

# Amador Calaveras Consensus Group

## Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2015 9:30am – 12:00pm

Location: 12200 Airport Rd, Jackson, CA

Meeting Facilitator: Eric Kleinfelter Minutes Taken By: Kimberly Grissom

### Agenda Items

1. Call to Order
2. Participant Introductions  
Dennis Bowker, Eric Kleinfelter, Gerald Schwartz, Gordon Long, Jan Bray, John Heissenbittel, Kendal Young, Kimberly Grissom, Rick Hopson, Steve Wilensky, Jeanne Higgins, Tim Tate, Amanda Platt, Julia Stephens, Reuben Childress, Katherine Evatt, Jim McHargue, Terry Woodrow, Richard Yarnell, Brian Wayland, Kathy Vicini, Lynn Shield, Robin Wall, John Garamendi Jr.
3. Modifications and/or Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes
  - July 2015 Minutes Approved
5. Review of Previous Action Items
  - Post 4FRI documents – K Grissom (done)
  - Attend meetings with Alpine county re: ACCG participation – S Wilensky and C Koos-Breazeal (ongoing, update today under item 12).
  - USFS 5-Year Scope of Work – J Heissenbittel (move to Sept)
  - Schedule Field Trips to active timber operations – J Heissenbittel and Robin Wall (done, update today under item 8)
  - Future presentation on forest carbon – K Grissom (done – Bill Stewart scheduled to present in Sept)
  - Distribute revised Foster Firs Comment Letter – G Starrett and K Grissom (done)
  - Update on fuel breaks crossing ownership boundaries – T McClung and T Tate (moved to Sept)
  - Prepare ACCG presentation for UMRWA meeting July 24 – J Bray and K Evatt (done, presentation posted on website)
6. Admin Work Group
  - MOA Renewal – Good time to update the document, as well as deal with the 5 year expiration (since Sept 2010). Ad hoc work group will begin this work – S Wilensky, J Heissenbittel, K Evatt, and R Hopson. Until then we will extend the expiration date, and continue under the existing MOA.
  - New Website Preview – J Stephens and Lynn Shields, the website development consultant, preview the website.
7. Planning Work Group
  - Planning Field Trip to Hemlock – the mark (tree marking for treatment) looked good to both USFS and J Buckley of CSERC. GTR 220 type treatments thin for gaps, keep existing clumps. It was interesting to see both planning and operations working simultaneously on a project.
8. Operations Work Group
  - Two field trips to active timber harvests have been scheduled, in response to interest expressed at previous ACCG meetings. Aug 21 and Sept 17, 9:00 – 2:00, Amador Ranger Station, Pioneer.
9. Emergency Proclamation re: Tree Mortality in the Sierra
  - The issue is funding which could be available for mitigation of beetle kill trees, a problem which appears to be moving upslope and up in latitude. Mariposa County has drafted an emergency proclamation on this issue.
  - Ad hoc work group will discuss this issue, and bring it to the Sept. 16 ACCG meeting. The ad hoc Tree Mortality Proclamation Work Group members are: S Wilensky, J Heissenbittel, J

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10. Presentation – Beaver as a Restoration Tool by Gordon Long
  - Using Prop 1 funds for meadow restoration, ACCG could support a demonstration or pilot project, with G Long as lead. Working with SPI and USFS biologists, and other data, G Long will identify three potential meadows in the Stanislaus forest that are most suited for this project.
11. Wilseyville Biomass Plant Update – S Wilensky
12. Alpine County ACCG Participation – S Wilensky
  - Terry Woodrow, Alpine County District 4 Supervisor, was an early signatory to the ACCG MOA. Alpine County may pass an initiative indicating interest in participation in ACCG. ACCG should be prepared to respond with a welcome. Formal discussion with BOS will come later.
13. Sierra Institute Presentation and Timing –  
Christy Darlington does legal work re: cogen plants and AB 1122. S Wilensky will contact her to give presentation on that subject for the October 21 ACCG meeting.
14. Letter of Recommendation Request from CalAm Team
  - J Bray and P McGreevy have been developing a Prop 1 grant application to do fuel reduction work in two areas, Mitchell Crest in Pine Grove and Bummerville in West Point. J Bray will email a draft letter after this meeting, for ACCG to revise and send. The grant application is due Sept 1, 2015.
  - This is an example of cross-river, cross-county coordination, working together on one project in an all-lands way. An important milestone.
15. Agency/Organization Updates
16. Action Item Review
  - MOA Renewal ad hoc Work Group will address updating the document, while ACCG continues under the current MOA. Members are S Wilensky, J Heissenbittel, K Evatt, and R Hopson.
  - New website review and contribution – J Stephens will send her login info so people can review more in depth.
  - New ACCG logo design will be shared, when ready, for an “accept or reject” only assessment – J Stephens, K Evatt
  - Please submit photos, maps, videos, presentations, and projects to be included on the website to J Stephens, or K Grissom. (All)
  - Protocol will be determined for what items will be posted to website and where – Admin WG
  - ACCG comments on the Hemlock project will be reviewed on Sept 9 at the Planning Work Group meeting. Please submit and attend. (All)
  - Prepare for requests for match information for USFS annual report. (All)
  - Tree Mortality Proclamation ad hoc Work Group will develop discussion points and possibly recommendation for the Sept. 16 meeting. (S Wilensky, J Heissenbittel, J Bray, P McGreevy, J Hoffman, K Evatt, R Childress, J Stephens, B Haigh, R Hopson, Terry Woodrow, Richard Yarnell, T Tate (informational resource). A Doodle poll will be sent by K Grissom to schedule the first meeting.
  - Identify three meadows best suited to a beaver restoration demonstration project, and bring those findings to the Sept 16 meeting. – G Long
  - The James & Lanman study on historic range of beaver will be posted to the website by K Grissom.
17. Next Meeting Topics Review – no changes or additions
18. Adjourn
  - Next Meeting Sept. 16, 2015. Hwy 26 and Pine St., West Point CA