

ACCG Update (draft narrative and slides)

For July 24-25th, 2025 SCALE Meeting

Background (Slide 2)

Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group is an informal, community-based consensus forest collaborative of diverse stakeholders that for the last 17 years, has works toward a triple bottom line of create fire-safe communities, healthy forests and watersheds, and sustainable local economies in the Central Sierras.

ACCG 2025 Priorities (Slide 3)

In line with their 5-year Strategic Plan, the ACCG develops an annual priorities' list to help steer their objectives and actions for the calendar year. The 2025 ACCG Priorities include:

- Project support and development of planning and implementation projects, and associated monitoring.
- Partnerships
 1. Encourage development and continue to support partners conducting fuels reduction and forest health projects on all lands within the ACCG landscape.
 2. Build relationships and increase communications with other collaboratives, including SOFAR and YSS, and if the opportunity presents itself, work collaboratively.
 3. Continue to reach out to interested parties to engage with ACCG about the forest health topics.
- Local Economies: Focus on finding ways to be more effective with this “leg of the stool” of the triple bottom line approach, how to increase opportunities for local workforces in the forestry industry, and how to engage more with local contractors.
- Collaborative Share Vision: Continue to support implementation of ACCG’s Pyrosilviculture Shared Vision. And ACCG’s Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Shared Vision.
- Communication & Engagement
 - ACCG representative(s) effectively engage with federal and state entities.
 - Continue to have relevant expert presentations.
 - Developing a long-term funding plan for the ACCG administration.

ACCG’s Recent Successes (Slide 4)

- Project development support of large-landscape projects, more detail in the next slide.
- Host guest expert speakers monthly on forest and watershed-related topics.
- ACCG monitoring working group is in the process of a developing a long-term monitoring strategy and funding plan for existing ACCG projects along with the large-landscape projects currently in planning phase.
- ACCG is in the process of developing of a long-term funding plan for continued administration of the ACCG.

Large-landscape Forest Health & Resilience Projects (Slide 5)

The USFS Eldorado and Stanislaus National Forests are partnering with the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (URMWA) on large-landscape forest health and resilience projects in and around the Mokelumne River Watershed on National Forest lands.

Phase 1, called the Forest Projects Plan (FPP) is an approximately 26,000-acre surface and ladder fuels reduction project on the ENF, Amador Ranger District currently in implementation phase. The NEPA was signed in December 2022 and implementation began in 2024. Approximately 19,000 of these acres have been or will be implemented by UMRWA under stewardship agreement with the Eldorado NF. Nearly 2,000 acres have been completed to date.

Phase 2, called the Mokelumne Amador Calaveras (MAC) Forest Health & Resilience Project, is currently in the planning phase and will consist of forest thinning, fuels reduction, fuelbreak construction and conifer removal near and around aspen stands and meadows, within an 250,000-acre project analysis footprint on the Eldorado NF, Amador RD and Stanislaus NF, Calaveras RD.

Thirdly, UMRWA and the two forest are partnering on a large-landscape aspen stand inventory and assessment funded by the Wildlife Conservation Board, and also a aspen restoration NEPA planning project with the Eldorado NF of at least 300 acres of aspen stand restoration treatments, including conifer removal and fencing.

AMADOR-CALAVERAS CONSENSUS GROUP FOREST COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

SCALE Meeting
July 24-25th, 2025

BACKGROUND: AMADOR-CALAVERAS CONSENSUS GROUP (ACCG)

- *Formed in 2008*
- *Central Sierra community-based forest stakeholder collaborative*
- *Triple bottom line: Fire safe communities, healthy forests and watersheds & sustainable local economies*
- *Consensus-based decision-making process under volunteer MOA*



ACCG'S 2025 PRIORITIES

Project development

Continue landscape-scale planning, while identifying and securing funding for shovel-ready projects to accelerate implementation and monitoring.

Partnerships

1) Continue supporting all-lands partners. 2) Build relationships with other collaboratives. 3) Continue to outreach to interested parties to engage with ACCG.

Local Economies

Focus on finding ways to increase opportunities for local workforces in the forestry industry, and how to engage more with local contractors.

Collaborative Shared Vision

Continue to support implementation of ACCG's Pyrosilviculture Shared Vision and Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Shared Vision.

Communication & Engagement

1) Engage with state, federal entities. 2). Continue to have relevant expert presentations. 3) Develop ACCG administration long-term funding plan.

ACCG'S RECENT SUCCESSES

Project development support
including large-landscape projects (next slide)

Host expert speakers
at monthly general meetings

Monitoring
development of a long-term monitoring plan for recent large-
landscape projects & past projects

Funding
development of a long-term administration funding plan

LARGE-LANDSCAPE FOREST HEALTH & RESILIENCE PROJECTS

Phase 1: Forest Projects Plan (FPP)

- ~26,000 acres
- NEPA/CEQA completed: 2023
- Location: Eldorado NF
- Activities: fuels reduction, conifer removal in aspen stands, Rx fire

Phase 2: Mokelumne Amador Calaveras Project (MAC)

- ~250,000 acres
- NEPA/CEQA anticipated completion: Early 2026
- Location: Eldorado & Stanislaus NFs
- Proposed activities: forest thinning, fuels reduction, fuelbreak construction, Rx fire, ecological restoration, and maintenance

Aspen Assessment & Restoration

- Mapped, assessed 279 stands (1,175 acres)
- NEPA/CEQA anticipated completion: 2025, 300 acres min.
- Location: Eldorado & Stanislaus NFs
- Proposed restoration activities: conifer removal, fencing

