

Amador Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG)

General Meeting Notes, July 21st, 2021, by Zoom

Meeting Brief

- Herbicide alternatives panel with guest panelists Sean Kriletich and Dan Macon.
- Admin WG recommendations for future facilitation and administration needs post 2021.
- ACCG Work Groups and meeting participants provided updates of their activities.

Action Items

Actions	Responsible Parties
Make the June 16th general meeting summary as final and add to the website.	Layhee
Reschedule with Dr. Robert York for his presentation on alternatives to herbicides.	Layhee
Reach out to Megan Layhee with interest in taking over ACCG Administrative responsibilities, or any other feedback or recommendations for future facilitation and administrative services post-2021.	All participants
Reach out to FS to discuss their capacity and willingness to provide funding for future facilitation and administration needs for the ACCG.	Layhee
Continue discussions on preferred future facilitation and administration services.	Admin WG

Summary

Modification and/or approval of agenda and November 2020 Meeting Summary.

There were no suggested changes to the June 16th, 2021 General Meeting summary.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS

Herbicide Alternatives Panel

Guest Panelists:

1. Sean Kriletich, Agricultural Consultant and Producer/Owner of Paloma Pollinators
2. Dan Macon, UC Coop. Ext. County Director/Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor for Placer & Nevada Co.

Dr. Robert York (UC Coop. Ext. Specialist, UC Berkeley College of Natural Resources Research Stations Advisor & Adjunct Associate Professor of Forestry) had to cancel. Megan Layhee will work with Dr. Robert York to reschedule his planned presentation to the ACCG on alternatives to herbicides.

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Tania Carlone gave an overview of the purpose of the panel, including the panel objectives:

1. Define and discuss alternatives to herbicides.
2. Discuss conditions where alternatives to herbicides would apply.
3. Discussion on some of the limitations of herbicide alternatives.
4. Can project objectives be adjusted to avoid the proposed use of herbicide treatments.

Go to the ACCG website to view the panel discussion:

<https://acconsensus.org/resources/videos/>

Action Items

- Megan Layhee will follow up with Dr. Robert York to reschedule his presentation on alternatives to herbicides.

ACCG Admin WG recommendations for future ACCG facilitation and administration post-2021

Tania Carlone gave an overview on the ACCG Admin WG recommendations for post-2021 facilitation and administration services. The admin WG's overall recommendations are that the ACCG continue the current level of administration support and that the ACCG should maintain a relationship with a professional facilitator who would be on retainer to assist with strategy and issue resolution on complex topics, especially to support the Planning Work Group (especially since large landscape project development, planning and implementation) and provide strategic support more broadly, where needed. Also, important to separate the service from the entity that currently provides the service.

Some of the specific recommendations are as follows:

- General Meetings: administrator coordinate with speakers, conduct notifications, prepare agendas, meeting materials and meeting summaries and post materials to website; for facilitation a self-identified small pool of ACCG members to serve on a rotating basis, alternatively consider UCCE facilitation support. Note: professional facilitation could be available as needed.
- Planning Work Group: the ACCG Administrator would continue to organize meetings (host/attend meetings, draft/draft meeting materials and meeting summaries, and post materials to ACCG website); for facilitation, the Planning WG has a moderate level of facilitation support- Administrator continue as regular facilitator or there is a volunteer facilitator from the ACCG, and this person would meet monthly with a professional facilitator to strategize, and the professional facilitator could attend meetings to help with conflict resolution. Noted that this monthly meeting connection is reported as CBI match in the FS-CHIPS agreement.

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- Funding Coordination & Monitoring Work Groups: for FCWG would continue to be self-facilitated and Regine Miller is transition meeting facilitation/administration work to Michael Pickard; and for the Monitoring WG they will continue to be self-facilitation.
- Admin Work Group: the ACCG Administrator would continue to conduct notifications, prepare agendas, meeting materials and meeting summaries and post materials to website; and also, the Administrator would continue to host and facilitate Admin WG meetings.
- Other Considerations: There were also some other considerations to help lighten the lift for the future Administrator. There was also a note to consider who will be doing the services and what the funding source will be. It was also noted that CBI would have “transition tasks”, including standard slide decks/handouts for ground rules, tools and handouts for conflict resolution discussion, and templates for planning (Admin WG will be overseeing these transition tasks).

Meeting participant comments & feedback

- It was noted that self-facilitation for the Planning WG can work, but that sometimes non-professional facilitation is not always the best method for that particular WG. It was also noted that self-facilitation and having the Administrator facilitation the Planning WG meetings is very different options, and that it would be important to tease this out.
- Another participant shared that other collaboratives, like YSS, are more focused on working together to get more work done on the ground, and if the ACCG is wanting to shift to more of this model, a professional facilitation services and administrator will be very important.
- Another participant noted that so much more engagement and so much more planning to getting more work done on the ground because of having professional facilitation.
- Another participant agreed with the recommendations for administration services, but that it would be helpful to have a clear SOW for the Administrator. Also, that the idea of a pool of facilitators with a professional facilitator on retainer, would be helpful, and that most GM discussions are non-controversial and don't need professional facilitation. It was also pointed out the importance of realizing that volunteer facilitators give up some of their ability to put their organization's hat on and speak from their own organization's perspective during difficult topics.
- Another comment was made that the ACCG needs a full time Administrator and needs assistance from professional facilitation, and also that the professional facilitator should play more of an active role as the General Meeting facilitator and the Planning WG, especially because the Planning WG's intent is to play a more active role in getting more work done on the ground, and also because UMRWA is hoping to engage more closely with the ACCG as part of the Forest Projects Plan.
- Participants at the meeting that were interested in being a part of pool of facilitators for general meetings: Michael Pickard, John Heissenbuttal, and Megan Layhee.

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- Foothill Conservancy noted they don't have the capacity to take on these services.

Action Items

- Megan Layhee will connect with the FS to discuss their capacity and willingness to provide funding for future facilitation and administration needs for the ACCG.
- All ACCG participants - review the Admin WG recommendations and see if you would be willing to be 1) part of a pool of facilitators, or 2) Administrator; and follow up with Megan Layhee. Megan would then take recommendations back to Admin WG and be prepared to bring something back to the full ACCG.
- Further discussions needed specifically about Planning WG facilitation, and whether professional facilitation services is needed for monthly meetings, on stand-by, or not at all.
- Admin WG will continue these discussions at their next meeting.

UPDATES

Administrative Work Group Update

Megan Layhee gave the Admin WG update. The Admin WG met on July 8th and discussed upcoming general meeting speakers and topics, including today's panel and panel press release. The group also discussed future hybrid meetings for ACCG general meetings and discussed the importance of high-quality/reliable AV capabilities to support virtual participation. The group also discussed MOA signatory outreach to particular signatories that have not participated in the last six months, and that outreach will continue. The group also discussed and finalized the proposed recommendations for ACCG future facilitation and administrative services post-2021.

Planning Work Group Update

Megan Layhee gave the Planning WG update. The Planning WG met last on June 23rd. The group had a debrief about the Forest Resilience Initiative (FRI) and R5 Shared Stewardship Advisor Program. Continued discussion on large landscape projects and how it ties into the FRI, expansion of the SLAWG tools, and need for development of immediate-term project proposal (since funding will be becoming available very soon). Discussion on Planning WG's preferred model for facilitation post-2021, which will be taken to the Admin WG for incorporation into the Admin WG's recommendations for future facilitation and administration support to the full ACCG. Update from Rx Fire Ad Hoc group on the shared vision statement they are developing. Participant project-related updates and other updates. Next WG meeting is Wednesday, July 28th, 9am-12pm.

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Monitoring Work Group Update

Megan Layhee noted that the Monitoring WG did not meet in July and that she believes the group is set to meet on August 11th starting at 9 am.

Funding Coordination Work Group Update

Megan Layhee noted that the Funding Coordination WG did not meet in July and that they are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 10th from 3-4pm. Michael Pickard confirmed that.

Roundtable

Ray Cablayan – Gave an update on the Henry Fire. At the moment, 1,300 acres in the wilderness between Spicer reservoir and Highland Lakes. Actively putting out spots, and at about 52% containment.

Liz Meyer-Shields – Staffing updates: Chris Proctor (Law Enforcement), and new Fuels Specialist (missed name?).

CHIPS – Staffing changes including, Jill Micheau being hired on as the new Program/ Project Manager, Regine Miller leaving her role as Executive Director, and Megan Layhee transitioning into that role. Crews are being impacted by wildfires, some under evacuation, others can't work due to wildfire proximity and smoke.

Michael Pickard – Only update from SNC at this time is our board just approved a new grant to Amador FSC for fuel reduction around Tiger Creek Reservoir.

The next General Meeting will take place on August 18th via Zoom from 9-noon.

Meeting Participants.

Count	Name	Affiliation	Time Committed to Meeting
1	Bud Hoekstra	Private landowner	3.0
2	Caitlyn Rich	CSERC	3.0
3	Carinna Robertson	USFS STF, Calaveras RD	3.0
4	Charles Beckman	EBMUD	3.0
5	Dan Macon	Guest panelist (UCCE)	1.75
6	Greg Suba	SFL	3.0
7	Jesse Fowler	Calaveras County Agricultural Commission	3.0
8	Jill Micheau	CHIPS	3.0
9	John Buckley	CSERC	3.0

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10	John Heissenbuttal	Heissenbuttal Natural Resource Consulting	3.0
11	John Osbourn	Office of emergency services	3.0
12	Kellin Brown	USFS, STF Calaveras RD	3.0
13	Linda Diesem	Private citizen	3.0
14	Liz Meyer-Shields	BLM Motherlode Field Office	3.0
15	Megan Fiske	Foothill Conservancy	3.0
16	Megan Layhee	CHIPS	3.0
17	Michael Pickard	SNC	3.0
18	Randy Hanvelt	ACL	3.0
19	Ray Cablayan	USFS STF, Calaveras RD	
20	Rich Farrington	UMRWA	3.0
21	Sandy Anderson	CSEDD	3.0
22	Sean Kriletich	Guest Panelist (Consultant, Owner of Paloma Pollinators)	1.75
23	Sue Holper	Private landowner	3.0
24	Tania Carlone	CBI	3.0
25	Thurman Roberts	CHIPS	3.0