



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 25, 2019—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
Alternates: Bob Gage
Invited Guests: Clay Davis (NEPA Planner, FRRD, Plumas National Forest), Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee, Public Works);
- 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 2-25-2019 meeting reviewed and approved. M: Walker, 2nd Faulkner. Approved 4-0.

4.00 Agenda

- 4.01 Lassen-Modoc Science Synthesis – FAC members are encouraged to review, discuss and contribute to comments for consideration.
- 4.02 ML2/ML3 Update – Shane Starr has set a meeting with the Lassen National Forest Supervisor for April 4 from 1 -3 in Chester for stakeholders to provide feedback and to answer questions – INFORMATION ONLY
- 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)
- Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, Clay Davis (District Planner): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA and Collaborator's Meeting Update – Feather Falls Trail project was signed on 2/27. Clay shared that the PNF was awarded a grant by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the Valley Creek Botanical Special Interest Area.
 - Lassen NF Almanor Ranger District- Russell Nickerson (District Ranger): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – No report.
- 4.04 OHV Grants Discussion: Determine whether or not to send a comment letter in support of each grant- due May 6
- Butte County Sheriff's Search & Rescue- \$34,330/\$22,891 match= 2 snowmobiles & related equipment

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- Lassen County Sheriff's Office- \$140,367/\$52,279 match= 1,430 staff hours, 1 RZR side by side, 1 snowmobile, 1 Pickup truck, related equipment

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- Plumas County Public Works- \$6,612/\$4,400 match= Staff hours for various outreach events in Plumas County

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- Plumas County Public Works- \$252,616/\$94,869 match= 3,890 staff hours of road maintenance, roadwork equipment costs

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- Plumas County Sheriff's Office- \$133,544/\$52,148 match= 2700 staff patrol hours, 2 snowmobiles, equipment

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- Plumas County- \$181,711/\$63,899 match= 70 miles trail maintenance, contracts for trail crews

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- Tehama County RCD- \$112,230/\$49,478 match= Demolishing and replacing Fischer Campground toilet

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- USFS Lassen-Modoc- \$98,087/\$32,810 match= 112 staff patrol days, 2 snowmobiles, 1 Razor, equipment

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- USFS Plumas- \$97,5720/\$39,536 match=3,314 staff hours including patrols, equipment

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MOTION: Support each grant application and issue comments through Coordinating Committee. Re-state concerns for enforcement of laws and specifically state support for inclusion of resource damage citations and staff hours for OHV patrol enforcement. M-Faulkner, 2nd Repanich. APPROVED 4-0.

4.05 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is April 22, 2019 - Chico, 5:00 PM

- ML2/ML3 Update
- CA Mechatronics Center FRoomba!! (Nick R.)
- Access to evacuation routes, traffic studies, in the event of wildfire (CalFire, PW, BCFSC)
- 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.)

Thad Walker shared with the committee that the Butte County Resource Conservation District received a grant for a full-time Watershed Coordinator position.

There was discussion regarding Four Trees Road and Ponderosa Way.