**MEETING BRIEF**

* Meeting facilitator: Michael Pickard
* Presentation by Stephanie Coppeto, USDA FS Region 5 Broader-scale Monitoring Strategy
* Roundtable
* MAC 2 update
* Work Group updates

**ACTION ITEMS**

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| **Actions** | **Responsible Parties** |
| Post agenda and last month’s general meeting summary as final to the website. | Layhee |
| Share Stephanie’s presentation on the ACCG website. | Layhee |

**MEETING OPENING/HOUSEKEEPING**

Draft agenda and last month’s meeting summary approved. Administrator will post the final versions to the ACCG website.

**GUEST PRESENTATION**

Presentation by Stephanie Coppeto, USDA FS Region 5 Broader-scale Monitoring Strategy.

Go to the ACCG website to view Stephanie’s presentation: <https://acconsensus.org/resources/videos/>

## **ROUNDTABLE**

* Chuck Loffland - a wind event is forecast, PSPS shutdowns are possible at the end of week.
* Carinna Robertson – shared survey results that 10 meta morphs (mini frogs) are using the new ponds in the meadow restoration project area; we are working with Caltrans & PG&E to drop hazard trees and do tree removal in the Salt Springs area along highway 4.
* Michael Pickard – the McKay’s Grant Project is donating cedar logs to the Calaveras Miwoks. The cedar logs will be used to build a roundhouse.
* John Heissenbuttel – there is a Fire Safe Council meeting today at 3pm at the Pine Grove Communication Center.
* Rich Farrington – UMRWA met on the 1st Friday of October and passed contracts under Phase I; 7500 acres are under contract; published the NOI to issue the EIS. Public comments are welcome and encouraged.
* Katie Wilkinson – MAC update on behalf of Jason, Katie said Jason will be present for both the virtual and in person sessions next week.
* John Buckley – there is a public meeting next Thursday evening at Big Trees State Park regarding the upcoming south grove prescribed burn.
* Michael Pickard – discussed his monitoring visit to Big Trees; suggested a field trip to the park.

**MAC 2 PROJECT UPDATE**

Presenter: Megan Layhee

MAC Phase I: Burn bot is the contractor for the Phase I 88 project and it is approximately 50% complete. Awarded phase I arbor and phase I birch contracts. Contractors include GTS Forestry, Redding Tree Growers and Market Contractors. UMRWA submitted a grant application to WCB for the Phase I cedar project. It is on the agenda for the November 21st WCB board meeting. More to come after the meeting.

MAC Phase II: The NOI was published, and the scoping period closes October 28th at 5pm. Two meetings are scheduled. The first is on October 21st at 6pm via MS teams, the second meeting is in person on October 22nd at 6pm at the Calaveras County Health and Human Services building in San Andreas.

## **WORK GROUP UPDATES**

* The Admin Workgroup met on October 7th via Zoom. The group approved this month’s general meeting agenda; discussed the upcoming general meeting presentation; Brian Allen will present on targeted grazing and herbicides for fuel break maintenance.
* The Planning Workgroup met on September 25th via Zoom. The group continued discussions on potential use of herbicides in the MAC Phase 2 project; the workgroup has developed two alternative approaches to herbicide use for fuel break maintenance that they have asked the FS and project team to consider; draft recommendations were finalized and sent to the project team; there will be a debrief at the Planning Workgroup meeting on October 23rd at 9am via Zoom.
* The Forest Plan Amendments Ad Hoc group postponed their meeting and will meet on October 21st at 10am via Zoom.
* The Monitoring Workgroup met on October 8th to perform data collection for the Caples Legacy Tree monitoring event. All trees that were monitored are still alive.

**MEETING CLOSE**

**Next general meeting:** November 20th, 2024, hybrid via Zoom and in person at the Amador RD office in Pioneer.

# **MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

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| **Count** | **Name** | **Affiliation** |
| 1 | Megan Layhee | Acting ACCG Administrator, UMRWA |
| 2 | Stephanie Copetto | Guest presenter, USDA FS Region 5 |
| 3 | Stan Dodson | CSERC (in person) |
| 4 | Anna Bonnette | Calaveras Botanist |
| 5 | Michael Pickard | SNC (in person) |
| 6 | Rosemary Hatch | USFS |
| 7 | John Buckley | CSERC (in person) |
| 8 | Chuck Loffland | USFS, ENF, Amador RD (in person) |
| 9 | John Heissenbuttel | Cal Am Team |
| 10 | Sue Holper | private citizen, ACCG member |
| 11 | Colleen Shade | Stantec |
| 12 | Char Sarkis | Incoming ACCG Administrator (in person) |
| 13 | Helen Loffland | IBP |
| 14 | Katie Wilkinson | USFS, STF |
| 15 | Linda Diesem | District 2, Calaveras |
| 16 | Carina Robertson | USFS, STF, Calaveras RD (in person) |
| 17 | Zach Browning | Sierra Institute |