



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 26, 2018—Minutes

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, Thad Walker, Teri Faulkner, Trish Puterbaugh, Peggy Moak
Alternates: Vance Severin, Jim Shary, Bob Gage, Pete Moak (voting Alt)
Invited Guests: Holly Jorgensen (Sacramento River Watershed Program), Laura Page (Congressman LaMalfa), Jon Hunt (Northern California Land Trust)
- 2.02 Self-introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates, Guests, and Public
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- 3.00 **Consent Agenda**
- 3.01 Minutes for February 26th, 2018 reviewed and approved. M-Faulkner, 2nd Walker. Approved 5-0.
- 4.00 **Agenda**
- 4.01 Calli-Jane DeAnda - Butte County Fire Safe Council, & Holly Jorgensen -Sacramento River Watershed Program – Forest Health Campaign– Calli-Jane was unable to attend, but Holly provided a report on the Forest Health Campaign. The Sacramento River Watershed Program (SRWP) is a non-profit that was founded in 1996 to address river health issues. The SRWP has an MOU in place with the Butte County Fire Safe Council for landscape level planning projects. They have also established a data portal that will enable agencies working on similar projects to share data with each other more easily. Holly also discussed the importance of strategic planning to focus on the most important projects.
- 4.02 Forest Projects Review – Current Quarter: There were no Forest Service representatives present at the meeting, and no new items on the SOPA. There was a brief discussion of the High Lakes Trail Re-route project. The next SOPA will be released the first week of April.
- 4.03 Lassen National Park Bypass Hell Re-design Comment Opportunity – The committee discussed the options for the re-design and supported the preferred second alternative, which will enlarge viewing platforms on the trail. MOTION: Recommend that the Coordinating Committee provide a comment in support of Alternative #2. M: Puterbaugh, 2nd Pete Moak, APPROVED 3-0. Repanich & Faulkner abstained.
- The Butte County Federal/State Land Use Coordinating Committee (LUCC) is a Board appointed (Brown Act) committee representing Butte County citizens' interests in the areas of recreation, forest management, tourism/economic development and environment/watershed, working closely with the Plumas and Lassen National Forests and other public land managers. These comments were developed at a public meeting with input from the public. The LUCC supports the Bypass Hell EA Alternative 2. The committee supports widening the trail to its original width and grade, as well as enlarging the viewing platforms at Big Boiler and Pyrite Pool. Widening the trail and enlarging viewing platforms will enhance public access, particularly for larger groups.
- 4.04 OHV Grants Discussion: Determine whether or not to send a comment letter in support of each grant- due April 2
- Butte County Sheriff's Office- OHV Law Enforcement \$37,795/\$13,584.50 match= 520 staff hours & 250 S&R hours and 2 snowmobile purchases

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- Butte County Sheriff's Search & Rescue- \$31,636/\$16,781 match = 2 snowmobiles & related equipment

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- Plumas County- OHV Trail Maintenance- \$191,110/\$67,802 match= 66 miles OHV trails maintenance

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- Plumas County Sheriff's Office- Law Enforcement-\$127,132/\$42,377= 1000 staff hours of patrols and 2 snowmobile purchases

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- Lassen-Modoc NF – Patrol District-Law Enforcement-\$31,735/\$11,900=Funding overtime and Holiday Patrols that would otherwise not be funded for OSV wilderness intrusion and High Lakes OHV area

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- Plumas National Forest- Mount Hough Restoration-\$73,126.22/\$16,267.96=block & restore non-OHV routes

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- Plumas National Forest Patrol District-OHV Law Enforcement-\$41,081/\$14,823=898 staff hours and related equipment purchases

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MOTION: Support each grant application and issue comments through Coordinating Committee. M- Repanich, 2nd Puterbaugh. APPROVED 5-0.

4.05 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is April 23, 2018 - Chico, 5:00 PM

- South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
- Sierra Club Trails Guide – invite them to make a presentation

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