



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 23, 2019— Meeting 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, Trish Puterbaugh, Dan Taverner, Peggy Moak
Alternates: Vance Severin, Bob Gage, Frank Stewart, Carolyn Denero
Guests: Bill Smith (USFS Forester, retired), Russell Nickerson (District Ranger, Almanor Ranger District, Lassen National Forest) , David Brillenz (District Ranger, Feather River Ranger District (FRRD), Plumas National Forest), Clay Davis (NEPA Planner, FRRD); Thibault Hoppe-Glosser (Butte County Fire Safe Council Timber and Biomass Project Manager), Brett Sanders (Congressman La Malfa’s Representative), Holly Jorgensen (Applicant-FAC Watershed/Environmental vacancy)
Public: Kevin Wright, Doug Laurie, Chuck Giles, Wolfy Rougle
- 2.02 Self-introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates, Guests, and Public – 5 Min.
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- 3.00 **Consent Agenda**
- 3.01 Minutes of 8-26-2019 were approved. M - Puterbaugh, 2nd- Taverner, Approved 3-1 (Walker abstained)
- 4.00 **Agenda**
- 4.01 Applicant for Alternate Member for the Watershed/Environmental opening – Holly Jorgensen – introduction and background (see resume, enclosed)
- 4.02 Introduction of Brett Sanders as Congressman La Malfa’s new representative.
- 4.03 Bill Smith, Retired USFS Forester: Presentation on Forest Management Concepts
- 4.04 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:
 - o Chris Carlton has been appointed as the new Forest Supervisor for the PNF
 - o The September 19, collaborative field trip to Concow Basin was attended by 38 representing Enterprise Rancheria, Butte County Fire Safe Council, Berry Creek Fire Safe Council, Butte County Forest Advisory Committee (BCFAC), Butte County Resource Conservation District (BCRCD), Cal Fire, Congressman LaMalfa, Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station (PSW), UC Davis, USDA NRCS, Point Blue, Friends of Plumas Wilderness, and Sierra Pacific Industries the field trip concentrated on landscape scale use of prescribed fire and reforestation for resilience;
 - o The September 19, collaborative meeting was attended by 24 from various agencies and groups. The meeting concentrated on Concow Basin restoration, reforestation for resilience, ecological research, and possibilities for land exchanges to improve access (especially on the Lassen NF);
 - o Discussion of the French Creek I Hazardous Fuels Reduction, Golden Trout Temporary Bridge Placement, Midas Mine One-Year Exploration Plan, and PG&E Underground Electric Powerline Special Use projects and answered questions;

- Lassen NF Almanor Ranger District- Russell Nickerson (District Ranger): Report and Q & A on prescribed fire plans, pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA
 - o West Shore Lake Almanor project to enhance recreational activities and public access
 - o Discussion about OHV access from Butte Meadows to Prattville ensued.
 - o Robbers Creek project is another collaborative project involving 5000 acres
 - o Chips Creek Bridge work is happening now
 - o The Minnow area prescribed burn near Philbrook will be happening soon
 - o An update to the MVUM: Leslie Ross is still reviewing the comments
 - o The LNF Over Snow Vehicle Decision is still being finalized

4.05 Poe Powerhouse FERC Relicensing - Thad Walker provided an overview of the recreational trail feasibility study that the Butte County RCD has been contracted to perform as part of the relicensing negotiations. The trail location is in the Bardee's Bar area of the Feather River.

4.06 Trish provided a report on the South Lassen Watershed Group's activities. A copy of a Coordinating Committee comment letter on a project for the West Shore of Lake Almanor (Almanor Ranger District) was provided via email to the FAC members.

4.07 The Committee discussed the application of Holly Jorgensen for the Watershed/Environmental vacancy to the FAC and voted to recommend appointment by the Board of Supervisors. M-Puterbaugh, 2nd Taverner, Approved 5-0 (Note: subsequent to this action, a second application for the vacancy has been received by the Board)

4.08 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meetings. Next meeting is October 28, 2019 - Chico, 5:00 PM

- CA Mechatronics Center FRoomba!! (Nick R.)
- Access to evacuation routes, traffic studies, in the event of wildfire (CalFire, PW, BCFSC, Nick R.)
- South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
- Fish & Wildlife
- BLM: Mining Claims and how it all works

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM