



# BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES -- June 26, 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 – Members:** Nick Repanich, Trish Puterbaugh, Peggy Moak  
**Alternates:** Vance Severin, Jim Shary (voting), Bob Gage (voting), Angel Korte, Pete Moak (voting)  
**Invited Guests:** California State Parks – OHV and Regional Representatives: Brian Robertson (Chief, OHMVR Division), Sixto Fernandez (Grants Manager), Eddie Guaracha (District Superintendent), Dan Canfield, Nathan Harper (District Maintenance Chief), Daniel Lovato and Barbara Drake (Plumas National Forest Supervisor), Clay Davis (PNF Feather River Ranger District), Erick Stemmerman (Acting District Ranger, Lassen National Forest, Almanor Ranger District), Laura Page (Congressman LaMalfa), Dave Derby (Cal Fire), Sarah Reynolds (BCRCD); Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee)
- 2.02 Welcome to Angel Korte, newly appointed Alternate for Environment/Watershed. Self-Introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates, Guests and Public
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### 3.00 Consent Agenda

- 3.01 Minutes for May 22, 2017 reviewed and approved. M- Puterbaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Pete Moak, Approved 5-0

### 4.00 Agenda

- 4.01 State Parks OHV Division Presentation: Brian Robertson, Chief, OHMVR Division
- State Parks Reorganization – Commission presented initiatives to government. A faster turnaround on money received means that services will be received faster as well. They are looking into automated pay stations or apps on phones to allow users to pay fees more conveniently. There will also be a new online reservation system coming in August.
  - Clay Pit Project: Dan Canfield, Nathan Harper – Dan and Nathan discussed how they originally planned to look at office facilities and infrastructure; however now they're considering using Eddie's office instead and using the office money for fun improvements, such as motocross and ATV tracks. They are coordinating with PG&E and Thermalito Water & Sewer District to arrange for utility installation, as well as working on permits for a well to be drilled. The water from the well will be used for dust control.
  - OHV Grants Status Report – Sixto Fernandez, State Parks OHV Grants Manager- Sixto discussed the possibility that there may be additional grant money left over from last year to give to current year applicants, potentially as much as \$1.4 million left in Operations & Maintenance. Any additional awards will be announced. The government is committed to obtaining additional funding for OHV grants. This year's total was \$31 million, up from \$26 million last year. There are 4 categories of grants, with the following funding breakdown: 50% Operations & Maintenance, 25% Restoration, 20% BLM, USFS, and local law enforcement, and 5% to education & safety, including Search & Rescue. Sixto also provided a timeline of the grant cycle, which start annually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in January. Average 200 applications received yearly, awarded based on point score ranking.
- 4.02 ML2 /ML3-4 Mixed Use Designation for USFS Roads – Updates and information
- Erick Stemmerman, Acting District Ranger, Almanor Ranger District, introduced himself and gave an update on projects. The Grizzly project has been canceled. The High Lakes Trail Maintenance is not an EA project. Trails Unlimited and F&W are assisting. This project is concurrent with the trail re-route.
- 4.03 Almanor Ranger District, Erick Stemmerman: Report on other pending projects (include non-SOPA projects) for the District. He mentioned that here is a lot of tree mortality, with up to 400 affected trees at Almanor.

- 4.04 Lassen NF High Lakes Re-route – Action Requested: Develop Comment Letter (Coordinating Committee) Due 07/13/17. There was discussion on who will maintain the vault toilet in this project. MOTION: Develop EA comment letter on the High Lakes Re-route. M- Puterbaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shary, APPROVED 5-0.
- 4.05 Plumas NF Staff Report: Update on plans for Feather River Ranger District Projects & 22N49 Detour Green Tree Project – Plumas National Forest estimates they have about \$25 million in road damage from the winter. Current priorities for road repairs are: Project areas, contract areas, and easement access to other areas. Mt. Hough road work began July 10<sup>th</sup>, with PG&E funding \$100,000. The N2249 detour is important for fire safety, in the event of evacuations, work will be done in July, road mostly closed during construction. The Jackass Creek Bridge will be replaced by a cement bridge. FAC asked if a list of roads in priority order could be made available to the public.
- 4.06 SOPA Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for projects affecting Butte County listed in 2017 SOPA Reports for Lassen and Plumas NF's. (Chair). Erick Stemmerman will provide an update on the Windy Cut Bridge project (to follow). The availability of roads being worked on, in priority order, was discussed for Plumas National Forest.
- 4.07 Trails Update from Thad Walker (INFORMATION ONLY): The Chico Guild has a sponsor and co-sponsor for their Ca Trails Master Plan Resolution... Senators Bill Allen of Santa Monica, and Bill Dodd of District 3 ... Davis to Sonoma.
- Chico conference planned for 2018 at the Chico Guild Hall on Saturday, February 24, 2018
  - Next conference: Friday, September 22 conference in Oakland
  - Trails Fundamentals Workshop July 15-16 – Plumas National Forest Workshop
- 4.08 Fire Suppression funding Letters – Butte Board of Supervisors and Secretary Perdue's Response to SNC Coalition (INFORMATION ONLY)
- 4.09 New Business – considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is July 24, Chico, 5:00 PM
- PG&E – DeSabra project w/d, maintenance plans for Rock Creek/Tobin roads (North Fork of the Feather River)
  - Sierra Club Trails Guide – invite them to make a presentation
  - F&W Service – Table Mountain Trail
  - Grazing studies – presentations on the science and practical application
  - Challenge project discussion
  - Stewardship Council- PG&E lands – August meeting
  - Spotted Owl- Invite biologist to give overview of issues – August meeting
- 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.)