

Amador Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG)

Planning Work Group Zoom Meeting

Wed. July 24th, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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MEETING AGENDA

Facilitator: [Megan Layhee](#)

Time	Item	Materials
9:00	Review meeting agenda & other housekeeping <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modifications, approve agenda 2. Modifications, approve previous meeting summary 3. Forest Plan Amendment Ad Hoc Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01 [draft] ACCG Planning Work Group Meeting Agenda 07.24.2024 • 02 [draft] ACCG Planning Work Group Meeting Summary 05.22.2024
9:10	UMRWA-USFS MAC Project (formerly FPP Phase 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap. • Continue discussions on developing alternative recommendations for potential herbicide use for fuelbreak maintenance, particularly those highlighted in material 03 Section 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Address and continue discussing concerns related to broadcast application techniques, and also potential water quality impacts of herbicide application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03 [draft] ACCG Planning Work Group Herbicide Recommendations v.04.18.2024 <p>Other supplemental materials (sent from FS staff):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04 HerbicideApplicationMethods • 05 USFS Water Monitoring for Herbicides
11:30	ACCG 2024 Field Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap • Discuss prioritizing list of potential stops to only 3 or 4 stops total. See material 06. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06 [draft] 2024 ACCG Field Trip
11:50	Upcoming General Meeting Topics <p>8/21/24: Dr. Eric Knapp, USFS, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Redding, “Severity of the Antelope Fire”</p> <p>9/18/24: Ellie Routt, Mother Lode Land Trust</p> <p>10/16/24: Stephanie Coppeto, USDA FS Region 5 Broader-scale Monitoring Strategy</p> <p>11/20/2024: Brian Allen, UCCE, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties, Assistant Specialist; Targeted grazing and virtual fencing applications for fuel break maintenance and mixed conifer forest fuels treatments</p> <p>2/19/2025: Dr. Scott Stephens, “Mass fire behavior created by extensive tree mortality and high tree density not predicted by operational fire behavior models in the southern Sierra Nevada”</p>	
11:55	Action Items & Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review meeting action items • Next meeting: August 28th 9-12 • Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UMRWA WCB Aspen Project update ○ MAC Project (formerly FPP Phase 2) Topics 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ NRV vs. SDI▪ Focused analysis in EIS▪ Condition-based NEPA▪ Western pond turtle protection measures▪ Management actions that may impact viewshed and recreation and mitigation measures▪ Aspen: Aspen stand definition, and recommended aspen restoration treatment types▪ Hazard tree removal▪ LIDAR Modeling (RF)	
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Ongoing Planning Work Group Action Items

- [ACCG Priority Responsibilities:](#)
 - Continue moving forward with landscape-scale planning, while also identifying and securing funding for shovel-ready projects:
 - Continuing to support and engage with UMRWA's Forest Projects Plan Phase 1-2.
 - Engaging with the USFS on their 2022 program of work.
 - Continuing to support large-landscape analyses to help strategically accelerate implementation.
 - Support and assist the USFS find efficient and effective ways to compete for funds. And as part of that, support the USFS obtaining increased resources and building workforces for surface, ladder fuels work.
 - Support biomass utilization infrastructure development projects.
 - Focus on projects and activities, including activities that increase forest health, and meadow and wetland restoration, that promote water retention on the landscape to prepare for future droughts.
 - Continue to support implementation of ACCG's TEK Shared Vision.
 - Continue to support implementation of ACCG's Pyrosilviculture Shared Vision, including continuing discussions on defining broad plan for implementing pyrosilviculture shared vision. Start with the five steps Greg Suba proposed (in email to the Pyro Ad Hoc group, 10/21/2021):
 - Understand the landscape and subdivide it into strategically derived fire management areas (e.g., PODs, boxes, etc.)
 - Agree on strategy for where, when, and how best to manage for fire within every containment area / box, and between containment areas / boxes.
 - Identify which boxes are in most urgent need of work in order to apply, manage, and/or suppress fire effectively and as safely as possible.
 - Seek and obtain funding for that work.
 - Implement 1st-entry fire and/or thinning followed by fire as planned.