

Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG)

Planning Work Group Zoom Meeting Summary, 08/23/2023, luckewriter@gmail.com

Meeting Brief

- FPP Phase 2 Stakeholders quarterly meeting and debrief
- Aug 16 General meeting presentation debrief (Planscape) moved to Sept
- Upcoming General Meeting Topics
- Participant updates/next meeting

Action Items

Actions	Point Person(s)
Post last month's revised meeting summary and this month's agenda as final to the ACCG website.	Lucke
Chuck will contact John Keane for feedback on the consensus-based amendment language. John, Chuck, Sue, Kelsey to prepare materials for sharing the PAC retirement doc at 9/20 general meeting.	Chuck L.
Lisa will add PAC materials to 9/20 GM agenda as discussion item/possible consensus item.	Lucke
Lisa will create a (rotating) facilitator list for ongoing PWG meetings	Lucke

Agenda Review and Meeting Summary Approval

The Planning Work Group (WG) met via Zoom, from 11:05 to noon, following the quarterly co-hosted FPP Phase 2 Stakeholders meeting. In the PWG portion of the meeting, the WG confirmed the August work group agenda and July meeting summary. Megan will post those as final on the ACCG website.

Discussion of Ongoing Facilitation of PWG Meetings

With Lisa not facilitating meetings as part of her role as ACCG admin, the PWG needs to find a solution for ongoing facilitation of meetings. After discussion Lisa proposed the group proceed with the three volunteers (Chuck, John, and Megan) for the rest of the calendar year (Sept, Oct, Nov) and going into 2024, Sue and Megan can help as needed, if present. The group will reassess the need for additional facilitators in the future. Lisa suggested she could assist if needed after gaining more familiarity with the role.

Forest Projects Plan (FPP) Phase 2 Stakeholders

Debrief on 8/23 Stakeholder mtg: The Resilience discussion was perceived as chaotic by Chuck who felt that the discussion could have been more structured and benefit from a review of the draft purpose and need. Megan agreed, emphasizing the importance of having a draft available for the next Stakeholder meeting. John expressed confusion about the practical use of developing a draft purpose and need, finding the 'pillars of resilience' too nebulous. He suggested using the term 'drivers' and emphasized the importance of understanding the significance of these drivers in the project.

Phase 2 Project Purpose and Planning: John sought clarity on the use of the Phase 2 project. Megan suggested that the project should have high-level purpose and needs statements that

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would guide the modeling efforts and help define the model inputs. Chuck viewed the project as a tool for figuring out what's important to the decision-makers and feeding that information back to them. He also saw its value as a planning tool for the Forest Service, which could help identify potential issues before formalized NEPA scoping.

- **Review SLAWG Discussions for New Stakeholders:** Carinna questioned the value of repeating discussions about the SLAWG, pointing out that they had already established priorities and drivers in earlier meetings. Megan and Chuck agreed, suggesting that the Stakeholder group largely repeated past discussions. They recommended reviewing the background information from the SLAWG discussions and presenting it to new members. Sue agreed, adding that it was important to connect with the consultants to incorporate the SLAWG's conclusions into their workflow before the next round of stakeholder meetings.
- **Forest Service Lands: Improved Engagement and Information:** John discussed the changes in the participation and decision-making process during a meeting about managing forest service lands. He highlighted a higher level of engagement from the Forest Service this time, suggesting a shift from previous processes. The participants also changed, with many new faces not involved in the SLAWG process'. John noted a significant increase in the amount of high-scale information from the State and the Forest Service, improving their understanding of the situation on the ground.
- **Resource Utilization and Schedule Adjustment:** John suggested utilizing the resources and assets identified during the SLAWG and handover process for the UMRWA phase 2 team. Megan agreed and committed to ensuring these valuable resources were included. She also proposed sending the stakeholder group the information sheet developed for the SLAWG. Megan also highlighted the need to revisit the values identified in the SLAWG with the Phase 2 team. Chuck reminded the team that they were behind schedule.

Tag Meeting Rescheduling and Pack Retirement Planning: Megan, Regine, John, and Sue discussed the rescheduling of a Tag meeting initially set for September 20, which was possibly moved to October 18. Regine was asked to follow up with Stantec to get the date officially confirmed. In addition, John presented a draft recommendation about the PAC retirement, emphasizing the team's goal of finding areas of agreement to minimize controversy.

- **Wildlife Habitat Protection—Meeting Discussions:** The team discussed concerns about the project's design to protect at-risk, sensitive wildlife habitat and the lack of clarity about the requirements for high-quality owl habitat. John emphasized the need to err on the side of the middle ground to avoid controversy and recommended a solution in the ad hoc committee meeting. Chuck suggests looking at the PAC retirement document and making changes, then bringing back to the ACCG General Meeting.
- **Quick Action for Retirement Project:** Megan asked for a consensus recommendation from the ad hoc group for the working planning group. Chuck expressed a goal to get

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this done quickly to remove the retirement project from their plate and return it to the planning group for the phase 2 project. Sue voiced concerns about the process, suggesting a clear process flow to avoid surprises and ensure transparency for the planning group. She emphasized the need for a stepwise process, including draft views, discussions, and approvals, and identified the importance of clarifying this process for future recommendations. Chuck agreed with Sue's understanding of the process, emphasizing that typically the planning group makes recommendations that everyone can support, and then takes it back to the full group for further action.

- **PAC Retirement Plan Finalization & Feedback:** Chuck expressed a desire to send the finalized plan to John Keane for feedback, once the group felt it was ready. John, who was not present at the meeting, provided feedback via email. He mentioned a previous email from Chuck, which contained five bullet points on pack retirement and two on serving requirements that the group had agreed upon. John suggested sharing these items with the PWG for further clarification.
- **Committee Recommendations for Forest Service Approval:** John presented a summary of the recommendations from the ad hoc committee to the planning work group and the general ACCG group for a final decision by the Forest Service. The team agreed on seven key bullet points. Megan proposed incorporating these points into a document, along with additional information from Chuck, to provide a comprehensive but succinct overview. John suggested focusing on the seven bullet points and adding background information below for those who wanted more detail. Chuck confirmed that he would reach out to John Keane for feedback on the document.
- **Moving Discussion Plan Forward With Added Chart:** Chuck proposed moving a discussion and plan forward to the full ACCG on September 20. Megan asked for recommendations from the group, noting that further feedback from John Keane could alter some aspects. John agreed to the plan, suggesting the addition of a process chart. Chuck, John, and Sue agreed to lead the discussion at the General Meeting. Megan made it an action item for the administrator, Lisa, to follow up with the involved parties and prepare the materials. Chuck also provided some additional information he thought should be considered.

Aug. 16 General Meeting presentation debrief

PWG ran out of time and agreed to put this off until next month (Sept) PWG mtg.

Upcoming General Meeting Topics & other opportunities

- Sept. 20, Dr. Robert York, Interactions of the Mosquito Fire with Forest Management and Reforestation Demonstration at Blodgett Forest Research Station (:70)
- Sept. 20, Ben Banerjee, Dryad Technologies; Dryad's Wildfire Detection System, mesh-networked for early detection, forest health & monitoring (:60)

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- Nov. 15: Virtual fencing, presenter TBD (Chuck Loffland coordinating)
- Discussion on CSERC providing a brief ppt slide on the recent YSS, STF field tour of the prescribed burning done recently on Hwy 108.

Participant Updates/News, Next Meeting

- Next Planning meeting via Zoom, Wed., 9/27, 9 a.m. to noon.

Meeting Participants

NAME	AFFILIATION
Lisa Lucke	Admin
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