



# BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES - August 25, 2014

1.00 3:05 PM Call to order – Sawtooth Room, 78 Table Mountain Blvd. Oroville, CA

2.01 Roll Call – Members present: Frank Stewart, Teri Faulkner, Jim Shary, Trish Puterbaugh, Peggy Moak. Alternates present: Pete Moak, Nani Teves

Butte County Federal/State Land Use Coordinating Committee members present: Mike Crump, Tim Snellings, Paul Gosselin, Peggy Moak

Public/Interested Parties: Bob Gage, Charlotte Hilgeman, Sang Kim, Doug Teeter

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3.00 **Consent Agenda: NONE**

4.00 **Agenda**

4.01 Introduction of Butte County Federal/State Land Use Coordinating Committee: Mike Crump, Tim Snellings, Paul Gosselin, Peggy Moak

- Mike Crump provided a brief overview of Coordinating Committee activity to date, primarily focusing on the USFS Travel Management Plan, including use of County roads within Forest Service areas, OHV access to include Over-the-Snow vehicle use. Mike will provide pertinent links and/or PDF files to FAC for their reference.

4.02 The Forest Advisory Committee members and Alternates, and members of the public introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their background, related activities and areas of interest.

- Supervisor Teeter discussed County involvement with the USFS and the importance of coordination with USFS land use issues. The FAC has been formed to provide advisory services to the Coordinating Committee and the Board of Supervisors to enable appropriate comments on USFS proposed actions in order to develop a history of informed involvement on the County's part. The General Plan 2030 was also referenced as a guiding document that may need to be amended to provide additional direction regarding the access to and use of public lands, including coordination efforts with state and federal agencies and private large property owners to ensure our citizens' recreational, environmental, economic, safety and preservation interests are well considered.

4.03 The FAC By-laws and organizational structure were discussed. More in depth discussion of the 7 issues highlighted in Article III – Purpose will commence with the next meeting

- Brown Act provisions and their applicability to FAC members' actions, correspondence and communication were discussed. A handout was provided – "Brown Act Basics"
- Proactive and Reactive analysis/recommendations on the part of the FAC to include requests and information passed to the FAC for review by the Coordinating Committee, and information gathered from FAC member contacts that may be brought to the FAC for discussion and then passed to the Coordinating Committee for consideration.
- Direction/communication from Coordinating Committee/Board of Supervisors will be disseminated by Peggy Moak via email for informational purposes, and otherwise added to the agenda for the next regular meeting.
- Recommendations to Coordinating Committee/Board of Supervisors will be voted on by the FAC and passed to the Coordinating Committee for review and/or elevation to the Board of Supervisors

- The role of the public was discussed, The FAC is intended to be an inclusive committee, with opportunities for interested members of the public to share ideas and provide feedback. The public will also be represented via FAC member affiliations. The County will be setting up a webpage with an email list sign up for notices of meetings. The webpage will have contact information, list scheduled meetings (date, time, and place) and include agendas and minutes as well as items of interest.
- The role of the *ex-officio* member will be to prepare agendas and minutes, disseminate information, and serve as a conduit between the Coordinating Committee and the FAC. Although a non-voting member, the ex-officio will actively participate in discussions as agendized.

4.04 Election of Officers: Chair - Frank Stewart (Approved 3 - 1)  
Vice-Chair:- Jim Shary (Approved 4 - 0)

4.05 Lots were drawn for initial term of service: Shary and Severin will serve through December 31, 2017; Stewart, Puterbaugh and Faulkner will serve through December 31, 2019.

4.06 Discussion: Should Alternates have staggered terms to provide for continuity in the event of a vacancy in either category? (member serves for 2 years, alternate for 4 years, and vice-versa) Or should they have matching terms? Once re-appointed, all terms will be for 4 years, going forward.

Motion: Alternates should have terms that are staggered from that of the member in their area of interest to provide continuity in the committee structure.(Shary) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Faulkner)

Vote: Motion Approved 4 - 0

Accordingly, Alternates Moak and Teves will serve through December 31, 2017.

4.07 Discussion item: Consider amendment to bylaws authorizing Alternates to vote when substituting for a Committee member in their designated area of interest.

Motion: Amend the bylaws to authorize Alternates to have voting authority when the member for their designated area of interest is absent during a scheduled meeting. (Stewart) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Puterbaugh)

Vote: Motion Approved 3 - 1

4.08 New Business – considerations for next meeting agenda were discussed, to include:

- Further discussion of committee purpose as listed in Article III of bylaws
- Review of Travel Management Plan and status updates (Mike Crump providing docs)
- Discussion of inviting Forest Service District Managers to appear at joint meeting of FAC and Coordinating Committee (Mike Crump to initiate contact with USFS, when timing is determined to be appropriate and meaningful)
- Review of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter SOPAs for Lassen and Plumas Forests
- Review of GIS maps of USFS, State, BLM, SPI, Fish & Wildlife lands, parks, trails, and roads. (Tim Snellings to develop maps)
- Review of Coordination Handbook (Peggy Moak to provide via email)
- Discuss implications of RCRC (Rural County Representatives of California) MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) <http://www.rcrcnet.org/rcrc/index.cfm/rcrc-counties/>
- Review and make recommendation for comment on the Fish & Wildlife proposed designation of critical habitat for the yellow-billed cuckoo along the Sacramento River

4.09 Public Comment-Introductions and comment opportunities provided throughout the meeting (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

4.10 The structure and location of upcoming meetings was discussed. In an effort to provide the most opportunity for public participation and FAC member availability, meetings will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, with start times rotating between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM, and locations rotating between Chico, Oroville, Paradise and Durham. (TBD). The next meeting will be Monday, September 22, 2014 at the Butte County Development Services Conference Room (electronic media provided), beginning at 4:00 PM. The October 27 meeting will begin at 6:00 PM, location TBD.