

# Amador Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG)

## Planning Work Group Zoom Meeting

Wed. Sept. 25th, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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### MEETING AGENDA

Facilitator: [Megan Layhee](#)

Time	Item	Materials
9:00	<b>Review meeting agenda &amp; other housekeeping</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Modifications, approve agenda</li><li>2. Modifications, approve previous meeting summary</li><li>3. Forest Plan Amendment Ad Hoc Update</li><li>4. <b>Doodle poll for special November 2024 Planning WG meeting</b></li></ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 01 [draft] ACCG Planning Work Group Meeting Agenda_09.25.2024</li><li>• 02 [draft] ACCG Planning Work Group Meeting Summary 08.28.2024</li></ul>
9:10	<b>Debrief on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> ACCG Field Tour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 03 [draft] ACCG Sept. 10th, 2024 Field Trip Summary</li></ul>
9:40	<b>UMRWA-USFS MAC Project, Phase 2</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Herbicides for invasive species management:</b> review minor tracked changes from Matt Brown in material 04</li><li>2. <b>Herbicides for fuelbreak maintenance:</b> update on action items pertaining to discussions on potential herbicide use for fuelbreak maintenance.</li><li>3. <b>Discuss priority MAC Project topics to discuss next, e.g.,</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Fuelbreak desired conditions, prescriptions</li><li>b. Aspen restoration in CSO habitat, IRAs</li></ol></li></ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 04 [draft] ACCG Planning Work Group Herbicide Recommendations v.08.28.2024_MB edits</li></ul>
11:50	<b>Upcoming General Meeting Topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10/16/24: Stephanie Coppeto, USDA FS Region 5 Broader-scale Monitoring Strategy</li><li>• 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</li><li>• <b>1/15/2025: Kristen Shive, UC Berkley, Fuels Treatment Effectiveness</b></li><li>• 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"</li></ul>	
11:55	<b>Action Items &amp; Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Review meeting action items</b></li><li>• Next meeting: Oct. 23rd, 9-12 via Zoom</li><li>• <b>Next Steps</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ UMRWA WCB Aspen Project update</li><li>○ MAC Project, Phase 2 Topics<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Fuelbreak desired conditions, prescriptions</li><li>▪ NRV vs. SDI</li><li>▪ Focused analysis in EIS</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Condition-based NEPA</li><li>▪ Western pond turtle protection measures</li><li>▪ Management actions that may impact viewshed and recreation and mitigation measures</li><li>▪ Aspen: Aspen stand definition, and recommended aspen restoration treatment types</li><li>▪ Hazard tree removal</li><li>▪ LIDAR Modeling (RF)</li></ul>	
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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 1<sup>st</sup>-entry fire and/or thinning followed by fire as planned.