



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES - January 23, 2017

ITEM NO.

- 1.00 Call to order – Butte County Public Works Facility – 44 Bellarmine Ct. Chico, CA
- 2.00 Pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- 2.01 Roll Call – FAC Members: Jim Shary, Vance Severin, Nick Repanich, Pete Moak, Teri Faulkner, Peggy Moak, Thad Walker, Bob Gage
Public: Rich Faulkner, Kevin Wright, Glenn Lunak

3.00 **Consent Agenda**

- 3.01 Minutes for December 19, 2016 reviewed and approved. M- Pete Moak, 2nd Thad Walker, Motion Approved 4-0

4.00 **Agenda**

- 4.01 Self-introduction of Attendees.
- 4.02 Confirmation of Board Appointments: Recreation-Motorized: Repanich as Member, Severin as Alternate; Economic Tourism: Walker as Member, Shary as Alternate
- 4.03 Election of Officers: Nick Repanich and Thad Walker were nominated for Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Members voted 4-0 to elect Repanich as Chair, and 3-0 (Walker abstained) to elect Walker as Vice-Chair.
- 4.04 OHV Grant Meetings with Plumas NF Debrief – The 1/11/17 meeting involved PNF Supervisor Daniel Lovato via video conference. The PNF focus is on facilities maintenance and Operations & Maintenance grants. They want to keep the grant applications manageable and administrative control on a Forest-wide basis. Butte County has been applying for grants since 2011 for road maintenance. The plan is to send a letter from the Board of Supervisors to the PNF expressing support for their grant application and offering full assistance. The County's grant application will be for planning and development – a 2 phase process requiring NEPA planning and then development.
- 4.05 A copy of the draft letter from the Board of Supervisors to the Bureau of Land Management commenting on the proposed Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan is being considered by the Board at the meeting of 1-24-17, (due 2-03-17). The letters content was derived from the January 2 FAC Workshop. FAC attendees provided a debriefing of the BLM Public Outreach meetings of January 9 and 18.
- 4.06 General Plan (GP2030) amendments: Draft ideas for incorporation in to the GP2030 policies and actions were discussed. Peggy will work with Butte County Development Services to fine tune a draft submission to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning commission.
- 4.07 Lassen NF Report (Kathleen Nelson): OSV - Timelines for completing OSV analyses and decisions are being negotiated with attorneys; thinking it may be 1 ½ - 2 years to get through the Record of Decision and objections, but being negotiated.
- Ishi wild cow meeting: Should be getting a letter out soon. Meeting likely in late February, in Red Bluff (update: 2/23 meeting date)

- At this point, no winter logging on Yellow Timber Sale
- High Lakes Motorized Trail Reroute and Staging Area draft Environmental Assessment is being reviewed by Forest staff; then, contractor will incorporate those comments and EA will go out to public for legal notice and comment period.
- Talked to Forest engineering staff re: Ponderosa Way reports – they will be assessing what it would take to fix, but likely spring before they can review. Also had a report of a slide on Ponderosa Way further north, near Plum Creek. We are likely to have a lot of work to do on roads with the way this winter is going. Just lost one of our transportation system engineers to BLM.

4.08 SOPA Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for projects affecting Butte County listed in 2017 SOPA Reports for Lassen and Plumas NF's. The need for a letter of support for the Brush Creek Salvage project was floated – Peggy agreed to ask the PNF if they would like such a letter.

4.09 New Business – considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is Feb. 27, Chico, 5:00 PM

- Daniel Lovato, Plumas NF Supervisor – Plumas NF Plan for 2017 – February meeting
- Lassen National Forest – Forest Plan Presentation – likely Feb-Mar or later
- Trails Planning Committee Update – Thad Walker
- Sierra Club Trails Guide – invite them to make a presentation
- F&W Service – Table Mountain Trail

4.10 Public Comment (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)