**Stakeholder Group Charter- Draft**

The Forest Projects Plan Phase 2 is a large landscape forest health planning project in the Upper Mokelumne River watershed aiming to improve forest resilience to fire, drought, and disease. Approximately 220,000 acres in the Eldorado National Forest Amador Ranger District and Stanislaus National Forest Calaveras District are included in the assessment area for which planning, environmental analyses, and prioritization of future forest management actions will be considered. The project includes completion of all National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) work necessary to proceed with top priority actions. The NEPA and CEQA actions will likely occur in phases. This project builds upon work by Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA), the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG), and others on Forest Projects Plan Phase 1, a 25,000-acre planning effort in the Eldorado National Forest Amador Ranger District in Amador County to be completed by the end of 2022.

Included in the Phase 2 planning efforts is the convening of a Stakeholder Group that will meet quarterly through the duration of the planning for the Phase 2 Project, which is expected to extend approximately 2 to 3 years. To reduce duplicative efforts, the existing ACCG Planning Workgroup meetings may be used as the forum for the quarterly Stakeholder Group meetings.

Stakeholder Group meetings would engage the ACCG Planning Workgroup, ACCG general membership, and others such as:

* Local Fire Safe Councils
* Resource Conservation Districts/ Natural Resources Conservation Service
* Fire Districts
* County Office of Emergency Services (OES) departments
* Local economic development entities (including Central Sierra Economic Development District)
* California Department of Forestry and Fire (CAL FIRE)
* Sierra Business Council
* Neighboring landowners (including PG&E, SPI, and Bureau of Land management)
* Tribal entities
* And other individuals/ organizations with an interest

The specific charge of the Stakeholder Group would be to review documents provided by the project team, attend the quarterly meetings, and provide comments and feedback for the project team.

Meetings would inform stakeholders about the Phase 2 project and would be an opportunity for stakeholders to provide and discuss their feedback, concerns, or other input.

Like the Forest Project Plan Phase 1, the goal in Phase 2 is to have broad support with stakeholders and interested parties and to move forward with consensus support from the ACCG.

The Stakeholder Group would operate under the following parameters:

* On a quarterly basis, there would be a Phase 2 stakeholder meeting incorporated into the Planning Work Group monthly meeting, generally at the end of the meeting or as directed by the Planning Work Group.
* Consistent with current practices, all ACCG members would receive the meeting materials for the ACCG Planning Work Group and they would be invited to attend.
* Phase 2 Stakeholders identified by the Phase 2 Team (who are not currently on the ACCG or its mailing list) would be invited to attend the Planning WG portion of the meeting devoted to Phase 2.
* The Phase 2 project team would continue to provide regular briefings at the ACCG General Meeting on Phase 2 progress.
* The Stakeholder Meeting portion of the Planning Work Group is not expected to exceed more than two hours maximum unless the Stakeholder Group or the Planning Work Group identifies that more time is needed.
* The Stakeholder Meeting portion of the Planning Work Group will be facilitated by the UMRWA Phase 2 Project Team and will include preparation of agendas, circulation of Stakeholder Meeting summaries and following up on any action items from the Stakeholder meetings.
* The Stakeholder Group members who are not currently members of the ACCG will not be considered members of the ACCG unless they formally sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).
* The Phase 2 Project Team may brief the ACCG Planning Work Group independent of the full Stakeholder Group as appropriate based on Planning Work Group or ACCG input.

The Phase 2 Team anticipates that Stakeholders will require no more than 1 hour of preparation per session to review materials prior to a meeting.

* The Phase 2 Project Team will be developing a Stakeholder Group Charter noting expectations and responsibilities of the Group members.

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