



# BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## August 27, 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, Dan Taverner, Peggy Moak  
**Alternates:** Vance Severin, Jim Shary, Angel Gomez, Pete Moak  
**Invited Guests:** Congressman Doug LaMalfa; Colleen McGowan, Legislative Director; Calli-Jane DeAnda (Butte County Fire Safe Council); David Brillenz (District Ranger, Feather River Ranger District; Plumas National Forest), Laura Page (Congressman LaMalfa); Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee, Public Works); Clay Davis (Plumas National Forest); Troy Kidd, (Butte County Treasurer-Tax Collector-Elect); Public: Kevin Wright, Rich Faulkner
- 2.02 Self-introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates, Guests, and Public
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- 3.00 Consent Agenda
- 3.01 Minutes of 7-23-18 meeting approved as modified below. M: Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Faulkner. Approved 5-0.  
4.06 Next meeting is August 27, 2018 – Chico, 5:00 PM
- 4.00 Agenda
- 4.02 Butte County Fire Safe Council Update: Calli-Jane DeAnda – Calli-Jane informed the group that Cal Fire approved six grants for the Butte County Fire Safe Council. These include four landscape-level fuels reduction projects, in addition to a grant funding a chipper program and an education grant. The Fire Safe Council also received a grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to fund a video project.
- 4.01 Congressional Update: Congressman Doug LaMalfa, Colleen McGowan – Congressman LaMalfa gave an overview of the current fire situation in California, and discussed a recent visit to the Carr fire area by several officials from the Federal Government, including the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, and Secretary of Homeland Security. LaMalfa answered several questions from committee members and members of the public attending the meeting.
- 4.03 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): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA –
    - o Crushed rock, High Lakes Projects – Nick Repanich discussed his correspondence with the Lassen Nation Forest regarding the current High Lakes trail project and is seeking clarification regarding the use of gravel on the project.
  - Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, David Brillenz (District Ranger): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – Clay Davis gave an update on the Devil's Gap project. He thanked the group for their input and stated that feedback is being taken into consideration for this project. There is an upcoming field trip to the Mooreville Ridge project being planned.
- 4.04 Pre-decision USFS Process - a description of the process whereby stakeholders are invited to participate in a final discussion with the Forest Supervisor about their objections to the Record of Decision (INFORMATION ONLY)
- 4.05 Butte County Trails Plan update: Thad Walker – Thad gave the group an update on the Trails Plan approval process. The Plan was reviewed at the Coordinating Committee meeting on August 16, and will go before the Board of Supervisors on September 11.
- 4.06 Grants Updates: Public Works- Dennis Schmidt shared that Public Works has received a grant for \$166,000 to purchase a masticator.
- 4.07 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is September 24, 2018 - Chico, 5:00 PM
- South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
  - Fish & Wildlife
  - Bill Smith – Retired Forester – and panel on forest management
- 4.07 Public Comment (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)