ACCG Planning Work Group Zoom Meeting Summary

July 22nd, 2026

Meeting Participants

#	Name	Affiliation
1	Megan Layhee	UMRWA, ACCG Admin (meeting facilitator)
2	John Buckley	CSERC
3	Rich Farrington	AWA, UMRWA Board
4	Stan Dodson	CSERC
5	Carinna Robertson	STF, Calaveras RD
6	Kaylee Dillashaw	Calaveras RCD
7	Richard Sykes	UMRWA
8	Hannah Grabowski	SPI
9	Amanda Watson	Amador FSC, RCD
10	Trina Walley	Calaveras RCD
11	Chris Schull	Mason, Bruce & Girard
12	Alex Gorman	Yosemite Rivers Alliance
13	Sophia Kauffman	MLJT
14	Jenna Narducci	TCSI
15	Rose Day	MLJT
16	Elise Sawa	NFF
17	Dan Alvey	NFF

Housekeeping

Agenda and last month's meeting summaries were approved.

Brief Summary

The work group meeting discussion was mainly focused on the collaborative's advancement to Phase 2 of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Landscape Block Grant evaluation process, potentially worth $8–12 million. Two main topics came out of this discussion: whether to update its priority project portfolio to include non-MAC projects and how to balance MAC implementation priorities with other shovel-ready member projects. After extensive discussion, the group agreed to compiling a broad list of shovel-ready projects from all ACCG members and participants, to then have the planning workgroup evaluate and identify top priorities out of that list, and to then direct those proponents through the formal ACCG project submission and support process. The group also discussed status of the MAC CEQA and Implementation Plan development, with UMRWA targeting October 2026 for CEQA completion and aiming to present priority maps to the workgroup in August or September. Group also very briefly reviewed upcoming general meeting topics including the August general meeting socioeconomic panel, the September field tour in lieu of a regular general meeting, review of the MAC Monitoring Plan at the October general meeting, and tentatively request for support of the MAC Implementation Plan at the November general meeting.

Action items

- Megan: Draft and send listserv email soliciting shovel-ready project submissions; include SNC grant guidelines link and ACCG project submission process link ahead of next month's work group meeting.
- Megan: Add draft NOE informational share to August planning workgroup agenda.
- Char, John Heisenbuttel: Finalize socioeconomic panel agenda and confirm panelists (Kaylee, Alex, Hannah) for August 19 general meeting.
- Megan, Char: Forward SNC Phase 3 notification to full listserv upon receipt.
- All participants: Review published SNC Landscape Grant Program guidelines (linked in meeting invite, meeting attachment #3).
- ACCG: Determine SNC interview panel at the August general meeting and confirming that it will not be handled in this workgroup.