**MEETING BRIEF**

* Meeting facilitator: John Heissenbuttel
* Presentation by Kristen Shive, UC Berkeley, Asst. Cooperative Extension Forest & Fuels Specialist
* Roundtable
* Facilitator rotation for 2025
* Consensus item: 2025 Priorities List
* UMRWA-USFS MAC Project update
* Work Group updates
* NASA A.60 proposal - Letter of Support

**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 Kristen’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**

Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Presentation by Kristen Shive, UC Berkeley.

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

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Anne Calderwood/Ben Cook – reps from the Beaver group; reintroducing beaver into the watershed.

Rich Farrington – UMRWA meets on Jan 24th at 10am; Rich is presenting on debris flow threats.

Richard Sykes – on track to do about 4,000 acres this year; awarded a $4 million Cal Fire grant, UMRWA’s Monitoring Coordinator is on board as of Jan. 6th; Tribal Liaison recruitment is in progress.

Amanda Watson – the Amador Fire Safe Council has hired an internal mapping consultant.

John Heissenbuttel – the Volcano Hills and Rancheria Ridge fuel break projects are starting this year, currently working on right of entries.

Carinna Robertson – last chance mastication contract start up in a week or two; McKay’s is starting back up this week; Carinna is now the Public Service staff officer and Zeiv Avniel is backing her up in her regular position.

Chris Shull – Mason, Bruce, and Girard, Inc. has an office in Auburn and Sonora; would like to get involved in the MAC project.

Zeiv Avniel – currently learning Carinna’s position to back her up.

Stan Dodson – just pulled wildland cameras in the MAC footprint; will pick another location for surveys.

Chuck Loffland – just back from vacation, the Panther project should be complete; looking at a couple of sites for beaver re-introduction.

Michael Pickard – the next board meeting/tour is March 5th & 6th. More information to follow.

**FACILITATOR ROTATION**

Megan asked for volunteers to join the ACCG general meeting facilitator rotation. Stan and Carinna volunteered and will be added to the rotation schedule starting with the March meeting. Chuck Loffland will facilitate the February meeting.

**CONSENSUS ITEM - 2025 PRIORITY LIST**

Megan reviewed the draft 2025 Priority List. Minor edits were made to the draft, and a lengthy discussion of the local economies panel was held. The group agreed that Richard Sykes/UMRWA, the Fire Safe Council, and possibly a couple of others will discuss the local economies panel/local contractors issue and get back to the ACCG Admin Workgroup with their recommendations.

The 2025 Priority List was approved by the ACCG and will be posted on the ACCG website.

**UMRWA-USFS MAC PROJECT UPDATE**

Presenter: Megan Layhee

* Phase I – 4,000 acres will be completed this year; three projects are in implementation: Phase I 88, Birch, and Arbor; Phase I 88 is contracted solely to Burnbot and is 53% complete; Phase I Arbor has not begun; surveys are complete; contracts were awarded to GTS and Market; Phase I Birch awarded to GTS and Redding Tree Growers and RTG work is 41% complete; Phase I Cedar funded at 867 acres; Dogwood is approximately 1350 acres; GTS contract for Arbor and Birch will begin this year.
* Phase II – Scoping last fall, Stantec UMRWA team is developing the issue analysis; received 19 comment letters, STANTEC developing next steps and working on existing vegetation conditions within the CSO, pack, and territories to develop recommendations; admin draft EIS will be developed this summer.

## **WORK GROUP UPDATES**

* The Admin Workgroup met on January 6th via Zoom and approved the agenda for this meeting. The next big task is to work on the ACCG administration long term funding plan. Next meeting is on February 10th, 2025.
* The Planning Workgroup Zoom meeting will be held on January 22nd. There were no meetings during the holidays.
* The Forest Plan Amendments Ad hoc meeting will tentatively be held on February 10th.
* The Monitoring Workgroup met on January 8th and discussed the early stages and development of the MAC project monitoring program strategy development. A new Monitoring Coordinator is now on board. Next meeting will be held in person in Jackson on February 12th.

**NASA A.60 proposal – letter of support**

Chuck Loffland gave the ACCG a heads up that the USFS will be asking for a letter of support for the NASA A.60 proposal. There wasn’t ample time to review the proposal so Char will email it to the ACCG listserv prior to the next meeting.

**MEETING CLOSE**

**Next general meeting:** The next meeting is February 19th, 2025, hybrid via Zoom and in person at the Amador RD office in Pioneer. Chuck Loffland will facilitate.

# **MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

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| **Count** | **Name** | **Affiliation** |
| 1 | Megan Layhee | Acting ACCG Administrator, UMRWA (in person) |
| 2 | Kristen Shive | UC Berkeley |
| 3 | Stan Dodson | CSERC (in person) |
| 4 | Linda Helm | USFS, ENF, Amador RD |
| 5 | Michael Pickard | SNC (in person) |
| 6 | Kelsey Retich | USFS, STF (in person) |
| 7 | John Buckley | CSERC (in person) |
| 8 | Chuck Loffland | USFS, ENF, Amador RD (in person) |
| 9 | John Heissenbuttel | NRC |
| 10 | Sue Holper | private citizen, ACCG member |
| 11 | Matt Brown | USDA |
| 12 | Char Sarkis | Incoming ACCG Administrator (in person) |
| 13 | Zeiv Avniel | USFS, STF, Calaveras RD (in person) |
| 14 | Hannah Grabowski | SPI |
| 15 | Linda Diesem | private citizen, District 2, Calaveras |
| 16 | Carina Robertson | USFS, STF, Calaveras RD (in person) |
| 17 | Chris Shull | Mason, Bruce and Girard (in person) |
| 18 | Rich Farrington | AWA, UMRWA Board member |
| 19 | Richard Sykes | UMRWA |
| 20 | Allison Stevenot | USDA |
| 21 | Anna Bonnette | Botanist (in person) |
| 22 | Tom Hofstra | CSERC (in person) |
| 23 | Ben Cook | Beaver Restoration Group (in person) |
| 24 | Amanda Watson | Amador Fire Safe Council |
| 25 | Anne Calderwood | Beaver Restoration Group |