

Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG)

Planning Work Group Zoom Meeting Summary, 5/24/2023, megan.layhee1@gmail.com

Meeting Brief

- Discussion on FPP Phase 2: debrief on first TAG meeting held on April 19th, debrief on Vibrant Planets' Land Tender presentation at the May ACCG general meeting, and discussion on how might the ACCG's pyrosilviculture shared vision will be integrated into the project and the need to focus work group effort on developing recommendations on the topic for the TAG.
- Briefly discussed upcoming Monitoring work group related volunteer opportunities and upcoming general meeting presentations.
- Participant and project-related updates.

Action Items

Actions	Point Person(s)
Post last month's revised meeting summary and this month's agenda as final to the ACCG website.	Layhee
Spend time at the June Planning work group meeting to discuss recommendations to eventually provide to the TAG for review, for incorporating the ACCG's pyrosilviculture shared vision into the Phase 2 project.	Planning work group
Work Group would like clarity about: (1) when Planscape will be released to the public, (2) what level of model staff support will be available with Planscape, (3) how will local data and local knowledge be integrated into Planscape, (4) how will ground truthing be incorporated into decision making if Planscape were selected for use in Phase 2?, etc.	Phase 2 team, TAG
Reconvene on Mon. June 12 th 10am-12pm via Zoom, get debrief on 5/31 FS leadership team meeting, and then continue discussions on developing consensus-based CSO-related forest plan amendments.	Forest Plan Amendments Ad Hoc

Agenda Review and Meeting Summary Approval

The Planning Work Group (WG) met via Zoom video-conference. The WG confirmed the May work group agenda and February meeting summary. Megan will post those as final on the ACCG website.

Forest Projects Plan (FPP) Phase 2

April TAG Meeting debrief: John Buckley gave an overview of what was discussed at the April 19th Phase 2 TAG meeting held via Zoom and in person at the Calaveras Ranger District office. He mentioned that the Phase 2 team had released a meeting summary. Topics at the April 19th TAG meeting included an overview of the project and then discussions on the role of the TAG. Discussions on if there are any missing expertise that should be invited to the TAG, including

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mention of Scott Stephens, who was invited to be on the TAG but who had to decline. The Phase 2 team also reviewed the process of gathering data to date. Jason Kuiken emphasized the need to move ahead with the data that is available to keep the process moving along. There was also discussion on California spotted owl (CSO), specifically about field study needs, protocol surveys, PAC retirement, and habitat requirements. There will likely be dissimilarities between the two forests in the Phase 2 process on this topic. Cultural/Arch survey needs and timing was also discussed.

Debrief on Vibrant Planets' Land Tender presentation at the May ACCG general meeting:

Many voiced appreciation for the great presentation by Joe Flannery and how valuable it was to quickly see different model scenarios that then could be compared. Discussions then shifted to discussing some of the pro-cons of decision support tools and discussions on the drawbacks and benefits of Land Tender versus Planscape. These are some of main points from that discussion:

- Ground truthing: The need to be able to ground truth priority areas identified in various scenarios.
- What are other large landscape projects using? Mention of TCSI and possibly moving to Planscape. [Administrator note: It would be best to get clarity on what type of decision support tool TCSI is using and plan to use in the future, e.g., Planscape? Blueprint?]
- Timing of the release of Planscape: its release is "imminent" according to John B. No more clarity than that. I asked him directly.
- Model costs vs. level of support: the question of what level of support there will be with Planscape was asked. John B. mentioned that there are assurances that support staff will be available, but to what extent is unknown.
- Planscape and state funding: If state funding agencies will be requiring the Phase 2 project to use Planscape for grant proposals once it's released, then it seems logical to go with Planscape over Land Tender.

Pyrosilviculture: the point was raised on how will the ACCG pyrosilviculture shared vision be incorporated into Phase 2 modeling and decision making process? The Planning work group decided they will start discussions on this topic at their June work group meeting, with a goal of drafting up recommendations for the TAG, in regards to the pyrosilviculture shared vision.

Action items:

- Clarity from Phase 2 team, TAG, Planscape folks about: (1) when Planscape will be released to the public, (2) what level of model staff support will be available with Planscape, (3) how will local data and local knowledge be integrated into Planscape, (4) how will ground truthing be incorporated into decision making for Planscape, etc.
- Planning work group will begin, at their June work group meeting, discussing and ultimately drafting up recommendations for the TAG, in regards to the pyrosilviculture shared vision.

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- Forest Plan Amendment Ad Hoc group will reconvene on Mon., June 12th 10am-12pm via Zoom, and will get a debrief on the take-aways of the 5/31 FS leadership team meeting on the direction of Phase 2, and then the Ad Hoc group will continue discussions on developing consensus-based forest plan amendments.

Upcoming General Meeting Topics & other opportunities

- Potential field monitoring opportunity most likely in August or September with the Monitoring work group at Thompson Meadow (Calaveras RD). More info to come.
- June 21st general meeting presentations: (1) Caldor Fire (2021) Post-fire Restoration Framework & Post-fire Opportunities for CA Spotted Owl, Becky Estes; (2) UMRWA's WCB Aspen Restoration Project; and (3) USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, Rosie Gonzales
- TBD general meeting presentation on Planscape/Regional Resource Toolkits

Participant Updates/News, Next Meeting

- Next Planning work group meeting is June 28th via Zoom.

Meeting Participants

#	Name	Affiliation	Miles (N/A-online)	Hours
1	Megan Layhee	ACCG Administrator (facilitator)	--	0.75
2	Rich Farrington	UMRWA Board	--	0.75
3	John Buckley	CSERC	--	0.75
4	Terry Woodrow	Alpine County, Calaveras FSC	--	0.75
5	Lisa Lucke	New ACCG Administrator	--	0.75
6	Brian Brown	ENF	--	0.75
7	Chuck Loffland	ENF, Amador RD	--	0.75
8	Kimberley Petree	El Dorado Band of Miwok Chairwoman, ED of CCAWW	--	0.75
9	Stan Dodson	CSERC	--	0.75
10	Carinna Robertson	STF, Calaveras RD	--	0.50
11	Jeff Mabe	ENF	--	0.58
12	Marc Young	ENF	--	0.75
13	Aaron James	STF	--	0.75
14	Michelle Wolfgang	ENF	--	0.75
15	Zach Brown	Sierra Institute	--	0.75
16	Byron Krempl	Krempl Consulting	--	0.75
17	Baljit Singh	Calaveras County Office of Emergency Services	--	0.75

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18	Chelsea Lewandowski	CSERC		0.75
19	Kimberley Petree	El Dorado Band of Miwok Chairwoman, ED of CCAWW		0.75
20	Sierra Torres	CSERC		0.75
21	Craig Case	CHIPS		0.75
22	Kelsey Retich	STF, Calaveras RD		0.66