



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 23, 2018—Minutes

ITEM NO.

- 1.00 Call to order 5:00 PM – 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, Trish Puterbaugh, Teri Faulkner, Dan Taverner, Peggy Moak
Alternates: Jim Shary, Vance Severin, , Pete Moak
Guests: Lynn Campbell (Sierra Nevada Conservancy); Calli-Jane DeAnda (Butte County Fire Safe Council); Russell Nickerson,(District Ranger, Almanor Ranger District, Lassen National Forest), Clay Davis (NEPA Planner, Feather River Ranger District; Plumas National Forest), Laura Page (Congressman LaMalfa); Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee, Public Works); Mike Crump, Kevin Wright, Rich Faulkner (public)
- 2.02 Self-introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates, Guests, and Public
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- 3.00 Consent Agenda
- 3.01 Review and approve minutes of 6-26-18 – M: Faulkner, 2nd Puterbaugh Approved 5-0.
- 4.00 Agenda
- 4.01 Upcoming Grant Opportunities for 2018/2019 – Calli-Jane DeAnda, Butte County Fire Safe Council; Cal Fire Representative – 30 Min
- 4.02 Forest Projects Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for USFS projects affecting Butte County residents’ forest management, recreational, environmental, socio-economic interests(Chair)
- Lassen NF Almanor Ranger District- Russell Nickerson (District Ranger) LNF OHV Patrollers remain active through Sep. – Oct. The bathroom has been pulled off the “T” redesign project for now, and there will be no red rock utilized. The LNF hopes to use Storrie Fire money they have “stored away” at National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, and then write grants against it, and one of those initiatives is a grant to hire a contractor to do the High Lakes Management Plan.
 - Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, Clay Davis, Planner: Clay discussed a project at Devil’s Gap, which has an Owl PAC and special interest area. Field Trip planned, and the following points:
 - o Submitted a pre-application to SNC for implementation grant for in and around Valley Creek special interest area.
 - o Asked to host a field trip for SNC and submit a final application by October 1.
 - o District Ranger is hosting a “Meet the Ranger” event August 25 at the Fire Hall in La Porte, CA.
 - o Next Feather River Ranger District Collaborative meeting is September 12, 1700-1900 in Oroville.
 - o Hosted a field trip for US Fish and Wildlife to the Hughes Place project area.
- 4.03 Ag/Timber FAC Representative – Dan Taverner, applicant: Dan reviewed his interest and qualifications. Peggy reviewed the Coordinating Committee decision that there is no inherent conflict with representatives having governmental agency affiliation or employment. Motion: Recommend Daniel Taverner to the Board for appointment to the FAC Ag/Timber position. M-Puterbaugh, 2nd Faulkner Approved 4-0
- 4.04 Four Trees Road Meeting Recap and Debrief – Dennis Schmidt: Public meeting had two of the 10-12 owners present, and they were supportive of public maintenance and access on the road. Public Works will GPS the road with plans for a 14’ roadway. Fire access a consideration, USFS and CalFire collaboration; PG&E also supportive.
- 4.05 Dennis Schmidt, Director of Public Works, provided updates on local road projects and OHV Grants progress. Granite Basin – Eric Schroeder of Public Works has been assigned this project. Dennis will be checking with SPI on the timing of their gate installation on Concow Rd. between the R-Line and Bald Mtn.

4.06 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is August 27, 2018 - Chico, 5:00 PM

- Butte County Fire Safe Council, CalFire, SNC – Restoration Grants available through SNC and elsewhere
- State F&W on the local ecological preserves, Coon Hollow, Yellow Creek, and Butte Creek Meadows
- South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
- Other

4.07 Public Comment – No additional comment. Meeting adjourned at 7:00.