

Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG)

Planning Work Group Zoom Meeting Summary, 07/27/2022, megan.layhee1@gmail.com

Meeting Brief

- Update on ACCG Shared Vision on Tribal Engagement.
- ACCG General Meeting Debrief on July 20th presentation by Dr. Malcolm North on *Operational resilience in western US frequent-fire forests*.
- FPP Phase 2 internal work group brainstorm discussion: session 1.
- Upcoming general meetings and topics.
- Participant and project-related updates.

Action Items

Actions	Point Person(s)
Post June meeting summary as final to the ACCG website.	Layhee
Check in on status of ENF 2019 LiDAR derived products, particularly the ladder fuel products from Dr. Kane's lab (UW).	Layhee (ongoing)
Continue internal work group discussion on FPP Phase 2 related topics, including comfort level with CSO-related Forest Plan Amendments at next month's planning work group meeting.	Planning WG
Continue developing ACCG shared vision on tribal engagement.	R. Farrington M. Sierra Planning WG
Perform follow up on potential upcoming general meeting topics including the Power Fire Fuels Treatment study for the August general meeting.	Layhee R. Farrington
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 (ongoing)

Agenda Review and May Meeting Summary Approval

The Planning Work Group (WG) met via Zoom video-conference. The WG confirmed the July work group agenda, and the June work group meeting summary, with a revision on the agenda about the fact that the August general meeting will be "virtual" only not "hybrid" only.

Update on ACCG Shared Vision on Tribal Engagement

Rich and Meredith gave a brief update on the status of the development of the ACCG shared vision on tribal engagement. Group discussed:

- Which tribes federally-recognized or not, to reach out to. The CAL FIRE list was referenced: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/12oj4dwl/cal-fire-native-american-contact->

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[list-jan-2022-ada.pdf](#) . Chuck Hutchinson (ENF) was also referenced as a good local connection for a getting a list of local and regional tribes to engage with.

- Also discussed the possibility of having a tribal liaison to the ACCG, so as to be respectful of members of the various tribe's time and capacity.
- That regular participation in ACCG meetings might not be feasible, but rather the model might be that the ACCG would engage with tribes on how to integrate TEK knowledge and principles into specific projects. Need to see how the tribes would prefer to engage with the ACCG.
- Rich and Meredith have a meeting on August 3rd with Thurman Roberts of CHIPS and Waylon Coats with SNC.

General Meeting Debrief

July 20th general meeting

Group discussed the guest presentation by Dr. Malcolm North on *Operational resilience in western US frequent-fire forests*.

Link to presentation video: <https://acconsensus.org/resources/videos/>

Link to presentation slides: <https://acconsensus.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Operational-Resilience-for-ACCG-July-20-2022-compressed.pptx>

Discussion takeaways:

- Work group discussed how it would be beneficial to get a better understanding of what an optimal SDI looks like on the ground.
- Discussed the importance of incorporating ICO concepts with the SDI concept, and that the ideal stand density is dependent on stand characteristics like topography, aspect, etc.
- Discussed the uncertainty of what a stand composition historically was, reference to the Klamath Basin pollen indicator study.
- Discussed the importance of the historical Native American practices that maintained healthy stand densities in the past, and the importance of incorporating that tribal knowledge as part of future projects.

FPP Phase 2 Brainstorm Discussion: Session 1

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- Regine Miller (UMRWA team) gave the group a brief overview on where FPP Phase 2 is at including that: (1) the project area is preliminarily roughly 220K acres; (2) a request for proposals is out currently to solicit a team who would conduct the preliminary planning process and project management for Phase 2 (i.e., develop work plan, identify project goals and objectives, formulate TAC and start engaging with ACCG); (3) UMRWA is submitting a concept proposal to SNC at the end of this month for <\$1 million in funding for Phase 2, specifically for spatial analyses and modeling to id priority treatment areas and priority treatment types, development of proposed action – noted that UMRWA is saying in the concept proposal that the Phase 2 project is “up to 220K acres”, so the scale of the project is still up for discussion.
- The group reviewed the preliminary draft Phase 2 discussion topics that the Administrator had developed for the meeting, including the list of proposed treatments that are mutually agreeable and that are potentially controversial and would need further discussion at the TAC meetings.
- Members added a few additional items to the list of Phase 2 related topics that need further discussion internally and with the TAC, including:
 - Whether the ACCG even wants to see CSO-related Forest Plan Amendments as part of the FPP Phase 2 planning document. (Action item for next meeting).
 - Planning document type: programmatic vs. project EIS.
 - The use of a scaled-approach (e.g., multiple RODs under one programmatic EIS).
 - Metrics used for assessing current and desired conditions: SDI vs NRV.
 - SERAL’s spatial modeling approach: FORSYS, F3 models for scenario planning
 - Planning units: Are PODs going to be used as the subwatershed-scale planning unit? Fire management areas?
 - Priority areas for treatment and how to define them – e.g., communities, fuelbreaks.
 - Focused analysis in NEPA document.
 - Timing of project implementation (e.g., 5-10 years).
- **Action item** -- Work group needs to come prepared to the August Planning work group meeting ready to communicate their comfort level on the potential for CSO-related Forest Plan Amendments for the FPP Phase 2.
- **Action item** -- Work group will continue internal discussions on what they would like to see, also will continue discussions on what topics need further (1) internal discussions and (2) further discussions at Phase 2 TAC meetings (once they start up), specifically in terms of the items listed above.

Upcoming General Meeting Topics & Work Group Ongoing Action Item List

August 18^h general meeting:

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- Rich will follow up with authors of the Power Fire Fuels Treatment Study for the August general meeting.

September 21st general meeting:

- FPP Phase 1 – request for consensus support of the project from the full ACCG membership. This means that the Planning Work Group should expect a full presentation from Phase 1 Team at the August planning work group meeting.

Participant/Project Updates

Next Planning WG meeting is Wed., August 24th, 2022 via Zoom.

Meeting Participants

#	Name	Affiliation	Miles (N/A-online)	Hours
1	Megan Layhee	ACCG Administrator (facilitator)	--	2.0
2	Manny Eicholz	CSERC	--	2.0
3	Meredith Sierra	FC	--	2.0
4	Brian Brown	USFS, ENF	--	2.0
5	Rich Farrington	UMRWA Board	--	2.0
6	Regine Miller	UMRWA, Headwaters Environmental	--	2.0
7	John Buckley	CSERC	--	2.0
8	Tatiana Altman	CSERC	--	2.0