

# Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG)

General Meeting Brief Summary 10/18/2023, via Zoom and at the Calaveras Ranger Station

## Meeting Brief

- Meeting facilitator: John Heissenbuttel (remote)
- Meeting host: Lisa Lucke
- Guest Presentation: Nina Gordon-Kirsch: “Where Does My Water Come From?”
- Discussion items:
  - UMRWA/ACCG SNC RFFCP Round 3 Funding Opportunity Update and continued discussions on ACCG capacity needs
  - Forest Project Plan Phases 1 and 2 update
- Roundtable and Workgroup updates.

## Action Items

Actions	Responsible Parties
Post final version of Oct GM agenda and final summary of Sept GM to the ACCG website.	Lucke

## Summary

### Modification and/or approval of agenda and last month’s meeting summary.

The meeting’s agenda and the Sept GM summary was approved.

### Presentations & Discussions

1. Presentation: Nina Gordon-Kirsch. Nina walked the length of the Mokelumne River, from her home in Berkeley to the headwaters at Highlands Lake. The 240-mile journey is being developed into an educational curriculum
2. Discussion: UMRWA/ACCG SNC RFFCP Round 3 Funding Opportunity Update and continued discussions on ACCG capacity needs (Megan L. and Richard S.)
3. FPP Phase 1 and 2 update

### Consensus Item: None

## UPDATES

### Roundtable

- Chuck L. reported progress in clearing the season's remaining acres and plans to continue work until snowfall.
- Michael P. discussed ongoing Highway 80 work similar to Calaveras.
- Jim from Estate Parks announced plans for a controlled burn in the North Grove and preparations for a South Grove burn in November.

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- Rich Farrington shared that he had arranged a speaker for a presentation on lessons learned from the Washburn fire and plans to engage the Blue Forest Group for funding opportunity analysis.
- Helen L. updated the team on completing a field season, mapping and delineating approximately 800 acres of aspen stands in the Upper Colony and the Amador and Calaveras districts.
- Kimberley shared progress on training tribal members to form an active fire crew and discussed the impact of fires on water health.
- Rosie from the Fish and Wildlife Service praised the team's monitoring program and expressed gratitude for their efforts.
- Aaron and Jeff Mabe shared updates on consultations on forest projects and the potential listing of the Western Pond turtle.
- Ray reported on the completion of sour grass treatment and ongoing prescribed fire activities. Finally, Craig gave an update on the busy crews, hoping for more dry weather.

## Work Group Updates

- **Admin Work Group:** Did not meet in Sept or Oct; will finalize the 5-Year Strategic Plan and bring it to GM at a future meeting.
- **Planning Work Group:** Discussed the FPP Phase 2 update and the PAC retirement survey requirement language.
- **Monitoring Work Group:** The group has taken the last few months off from meeting and is set to resume regular meetings in November after completing monitoring tasks for several projects.

**Next ACCG General Meeting: November 15, 2023 – Zoom and in person at Pioneer RD office**

## Meeting Participants

Lisa Lucke, ACCG Admin  
Chuck Loffland, USFS, ENF  
John Buckley, CSERC  
Michael Pickard – USFS, SNF  
Carinna Robertson, USFS, SNF  
Allison Stevenot, USFS, SNF  
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Aaron James, Stanislaus NF  
Jeff Mabe USFS, ENF  
Ray Cablayan, USFS, SNF  
Richard Sykes, UMRWA  
Helen Loffland - The Institute for Bird Populations  
Jim Suero, CA State Parks  
Craig Case, CHIPS  
John Heissenbuttel, AFSC  
Nina Gordon-Kirsch (presenter)

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Michelle Wolfgang, USFS

Kimberly Petree, El Dorado Band of Miwok

Zach Browning, Sierra Institute

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