



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – June 22, 2015

ITEM NO.

- 1.00 Call to order – Public Works Facility, 44 Bellarmine Ct. Chico
Pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- 2.00 Roll Call – **Members:** Frank Stewart, Jim Shary, Vance Severin, Teri Faulkner, Trish Puterbaugh, Peggy Moak
2.01 **Alternates:** Pete Moak, Charlotte Ann Hilgeman, Bob Gage
Presenters: Sarah Reynolds, Aylssa Cordova, Thad Walker
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- 3.00 **Consent Agenda**
- 3.01 Minutes of 4-27-15 were reviewed, discussed and approved.
M-Faulkner, 2nd Shary, Motion Approved 5-0 (Frank Stewart had announced his resignation)
- 4.00 **Agenda**
- 4.01 Self-Introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates and Public
- 4.02 John Carrillo of the Butte County Sheriff's Office, gave an update on law enforcement presence on public lands, and asked what our enforcement focus is. He indicated that the CHP is patrolling Hwy. 32, Cohasset and Forest Ranch, and that there have been several high speed motor cycle accidents on upper Skyway. There is still a lot of marijuana related crimes in the area. When asked what kind of focus the group anticipated from law enforcement, Peggy indicated that the main concerns expressed had been about negligent fires, shooting, drug activity, etc. Jim commented that public safety and resource protection were concerns, as well.
- 4.03 Sarah Reynolds of the Butte County NRCD shared a PowerPoint presented information on the results of their volunteer tracking of volunteer activities for the current grant. A discussion ensued on the training required for chainsaw certification through the Forest Service. For 2015-2016, Butte received the planning grant, but not the "on the ground" grant.
- 4.04 Thad Walker, a member of bicycle riding organization Chico Velo, discussed his background and indicated an interest in working with the FAC and the County to see what common goals we might have for increasing tourism and recreation by creating or improving additional bike trails within the county, including on public lands. INFORMATION ONLY
- 4.05 Nominations were opened for the office of Vice-Chair, vacated when Jim assumed the Chair position. Vance Severin was nominated by Trish, seconded by Teri and elected by a 5-0 VOTE
- 4.06 A Resolution honoring Frank Stewart for his service as Chair and representative for Ag/Timber on the Committee was presented.
- A letter to Nani Teves thanking her for her service as an Alternate member was signed by the Chair. Openings for Ag/Timber and Alternate Environmental/Watershed were discussed. They have been posted by the County Administration, and members were encouraged to put their recruiting caps on.
- 4.07

SOPA Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for projects affecting Butte County listed in 2015 SOPA Reports for Lassen and Plumas NF's. Comment Scoping Letter on Grizzly Creek Restoration Project sent by the Coordinating Committee was forwarded to all members. Discussed ways to ensure committee member timely action each quarter on SOPAs.

- 4.08 The FAC members were asked to continue their review the Detailed Proposed Action in Support of the need to change items in the Notice of Intent for the Forest Plan Revision for the Inyo, Sequoia and Sierra NF's (Peggy's 4/27 e-mail) to come up with a proposed plan for Coordinating Committee to work with, in preparation for a coordination session with the Plumas and Lassen NF on the upcoming Forest Plans and on the Travel Management Plan for each Forest. Considerations: Motorized and non-motorized recreation, access to trailheads, staging areas for horses, motorcycles, OHV. Protection of meadows, streams and other sensitive areas. Utilize USFS Land Management Planning Handbook and Draft Plans already published for So. CA Forests as guides. After some discussion, Peggy agreed to make up an outline of points for the Committee to consider modifying and/or endorsing at the August meeting.
- 4.09 New Business – considerations for next meeting agenda: Next meeting will be held in August in Oroville at 4:00 PM.
- 4.10 Meeting was adjourned at 8ish.