

Amador Calaveras Consensus Group Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 20, 2018 -- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Location: 12200 Airport Road, Sutter Creek

Meeting Facilitator: Gwen Starrett ♦♦♦ Minutes: Jill Micheau

Attendees: *Pickard, Aragon, Heissenbuttel, Cablayan, Francis, Farrington, Woodrow, Tate, Bray, Tangenberg, Black, Haigh, Kawahara, Frazier, Beswick, Solvesky, Starrett, Wall, Lambert, Phillips, Schwartz, Noll, McGreevy, Micheau, Holper,*

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1	Call to order
2	Participants introductions
3	Modification and/or approval of agenda and May minutes – approved; posted to ACCG web 6/21/18
Presentations and Business	
4	 <p>Presentation by Tom Black, Hydrologist, Rocky Mountain Research Center Tom will tell us about the Power Fire Roads Assessment using the GRAIP Road Inventory and Model. For information on GRAIP, click here. For information about Tom and his current and past research, click here.</p>
5	Update on presentation to ACWA about ACCG: Combined presentation; will post to ACCG website for review; will address Mokulumne Avoided cost analysis results; Partnership with ACCG, UMWRA, FS, SNC. Will post to website ASAP.
6	SB 1079: Advanced payments for CalFire grants (link to latest bill analysis posted June 8th): No objections to ACCG sending letter of support; letter was passed around so attendees could add name/organization to list; names will appear on letter; letter and Fact Sheet emailed to full ACCG membership list on 6/21; deadline to be included (by return email to JillMicheau@gmail.com) is July 2nd)
7	ACCG Strategic Plan Update – Short presentation on format and content of plan; will email link to full membership; will ask for consent at July meeting.
Updates	
8	<p>Forest Service Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanislaus: Joe – UMWRA workshop; impressive turnout of contractors; powerful partnership ; Arnold-Avery Project update: >9k acres considered for treatment; 29 units, >2k acres for mechanical thinning, masticataion; on track for draft decision in July; Ray will follow up to address items that came up outside the planning meeting. Discussed Mattly Meadow disposition. McGreevy and Tangenberg to discuss offline. Added to planning WG agenda for next week. • Eldorado: Robin -- Scottiago hazard tree project; archeological surveys CE completed in next few months; CHIPS working on Hwy 88; some timber sales going on now. • Response to studies (Black/Farrington-McGreevy studies): to be discussed at brown-bag meeting today. Robin to provide info off line.
9	<p>Admin Work Group updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Facilitation Update: approval to move forward after some discussion.
10	Planning Work Group updates:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanislaus: Next meeting in Hathaway Pines, 6/27 9:00 – noon plus field trip to Last Chance; agenda out soon. Member wants to review quality of mastication on Last Chance.
11	<p>Monitoring Work Group update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioeconomic monitoring WG status: kickoff teleconference is 6/26 1:00; Kyle and Robin to set up. • Eco power fire: pre-implementation monitoring on Power Fire done yesterday (Gwen, etc.), looking for volunteers for the monitoring work. Contact Gwen. • SCALE website has monitoring matrix from ACCG monitoring symposium . Other collaboratives may contribute too. • Amphibian watch workshop at Amador RD will focus on how to enter data, etc. Contact Gwen if interested. • 9/10-14 is 1st monitoring project on Onion meadow; camping at Bear River Reservoir. Need a camp cook! Contact Gwen
12	<p>Agency/organization updates (round table)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Tangenberg, Stanislaus NF: 18K acres fuel reduction work this year; lots! • Tim Tate, SPI, Amador Fire Safe Council: Jackson valley lone biomass facility for sale; • Rich Farrington, AWA and UMWRA: UMWRA has funding from SNC, pleased; 2nd Cabbage Patch project; glad to see lots of contractors interested; local outreach seems to be working. • Jay Francis, SPI – full swing logging season; still picking up fir mortality at higher elevations; 15 loads day on Amador side; 30-40 on Calaveras side; • John Heissenbittel, CalAm: Amador FSC just completed grant for western WUI; also did environmental work to extend fuel break from Hwy 88 to Surrey junction; submitted 2 grants to cover that additional mileage. • Ray Cablayan, Stanislaus NF: Last Chance mastication completed 170 acres; Pumpkin Hollow phase 1, hand thinning completed; mastication just started -- ~15 of 241 acres done; discussion about Calaveras County MSA next week; Cabbage Patch RFPs due 6/29, awards in July. • Pat Noll: Environmental Justice Committee April 2019; want folks to do presentations, etc. will keep us updated. FYI re Wilensky: PG&E has signed a 20-year agreement with Blue Mountain Electric. • Michael Pickard, SNC: Prob 68 passed. RFPs open as of today; link on website; press release should be coming out soon; concept proposals must be done to be eligible for full grants; due 7/25... basic info re project. For prop 1 and 68 funds; limits being raised; planning grants raised too. • Pat McGreevy, CalAm: Forest Health Grant: Jan and Ppat spent 400+ hours on carbon calculations. Data conversion data issues; little help available; carbon calculations took so long that they could only do one grant, not 2; • Monte Kawahara, BLM – Lilligap 2 is 2/3s done; Lilligap 1 on list for broadcast burn; Butte salvage 700 burnt trees now on ground; • Bill Haigh, BLM –got funds for additional 100 acres on Mokelumne; Sandy Gulch parcel; 3 weeks BLM hazard tree and veg management. EA out for 2week public review; will accelerate ability to get work done. • Robin Wall, Amador RD – additional money available for road work this month; no plan to work on Panther Creek road this year; in queue; Action: robin to get back to us on road schedule. Report on findings. • Deb Phillips, Greater Valley Conservation -- looking for young people to work; many projects in Tuolumne County; want to hire local. • Trish Frasier, Mother Lode Job Training; new grant for training in natural resources sector; 2 programs; work experience and on-job training; subsidized; good for short-term projects. Flyers and FAQs handed out.

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13	Wrap up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch after the meeting at Mel & Faye's Diner, 31 CA-88, Jackson, CA 95642 – continue conversations and networking there! • <i>Special Note: Tom Black met with interested members in small conference room until 2:00.</i> • Next meeting July 18, 2018 Location: Veterans Memorial Hall, Hwy 26, West Point, CA
Meeting Adjourned at Noon	


Task List:

Owner	Task	Status
Jill	Post ACWA presentation to ACCG website	Done
Jill	Send letter of support for SB 1079	Done
Jill	Post strategic plan to web; send link to all members	Done

Materials available on ACCG website here: xxx

- May minutes for review (approved at meeting, posted 6/21/18)
- Agenda for today's meeting
- Info sheet and sample letter for SB1079
- Link to strategic plan
- Info re Arnold-Avery project
- CBI proposal for professional facilitation services
- Examples of Socioeconomic reports from Sierra Institute

2018 Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Date and Location	Presentor	Topic
July 18 West Point Facilitator: R. Hopson	Steve Brink VP, Public Resources California Forestry Assn.	 Forest-related legislation; "Forest Forum" legislative update.
August 15 Sutter Creek Facilitator: R. Wall	Dr. Hugh Safford	Natural Range of Variation for Yellow Pine and Mixed Conifer Forests in the Sierra Nevada
September 19 West Point Facilitator: K. Evatt		

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October 17 Sutter Creek Facilitator: Deb Phillips and Julia Stephens	Kevin Roberts Biologists, SPI	Spotted owl research
November 21 West Point Facilitator: Gordon Long	Traci Allen EIDorado NF Biologist UNCONFIRMED	TBD
NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER!!		

If you have recommendations for speakers, please email contact info to jillmicheau@gmail.com

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