

Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG)

Planning Work Group Meeting Summary, 05/22/2024, megan.layhee1@gmail.com

Meeting Brief

- Continued discussions with the UMRWA WCB Aspen Project team about aspen treatment buffers and prescriptions.
- Brief discussion on ACCG hosted field trip for 2024. Discussed potential dates, locations and topics to cover.
- Upcoming General Meeting Topics.

Action Items

| Actions | Point Person(s) |
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| Post final versions of meeting agenda and last month's meeting summary after the correction is made. | Lucke |
| See page two of this document for full list of UMRWA Aspen Project Team's action items. | UMRWA Aspen Project Team |
| Email Ad Hoc asking if it's ok if they have a 3-3.5-hour June meeting to allow for time to discuss dbh limits, treatment constraints. | Layhee |
| ACCG 2024 Field Tour: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow up with Chuck and ARD staff to flesh out field tour details and land on a tentative date.• Continue discussions on ACCG 2024 field trip. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Layhee• All |
| FPP Phase 2 herbicide future work group discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential impacts of herbicide application to drinking water supply• Broadcast application specifications for fuelbreak maintenance: follow up with project team to provide more specificity on broadcast application, including for fuelbreak maintenance• FPP Phase 2 fuelbreak network on a map, with acreages, and what proportion of the fuelbreak network would the ACCG support herbicide use for fuelbreak maintenance. | All |

Housekeeping

- Agenda approved. Minor edit to last month's meeting summary, after which was approved.
- Suggestion that Ad Hoc consider having a 3.5 hour meeting next month for dbh limit discussions. **Action item** – Megan will send out email to Ad Hoc asking if they are ok with that suggested meeting time change.
- Reminder that there is no ACCG Planning WG meeting in June, rather they will host the June 26th FPP Phase 2 Project Stakeholder meeting.

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UMRWA WCB Aspen Project

Brief: Team reviewed the proposed action document, suitability modeling effort, and NEPA type (e25 CE category) and timeline (anticipate initiating scoping in July) with the work group. Team also recapped the feedback received from CSERC and text suggestions, and all in agreement with the adjustments made. The size of the project was also discussed, and was noted that it was okay to the work group if the project ends up being 500-550 acres (minimum 300 acres). It was also noted that this project's approach to aspen restoration is a good starting point for FPP Phase 2 project, however certain considerations will need to be discussed with the work group (e.g., CSO, goshawk PACs).

Action items:

- UMRWA Aspen Project Team consider CSERC's suggestion to including additional sentence in proposed action, "Thus fencing would be normally in place for 5 years".
- Suggestion for UMRWA Aspen Project Team to remove buffers in map figure and only include the red polygons.
- UMRWA Aspen Project Team to clarify the rationale/benefit of reconnecting stands in the last sentence in the document to point to the rationale Chuck and Helen gave during the meeting- historically these small isolated stands were a continuous stand network, and the objective would be to create a continuous connection.
- UMRWA Aspen Project Team will add the buffers to the stands as outlined in the draft proposed action, that was deemed sufficient by the working group at the meeting.
- UMRWA Aspen Project Team was urged to default to Helen's team and operational team to decide the priority stands for treatment, and to use the suitability modeling as an aid to get to this decision, but not the only deciding factor.
- UMRWA Aspen Project Team **will not** have a separate presentation time slot at an upcoming Planning work group meeting to go over the suitability modeling.
- UMRWA Aspen Project Team will generate map of project area after team has done field reconnaissance; then send to Planning work group with a one week turn around early feedback, will be able to provide additional feedback during scoping.
- Tentative engagement schedule: UMRWA Aspen Project Team will come back to the Planning work group in August to provide a project update, then at September work group meeting the team will ask for consensus recommendation from the work group then at the Oct 16th general meeting for ACCG support.

ACCG 2024 Field Trip

Brief: Group discussed potential locations and themes for the ACCG 2024 field trip. Group agreed to hold the field trip on the Amador RD to view existing projects and treatments in the context of FPP Phase 2 project. Potential treatments to view and discuss- thinning (Scottiago

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project), treatments in PACs (Scottiago, other WUI areas), wildfire impacts to CSO habitat (Caldor Fire footprint), fuels reduction (FPP Phase 1 project), and aspen and meadow restoration (Foster Firs project). Suggestion to invite the FPP Phase 2 TAG, as well. Date of field tour can be flexible- Mid-July through mid-September (pre-rifle season).

Action item: Megan will follow up with Chuck to flesh out field tour details and land on a tentative date.

Meeting Participants

| # | Name | Affiliation |
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| 1 | Megan Layhee | ACCG Administrator, UMRWA, meeting facilitator |
| 2 | Aaron James | STF |
| 3 | Bella Kurtz | |
| 4 | John Buckley | CSERC |
| 5 | Stan Dodson | CSERC |
| 6 | Carinna Robertson | STF, Calaveras RD |
| 7 | Helen Loffland | IBP |
| 8 | Regine Miller | UMRWA/Headwaters Environmental |
| 9 | Karen Quidachay | UMRWA/Landmark Environmental Inc. |
| 10 | Tom Hofstra | CSERC |
| 11 | Pat Ferrell | UMRWA/Landmark Environmental Inc. |
| 12 | Rich Farrington | UMRWA, AWA |