Why choosing herbicides? What is the USFS doing to choose other treatments? What actions to reduce herbicides?
* Need smaller footprint of where herbicide is sprayed
* Negotiate compromise of herbicide use in fuel breaks in drainage areas
* Concern of placing a min/max of treatment acres of herbicides
* Include in goal that practices are to reduce herbicide use where best possible
* Clearly define goal on the project
* Suggestion to include a decision tree of the treatment methods
* Rick Hopson recommended:
* Analysis Alternative without herbicides
* Have ACCG to submit letter for USFS to analysis/tradeoffs without herbicides
* Spotted Owl Interim Recommendations (Chuck Loveland)
* How the district is moving forward under recommendations
* Description of PAC and territory scale plus additional 300 acre of canopy cover
* How project differs is the mechanical treatment in some PACs
* The mechanical treatment will be analyzed in alternative
* Fuel Breaks
* USFS, Cal Fire and SPI fuel breaks; where are they located?
* What and where are the important fuel breaks?
* Fire Safe Council working on compiling information
* Suggestion to discuss topic at future ACCG meeting

**Next Steps and Follow-ups**

* Rick Hopson projects to send out Panther Project Proposed Action by mid-January 2016.
* Pumpkin Hollow Letter of Support will be discussed at next ACCG Planning in January 2016.

**Suggested topics for next ACCG Planning meeting:**

* FY16 Program of work
* Power Fire Settlement
* Panther Project (brief update)
* Pumpkin Hollow Grant proposal update

**Next ACCG Planning Meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2016.**