ACCG Planning Work Group Zoom Meeting Summary

August 26th, 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	Matt Brown	ENF
6	Rob Houghton	Arnold Rim Trail Association
7	Richard Sykes	UMRWA
8	Hannah Grabowski	SPI
9	Carrina Robertson	STF, Calaveras Ranger District
10	Trina Walley	Calaveras RCD
11	Chris Schull	Mason, Bruce & Girard
12	Chuck Loffland	UMRWA
13	John Heissebuttel	Heissenbuttel Natural Resources Consulting
14	Anne Calderwood	Ebbets Pass Forest Watch, Beaver Integration Group

Housekeeping

Agenda and last month's meeting summaries were approved.

Brief Summary

The work group briefly discussed the outcomes of the ACCG project portfolio outreach: the portfolio as it stands is FPP Phase 1, Amador Aspen Restoration Project, and MAC Project. Group discussed the ACCG project development and support process and agreed to have discussions at a future work group meeting to evaluate how the process is working and to discuss whether the process needs updating. Work Group also discussed the upcoming Aug. 28th ACCG interview with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) for the Landscape Block Grant. ACCG interview team included Richard Sykes, John Buckley, Chuck Loffland, Carinna Robertson, and Megan Layhee, which were confirmed at the previous week's general meeting. If awarded would fund $8–12 million for implementation, maintenance, monitoring, and other activities. Team is working on a ppt slide deck to address the interview questions. The group also briefly discussed the 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 later in Fall. Group will get an overview of the CEQA NOE at the September work group meeting. Group also very briefly reviewed upcoming general meeting topics, including the Sept field tour.

Action items

- Planning work group: have future discussion about if and how to modify the ACCG project development and support process to make it easier for members and participants to get ACCG support for projects. Have discussions before making a recommendation to the full ACCG.
- UMRWA: Provide MAC CEQA NOE informational share Planning work group at September meeting.

- UMRWA: Provide brief overview of MAC Implementation Work Plan at Oct. 21st ACCG general meeting.