



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 24, 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, Bob Gage, Angel Gomez
Invited Guests: David Brillenz (District Ranger, Feather River Ranger District (FRRD), Plumas National Forest), Clay Davis (NEPA Planner, FRRD); Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee, Public Works); Steve Roberts (Sierra Pacific Industries); Pete Calarco (Coordinating Committee, Development Services); Public: Brad Sanders, 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 8-27-18 meeting reviewed and approved. M: Faulkner, 2nd Walker. Approved 5-0.
- 4.00 **Agenda**
- 4.01 Roads, Trails, Access, the MVUM and the Collaborative Process – Dave Brillenz, District Ranger
Stakeholder Workshop – Dave wants to involve the public as much as possible in the discussions regarding a potential land swap agreement with Sierra Pacific Industries. He wants to identify critical sections that can be traded all at once, rather than working on smaller sections individually. The goal of the land swap is to improve access for the public. The swap will be done on a value for value basis, rather than acre for acre.
Timeline – Dave stated that he would like to have ideas formulated for the Collaborative meeting in November.
- 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)
- Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, Clay Davis (District Planner): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – Clay discussed the Devils Gap project and the Collaborative's input and feedback on the project. The district recently led a field trip to the Mooreville Ridge area, which was well attended. Clay also discussed the Challenge decision as well as the Feather Falls Scenic Area Trail repair project.
 - Lassen NF Almanor Ranger District- Russell Nickerson (District Ranger): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – Trish Puterbaugh talked about the South Lassen Watershed Group.
- 4.03 Letters of Support Requests: SNC Planning Grants
- Northern California Regional Land Trust – Deer Creek Forest Management Plan
 - Butte County Fire Safe Council – Big Chico Creek Forest Health Management Plan
 - Plumas National Forest – Devils Gap Forest Health Project
 - Per Clay Davis, this grant is for implementation of the Valley Creek Botanical Special Interest Area and Watershed Protection Project.
 - MOTION: Approve the concept of a Board letter of support for each grant application, approving the Plumas National Forest grant application as amended. M-Faulkner, 2nd Taverner. Approved 4-0, Walker abstained.
- 4.04 Grants/Roads Updates: Public Works – Dennis Schmidt gave an update on the ongoing Four Trees Road project.
- 4.05 Stakeholder Workshop Planning – Roads and Trails – There was discussion of who should be responsible for hosting the Stakeholder Workshop. The workshop will be held on a different day than the regular FAC meetings and the FAC would like the Forest Service to provide a facilitator for the meeting. The FAC would also like the Forest Service to send out information regarding the information, including what the ultimate goal is.

New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is October 22, 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

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