

AMADOR-CALAVERAS CONSENSUS GROUP



ACCG MISSION STATEMENT

The Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group is a community-based organization that works to create fire-safe communities, healthy forests and watersheds, and sustainable local economies.

DESCRIPTION

The Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group is a community-based collaborative. Its members include state and federal agencies, business owners, nonprofit organizations, elected officials and private individuals. The group focuses on a triple-bottom-line approach to environmental,

economic and community issues. It makes decisions by consensus and works primarily in the upper Mokelumne River and Calaveras River watersheds east of Highway 49.

HISTORY

The ACCG was first convened in December 2008 by Calaveras County Supervisor Steve Wilensky, Sierra Nevada Conservancy Executive Officer Jim Branham and Sierra Business Council President Steve Frisch. The initial meeting brought together loggers, environmentalists, business owners, and local residents with federal, state and local officials, who decided to form the Calaveras Consensus Group. The group originally worked to find common ground on forest, economic, and community issues in northeastern Calaveras County, where the collapse of the timber industry decades before ago had led to chronic unemployment and poverty along with unhealthy forests and struggling local economies. In 2009, the group was broadened to include Amador County.

MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- December 2008: Calaveras Consensus Group formed
- February 2009: Group broadened to include Amador County
- August 2010: Forest Principles and Policies to Guide Operations adopted
- September 2010: Memorandum of Understanding adopted for membership and governance
- February 2012: U.S. Forest Service selects ACCG Cornerstone Project as one of the 10 Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act projects in the nation

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

- December 2010: U.S. Forest Service Regional Forester's Award for "All-Land Ecological Restoration"
- May 2012: Sierra Business Council "Sierra Vision" award

