

# Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG) -- General Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 19th, 2025, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Amador Ranger Station, Pioneer, CA

NOTE: The Zoom Online meeting will be opened by 9:20 AM. [Additional Zoom guidance provided here.](#)

**Volunteer Meeting Facilitator:** Chuck Loffland **Zoom Host:** [Char Sarkis](#)

## Meeting Agenda

Item #	Agenda Item	Owner(s)	Start Time	Mins
0	Open virtual meeting.	Sarkis	9:20	10
1	Call to order and ground rules.	Loffland	9:30	5
2	Participant introductions, and modification, approval of agenda, and Jan. 2025 GM summary	Loffland	9:35	5
<b>Discussion &amp; Updates:</b>				
3	<b>Consensus item</b> California Aspen Working Group requesting ACCG letter of support for NASA funding opportunity for aspen project.	Loffland	9:40	15
4	Forest Service general update	Loffland/Robertson	9:55	10
5	Update: UMRWA-USFS FPP, MAC Project	Layhee	10:05	5
6	Admin Work Group Update	Layhee	10:10	5
7	Planning Work Group Update Forest Plan Amendment Ad Hoc Group Update	Layhee	10:15	5
8	Monitoring Work Group Update	Layhee	10:20	5
9	Roundtable	All	10:25	25
	10-minute break		10:50	10
<b>Presentation:</b>				
10	Mass fire behavior created by extensive tree mortality and high tree density not predicted by operational fire behavior models in the southern Sierra Nevada	Dr. Scott Stephens	11:00	58
11	Wrap up. Next ACCG General meeting, Wed., 3/19/2025 – via Zoom and at the Calaveras Ranger Station, Hathaway Pines, Facilitator- Carinna Robertson	Loffland	11:58	2

## Meeting Materials

- 01 [draft] ACCG General Meeting Summary 01.15.2025 (for approval)
- 02 [draft] ACCG General Meeting Agenda 02.19.2025 (for approval)
- 03 ACCG\_NASA A.60\_EndUserSupportLetter
- 04 NASA ROSES NOI
- 05 ACTION ITEMS\_ACCG Admin WG Meeting

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Supporting links and documents: [ACCG Meeting Ground Rules](#)

## Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date & Location	Presenter/Guest Speaker(s)	Topics(s)
Wed., Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Facilitator: John Heissenbuttel Location: Calaveras RD Office, Hathaway Pines	Kristen Shive, UC Berkeley	Fuels treatment effectiveness
Wed., Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Facilitator: Chuck Loffland Location: Amador RD Office, Pioneer	Dr. Scott Stephens, UC Berkeley	Mass fire behavior created by extensive tree mortality and high tree density not predicted by operational fire behavior models in the southern Sierra Nevada
Wed., Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Facilitator: Carinna Robertson Location: Calaveras RD Office, Hathaway Pines	TBD	TBD
Wed., April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Facilitator: Stan Dodson Location: Amador RD Office, Pioneer	(Tentative) Brian Allen, UCCE	Vegetation control on masticated fuel breaks study
Wed., May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 Facilitator: Michael Pickard Location: Calaveras RD Office, Hathaway Pines	Dr. Kostelnik	Fire, Flood, and Mud: Post fire debris flow hazards in the western U.S.
Wed., June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Facilitator: John Heissenbuttel Location: Amador RD Office, Pioneer	TBD	TBD
Wed., July 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Facilitator: Carinna Robertson Location: Calaveras RD Office, Hathaway Pines	TBD	TBD
Wed., August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Facilitator: Chuck Loffland Location: Amador RD Office, Pioneer	TBD	TBD
Wed., Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Facilitator: Stan Dodson Location: Calaveras RD Office, Hathaway Pines	TBD	TBD

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Wed., Oct 15th, 2025 Facilitator: Michael Pickard Location: Amador RD Office, Pioneer	TBD	TBD
Meeting Date & Location	Presenter/Guest Speaker(s)	Topics(s)
Wed., Nov 19th, 2025 Facilitator: John Heissenbuttel Location: Calaveras RD Office, Hathaway Pines	TBD	TBD
Wed., Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 – No ACCG General Meeting		

To recommend topics or speakers, contact the [ACCG Administrator](#).

## Potential Future General Meeting/Field Tour Topics List

- Caldor Fire Restoration GTR 270 Analysis (Becky Estes)
- STF Biochar study (part II)
- UMRWA WCB Aspen Restoration Project
- Prescribed Burn Associations (UCCE)
- Wilseyville Biomass Facility
- [Panel Discussion] UMRWA, Cal Am Team, CHIPS and USFS: supporting local economies with forest health contracts, including funding
- Fire Regeneration Methods (e.g., mushrooms)
- Management activities that increase water yield (e.g., prescribed fire, beavers, cover crops, etc.)
- Management of lands in ACCG landscape (e.g., BLM, SPI)
- Sierra Business Council presentation on CERF program and opportunities for ACCG collaboration
- Development of forest treatment prescriptions based on residual basal area VS. DBH
- SPI's Spotted Owl Research & Tracking Study (Kevin Roberts)
- Great American Outdoors Act
- [Field Tour] Caldor Fire Restoration
- [Field Tour] STF McKays' Strategic FB Project
- [Field Tour/Workshop] TEK (e.g., cultural burning)
- [Field Tour] EBMUD land and fire management approaches
- [Field Tour] FPP Phase 1 implementation
- [Field Tour] CA Big Trees Prescribed Fire Program

## Revised MOA Signatories

Count	Affiliation	Name of Signatory(s)*
1	Alpine Biomass Collaborative	David Griffith
2	Amador Calaveras Chapter, Citizen's Climate Lobby	Gwen Starrett
3	Associated California Loggers	Randy Hanvelt
4	Blue Mountain Community Renewal Council	Susan McMorris
5	Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council	Terry Woodrow
6	Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions	Craig Case
7	California Forestry Association	Steve Brink

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8	Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center	John Buckley
9	CT Bioenergy Consulting	Chris Trott
10	East Bay Municipal Utility District	Chuck Beckman
11	Foothill Conservancy	Megan Fiske
12	Heissenbuttel Natural Resource Consulting	John Heissenbuttel
13	Krempf Consulting	Byron Krempf
14	Sierra Forest Legacy	Susan Britting
15	Sierra Nevada Conservancy	Angela Avery
16	Sierra Pacific Industries	Tim Tate
17	Smith's Grinding A Partnership	Robert Smith
18	Sue Holper, Private Landowner	Sue Holper
19	Sullivan Logging Company, Inc.	Morton Sullivan
20	The Institute for Bird Populations	Helen Loffland
21	Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority	Richard Sykes
22	USDA US Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest	Joseph Stout
23	USDA US Forest Service, Stanislaus National Forest	Jason Kuiken
24	USDI Bureau Land Management - Mother Lode Field Office	Liz Meyer-Shields

\*Representatives from member organization not named as signatory in the above table may still represent the member organization in the ACCG decision-making process.