

# Amador Calaveras Consensus Group

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 17, 2018 -- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Location: 12200 Airport Road, Sutter Creek, CA

Meeting Facilitator: Tony Valdes ♦♦♦ Minutes: Jill Micheau

Item #	Agenda Item
1	Call to order (Valdes)
2	Participants introductions
3	Modification and/or approval of agenda and September minutes – approved as written; David Griffith and Susan McMorris abstained.
Presentations and Business	
4	<b>Strategic Plan Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Milestones: met and unmet – how do we achieve our goals? (Micheau and Pickard) – The group reviewed the strategic plan structure and content; spent several minutes on the SWOT analysis because that was the basis for many of the goals; had extensive discussions of Goal 1 and Goal 2 – Goal 3 will be addressed at the November meeting, as requested by the group.</li><li>• Small edits to the strategic plan and SWOT analysis will be made and posted to the ACCG web (Jill)</li></ul>
Requests for Consensus	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No requests for this meeting</li></ul>
Discussions	
6	<p>It's Annual Report Time! What we are planning to include; how you can help. (Robin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual reports are a lot of work; will need information from the group; CHIPS, FC, Wild and Scenic, etc. – want to celebrate our partners' successes. The report is reviewed by the Washington DC office of USDA. Need information on in-kind contributions and leveraged funds; monitoring work; meadow work, etc.</li><li>• A supplemental report will also be produced this year by Joe Aragon. This is a new request by the DC office to support the Regions and CFLR projects, and to help plan for the future. The intend to develop a strategy for 15-year monitoring requirements, maintenance, and options for future restoration work under various scenario funding options. Kendall Young is helping with this effort. Will involve the monitoring work group. Some conference calls will be set up outside of planning meetings. <b>If you can support this effort, please contact Joe Aragon.</b> <b>Need letter from ACCG. PUT ON NEXT AGENDA.</b></li><li>• Robin and Joe will send out emails with requests for information, deadlines, etc. Drafts of the reports are due the second week of November.</li><li>• Jan Bray: circulated a get-well card for Steve Wilensky, who had surgery this week.</li></ul>
Updates	
7	<b>Admin Work Group updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on professional facilitation (Robin) –<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ It was noted that our regularly scheduled November meeting falls on the day before Thanksgiving, so the group decided to move the meeting to November 14<sup>th</sup>. <b>Jill will send out an email</b> to that effect and determine a location for the meeting (if West Point room is unavailable).</li></ul></li><li>• Process for using new professional facilitator will be outlined at the November meeting; A teleconference with the Admin Work Group and the new facilitator will be scheduled before the 11/14 meeting.</li><li>• Need facilitators and speakers for 2019 – <b>please send suggestions to Jill</b></li></ul>

# Amador Calaveras Consensus Group

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 17, 2018 -- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Item #	Agenda Item
8	<p><b>Planning Work Group updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Fire Culvert Replacement (Hopson) – will broaden topic next agenda; there are concerns about the marking of hazard trees in Amador Ranger District; decided to set up a training workshop. Agenda will come out this week; meeting will be short; will involve Phil Cannon, Pete Angwin, Martin MacKenzie, others. Rick encourages people to attend; Meeting will be Wednesday 10/24, 9:00 AM at the Amador Ranger District Office. <b>Please send Rick specific locations to look at.</b></li> <li>◦ The project was developed from Tom Black's GRAIP studies. Doing lots of contracts now out of GRAIP work; doing NEPA; 3-4 months before done; replacing with bigger culverts.</li> <li>◦ Rich Farrington noted a paper on this topic that addresses 92 culverts (<a href="http://acconsensus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Power-Fire-Culvert-Project.pdf">http://acconsensus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Power-Fire-Culvert-Project.pdf</a>); wants support for it; Rich and Jan want to be involved.</li> <li>• Working on NFWF project; still have some funds, working on several types of projects; working with our members to vet ideas. Talk to Rick if you have projects in need of funding; money should be distributed in January. There may be grant opportunities. A planning grant went to the ACCG meadow team and some money went to a Plumas County project (Foster Meadows).</li> <li>• Project mitigation enhancement money might be available – ask Katherine Evatt for details; CalTrans is working on culverts in Amador and Alpine – coordinate?</li> <li>• Would like a support letter from ACCG. Run through Planning WG. Complete form (<b>Jill sent this</b>).</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>Monitoring Work Group update (Wall, Starrett)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Opportunities: October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>: Help plant willows in Upper Onion Valley Meadow. RSVP to Gwen Starrett: <a href="mailto:gstarrett@volcano.net">gstarrett@volcano.net</a></li> <li>• Next Monitoring WG meeting scheduled for 11/14 – same day as General Meeting. Will provide more info soon.</li> </ul>
10	<p><b>Agency/organization updates (round table)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine Evatt, Foothill Conservancy: Rolling out habitat study; <b>LINK</b>; Bluegrass concert on 11/16.</li> <li>• Scott Tangenberg, USFS, Calaveras RD: Oversnow vehicle process; comment period ended last week; evaluating, producing a final EIS with intention of signing ROD in February. Landscape level planning: on cusp of initiating analysis; will encompass entire forest, entire Sierra National Forest; will involve close coordination with ACCG and other collaboratives. Kickoff within next few months. Lots of engagement opportunities.</li> <li>• Jan Bray, CalAm Team and Amador Fire Safe Council: submitted 3 grant applications to SNC: Antelope, Tiger Creek, and Mokulumne Watershed; will also submit to CCI CalFire; Butte Fire reforestation being considered; will bring to ACCG for support. Run through planning WG? Winton Road hazard trees? Ray says not happening; will ask and get back to Jan. If it is a county road, then becomes FS responsibility. If county, use FEMA grant?</li> <li>• Joe Aragon, USFS, Calaveras RD: many projects; Black Springs has accelerated; Donnel Fire recovery is top priority; getting Black Springs laid out. May be shifted toward Donnell recovery; Arnold-Avery decision memo signed; <b>Joe to send summary to Tony and Rick</b>. New fuels categorical exemption to do strategic plan for future; projects in Calaveras: Arnold-Avery; Black Springs, Cabbage Patch (went through Planning WG via Hemlock project). NOTE: a member noted that the Arnold-Avery project may be using CFLRA funds without ACCG's engagement/agreement – <b>put on November agenda, 20-30 minutes</b>.</li> <li>• Rich Farrington, UMWRA/AWA: applied for 3<sup>rd</sup> SNC grant; concerned about future projects; would like 5-year project list; goal 3 of strategic plan is of interest. Wants dialog for 5-year project list. Reorganizing staff; increasing capacity; will have dedicated administration officer and new Executive Officer; starting in January; concerned about losing CFLRA dollars; state is increasing funds; deadlines come up so quickly. UMWRA budgeted for staff work to develop a list; can't do it in a vacuum; need</li> </ul>

## Amador Calaveras Consensus Group

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 17, 2018 -- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Item #	Agenda Item
	<p>to coordinate with ACCG; interested in culvert projects; local contractors preferred: works under procurement guidelines of EBMUD, not state, so can write in local preference. Have done more outreach to local contractors; contractors' workshop in June. Strategic plan calls this out. Maybe do a presentation to group on UMWRA projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Frank Axe, Amador BOS:</b> Had many complaints about the recent power outage; communications were not great.</li> <li>• <b>Ray Cablayan, USFS, Calaveras RD:</b> Just started prescribed burn south of Salt Springs; will be burning next few days; ~100 acres; Cabbage Patch interested in Master Stewardship Agreement with Calaveras County. Timber sale: also Black Springs this FY to add to FY19 accomplishments. Prather Medusa area; Member suggestion: include ACCG and local contractors. Maybe work with non-government agencies so not bound by government contracting-procurement requirements; will those projects be vetted through ACCG? Calaveras Master Stewardship Agreement: met with county team; looking at Tuolumne county MSA as an example; wanted to know projects; fuel breaks, dozer lines; etc. Agreement language should be inclusive of a broad range of forest work... flexible. Vehicle to add capacity, non-federal grant applicants.</li> <li>• <b>Rick Hopson, USFS Amador Ranger District:</b> Implementation: Scottiago Hazard Trees: working on contract; decision finalized; next week field trip will deal with marking; thanks for letter from ACCG; scoping closed last week; public meeting; had many private land owners show up. Still working on size of commercial trees; will come back pre-decision to this group. Timber sales: Copy Cat, Callie Cat, Foster Firs; Panther timber sale; being advertised now. Amador Ranger District got letter of appreciation from Amador Board of Supervisors. Cool!</li> <li>• <b>Don Hintenmiller, ABC:</b> Having 1<sup>st</sup> meeting today at 3PM; Kendall Young involved; Wild Turkey Association; many pieces; Cal Trans; CalFire, all welcome to listen in.</li> <li>• <b>David Griffith, ABC:</b> Good neighbor authority for Region 4, Forest Service, now being signed. No money yet; ABC grant app with EDA economic development authority on how to deal with excess biomass and benefit local economy. On hold; ABC yesterday had a show and tell to Board of Supervisors with CHIPS; went well; made a impression.</li> <li>• <b>Gerald Schwartz, EBMUD:</b> Tour for legislators and staff of upcountry facilities of EBMUD; W&amp;S, wastewater, etc. Nov 19<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• <b>Trish Frazier, Mother Lode Job Training:</b> Has grants available to help organizations with natural resources projects. Provides part-time workers for projects to train workers or can subsidize skilled full-time workers for 6-9 months; can also come in to train current employees. Has had little response. How can they help us? Contact <a href="mailto:tfrazier@mljt.org">tfrazier@mljt.org</a> for more info.</li> <li>• <b>Michael Pickard, Sierra Nevada Conservancy:</b> SNC new grant guidelines coming out; strategic conservation land guidelines; land trusts; prop 68 money; only competitive grant money; tourism and recreation projects, unclear how it will be implemented; not competitive -- EO will choose projects. Guidelines are out for public review; <a href="#">LINK TO NEW GUIDELINES</a>. Open until 11/9; CalFire CCI reopened; Forest Health applications due 10/1; Fire Prevention opens today. Process changed... no more pre-applications; Unsure if CCI calculations will be done by CalFire.</li> <li>• <b>Susan McMorris, BMCRA:</b> grant out for goldrush riders conference in May; lease signed with owner for Railroad Flat baseball field.</li> <li>• <b>Monte Kawahara, BLM:</b> Hazard tree removal now; GNA BLM what are effects: do at state level? Take on or at field office level? Send insights to Monte. Suggested that he talk with Tom Tinsley; reference Forest Service hazard tree assessment guide; BLM doesn't use it precisely. Question: Is Big Bar open or not? Web site redone; supposedly addresses information from each field office. <b>Convey to management that Foothill Conservancy wants to be involved in that discussion.</b></li> </ul>

## Amador Calaveras Consensus Group Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 17, 2018 -- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Item #	Agenda Item
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robin Wall, USFS Amador Ranger District: SCALE meeting will be held in Weaverville 10/29-30. Register here: <a href="https://scale.sierrainstitute.us/meeting_registration/">https://scale.sierrainstitute.us/meeting_registration/</a></li></ul>
11	<p><b>Wrap up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lunch after the meeting at the <b>Highway House</b>, 627 CA-49, Jackson – continue conversations and networking there!</li><li>• Next meeting November 14, 2018. Speaker will be <b>TBD!!!</b></li></ul> <p><b>Location:</b> TBD – since we changed the date, the West Point location may not be available. Will send out meeting information as soon as it is confirmed.</p>
Meeting Adjourns at Noon	

### Materials available on ACCG website:

- September minutes for review (approved at meeting)
- Agenda for today's meeting
- Updated Strategic Plan

Attendees: David Griffith, ABC; Terry Woodrow, Calaveras Fire Safe Council and Alpine County Board of Supervisors; Heidi Beswick, CSERC; Michael Pickard, SNC; Katherine Evatt, Foothill Conservancy; Trish Frazier, Mother Lode Job Training; Gerald Schwartz, EBMUD; Susan McMorris, BMCRA; Scott Tangenberg, USFS; Ray Cablayan, USFS; Rich Farminigton, UMRWA, AWA; Jan Bray, CalAm Team; Joe Aragon, USFS; Frank Axe, Amador County BOS; Rick Hopson, USFS; Don Hintenmiller; Robin Wall, USFS; Monte Kawahara, BLM; Sue Holper, citizen; Tony Valdez, Foothill Conservancy; Jill Micheau, ACCG.

## Amador Calaveras Consensus Group

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 17, 2018 -- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

#### Task List from September Meeting (review in October):

Owner	Task	Status
Unassigned	Produce a grant cycle chart for the group	
Evatt	Edit Buckley's document re Hemlock and the email string about Arnold-Avery treatments; distribute for discussion at October meeting; pass to new facilitator.	Refer to facilitator, later meeting
Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compile list of collaboration and ZOA best practices;</li><li>• Develop process for requesting letters of support</li></ul>	Propose we use the facilitator for this

#### 2018 Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Date and Location	Presentor	Topic
<b>November 14</b> West Point or TBD Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER!!!</b>		

#### 2019 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date and Location	Presentor	Topic
<b>January 16th</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>February 20th</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>March 20th</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>April 17th</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>May 15th</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>June 19th</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>July 17th</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD

## Amador Calaveras Consensus Group

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 17, 2018 -- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Meeting Date and Location	Presentor	Topic
<b>August 21st</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>September 18th</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>October 16th</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>November 20th</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>xxx xxx</b> Sutter Creek Facilitator: <b>TBD</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER!!!</b>		

*If you have recommendations for speakers, please email contact info to [JillMicheau@gmail.com](mailto:JillMicheau@gmail.com)*