

Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group

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Attn: Jason Kuiken, Forest Supervisor
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Subject: Support for the Development of the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority's Forest Projects Plan on the Calaveras Ranger District

Dear Jason:

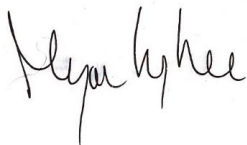
On behalf of the Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG), this letter is to show the ACCG's support for increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration treatments through our partnerships, and our commitment to achieving this through assisting in the development of the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority's (UMRWA) Forest Projects Plan (FPP) on the Calaveras Ranger District.

Support for development of the FPP was shown by ACCG in May of this year by a letter supporting an UMRWA grant proposal to the CAL FIRE Forest Health Program. Unfortunately, this grant proposal was not funded. However, UMRWA has received \$200,000 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the FPP Phase 1, and the UMRWA Board also recently authorized \$100,000 toward the FPP. The ACCG is committed to providing additional support and finding alternative ways to help UMRWA and the USFS develop the FPP on the Calaveras Ranger District.

The FPP represents another significant step in UMRWA's partnership with the USFS and ACCG in implementing critical forest health and fuel treatment projects that reduce wildfire risk to protect and restore the health of the Upper Mokelumne River and watershed. Since the Master Stewardship Agreement between UMRWA and the USFS was signed in April 2016, the Pumpkin Hollow, Cabbage, Black Springs and West Calaveras Thin Projects have reduced fire risk and increased forest resilience on more than 4,000 acres of high-risk lands on Calaveras Ranger District.

The collaborative would be happy to meet with you to discuss the FPP. Please contact me at (831) 750-7371 or meganl.chips@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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