

Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG)

Planning Work Group Zoom Meeting Summary, 04/27/2022, megan.layhee1@gmail.com

Meeting Brief

- Work group discussion on upcoming general meetings and topics.
- Work group discussion on group's ongoing action item list and topics for next month's Planning Work Group meeting.

Action Items

Actions	Point Person(s)
Post March meeting summary and special April meeting summary as final to the ACCG website.	Megan Layhee
Send any additional <i>unofficial</i> FPP Phase 1 comments to the UMRWA team.	Planning WG
Continue planning for <i>ENF Forest Resilience Strategy</i> presentation to ACCG at the May 18 th general meeting, including ensuring that the presentation and discussion can be recorded and posted to the ACCG website, and who the speaker will be.	Chuck Loffland Layhee
Items requested to be discussed or completed by Admin WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and discuss revised MOA signatory list and members who haven't participated in ACCG meetings recently, according to the revised MOA, and discuss next steps (e.g., outreach to non-participating signatories).• Review and approve a draft thank you letter to Thurman Roberts for his guest moderation and facilitation of the ACCG TEK Panel held at the April 20th general meeting. Letter would then be taken to full ACCG on May 18th for consensus approval for the ACCG Administrator to sign and send to Thurman on behalf of the ACCG.	Admin WG Layhee
Follow up with ENF about LIDAR products developed by Dr. Kane's lab.	Layhee
Prepare to bring pyrosilviculture shared vision ideas to the kick-off FPP Phase 2 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting (meeting date and time TBD).	Planning WG
Discuss takeaways of April TEK panel at May Planning WG meeting.	Planning WG
Discuss FPP Phase 1 scoping comments and next steps with the FPP team at the May Planning WG meeting	Planning WG
Continuing communications with Big Trees SP about (1) fall 2022 field tour at the park to see the burn units, and (2) inquire about park staff coming to a general meeting soon to give an update on the winter/spring Rx burn accomplishments.	Layhee

Agenda Review and May Meeting Summary Approval

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The Planning Work Group (WG) met via Zoom video-conference. The WG confirmed the April work group agenda, and the March 2022 work group meeting summary with one minor revision, and the April 5th special work group meeting summary with one minor revision.

Upcoming General Meeting Topics & Work Group Ongoing Action Item List

Megan asked the group for their feedback on how hybrid general meetings are going. Group emphasized the importance of continuing hybrid meeting format for the foreseeable future, and although in-person attendance has been relatively low for the first two hybrid general meetings held in March and April, those that do attend in person find the side-conversations very valuable. The group also realizes that the pandemic, coupled with high gas prices, warrant the continued need of the virtual meeting option for attending general meetings.

May 18th general meeting:

- Chuck Loffland will be the guest facilitator. Both Megan and Chuck plan to attend in person at the Amador County building in Jackson.
- First agenda item: presentation title changed to, *Eldorado NF Forest Resilience Initiative*. Chuck will confirm who will be presenting (may be him, Jeff Marsolais or one of the team leaders), and work group confirmed 75 minutes on the agenda for the topic, but may not be that long. Megan also confirmed that the topic can be shifted to later in the meeting if the presenters are not available at 9am. Chuck will confirm whether the meeting can be recorded and posted to the ACCG website.
- McKay's Strategic FB Project – Carinna will provide an update on the project. Not a consensus item, just an update and feedback solicitation opportunity for the FS.
- Forest Projects Plan (FPP) – just a brief update. (Note: a more detailed discussion on Phase 1 scoping and next steps will occur at the May 25th Planning WG meeting.)

June 15th general meeting:

- Megan Layhee will be the meeting facilitator, in-person portion will be held at Calaveras RD office.
- *SERAL Project: Update & lessons learned*- John Buckley confirmed that himself and Patrick Koepele (TRT) will attend the meeting in person. Katie Wilkinson (STF, SERAL ID Team Leader) will tentatively attend and co-present. John noted that he provided a mini-version of this presentation to the UMRWA Board at their April meeting.

July 20th general meeting:

- Dr. Malcolm North is confirmed to present on the new paper he coauthored, *Operational resilience in western US frequent-fire forests*. Presentation will be recorded and posted on the ACCG website. There will be a 90-min slot on the agenda for this topic.

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Tentative Fall 2022 general meeting – Field Tour at Big Trees SP prescribed burn program and burn units with Ben Jacobs

- Megan got a follow up response from Ben Jacobs (BTSP Burn Boss) that Fall 2022 would be best to have a field tour out at Big Trees.
- Work group asked that Megan in her correspondence with Ben mention that if staff are available, that it would be great to get for someone from BTSP come to a general meeting soon to provide an update on the Rx burns completed this year in the South Grove and the burns done in the NE corner of the park as well.

Work group emphasized that all guest presentations or panels should be recorded and posted to the website. Megan added that the ACCG should ensure they receive permission from guest speakers ahead of the presentation date. And it was also discussed that the ACCG should be strategic about which guest speakers we send out press releases and announcements for their presentation, in an effort to reduce in-person participant size, since we are meeting in relatively small conference rooms during a pandemic.

Work Group Ongoing Action Item List

Discussion on importance of implementing the ACCG's pyrosilviculture shared vision through identifying how the steps proposed within the group in 2021 (see below) could be incorporated into the FPP planning effort, potentially as part of a "Phase 1b" on the Calaveras District. The work group will plan to bring these ideas to the kick-off FPP Phase 2 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, which is set to occur soon.

Support implementation of ACCG's Pyrosilviculture Shared Vision: Continue discussions on defining broad plan for implementing pyrosilviculture shared vision. Start with the five steps Greg Suba proposed (in email to the Pyro Ad Hoc group, 10/21/2021):

- *Understand the landscape and subdivide it into strategically derived fire management areas (e.g., PODs, boxes, etc.)*
- *Agree on strategy for where, when, and how best to manage for fire within every containment area / box, and between containment areas / boxes.*
- *Identify which boxes are in most urgent need of work in order to apply, manage, and/or suppress fire effectively and as safely as possible.*
- *Seek and obtain funding for that work.*
- *Implement 1st-entry fire and/or thinning followed by fire as planned.*

ENF LiDAR derived products from UW Forest Resiliency Lab - Discussion on status of ENF LIDAR products from Dr. Kane's lab at the University of Washington. Megan mentioned that she has sent the full list of products that Dr. Kane has developed to the ENF GIS Program Manager, in hopes that this will expedite the process of the ENF GIS folks locating the suite of products. Megan said that she was going to send a reminder email this week to the ENF GIS Program Manager.

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Support biomass utilization infrastructure development projects – in terms of this work group responsibility, Rich added that the Association of California Water Agencies are tracking and talking about supporting AB 2878 authored by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry, the Forest Biomass Waste Utilization Program.

Meeting Participants

#	Name	Affiliation	Miles (N/A-online)	Hours
1	Megan Layhee	ACCG Administrator (facilitator)	--	1.5
2	John Buckley	CSERC	--	1.5
3	Tatiana Altman	CSERC	--	1.5
4	Carinna Robertson	USFS, Calaveras RD	--	1.25
5	Meredith Sierra	FC	--	1.25
6	Chuck Loffland	USFS, Amador RD	--	1.0
7	Rich Farrington	UMRWA Board	--	1.5
8	Kellin Brown	USFS, Calaveras RD	--	1.5