



## BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### Minutes – August 22, 2016

#### ITEM NO.

- 1.00 Call to order – Chico Public Works' Facility, 44 Bellarmine Ct. Chico 5:00 PM
- 2.00 Pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- 2.01 Roll Call – **Members:** Jim Shary, Vance Severin, Teri Faulkner, Trish Puterbaugh, Peggy Moak, **Alternates:** Pete Moak (voting), Nick Repanich, Lindsay Wood (voting), (Bob Gage absent, but sent info on Forest Plans for FAC consideration) **Guests:** Trish Ladd (CA State Parks), Mike Crump (BC Public Works), Jack Storne (BS Sheriff's Office), Clay Davis (Plumas NF), Jason Vermillion (Plumas NF), Rich Faulkner, Thad Walker (Chico VELO), Eddie Guaracha (CA State Parks), Laura Page (Congressman La Malfa), Dennis Schmidt (Butte County Public Works)
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#### 3.00 Consent Agenda

- 3.01 Minutes of 7-25-16 reviewed and approved. M – P. Moak, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Faulkner, Motion Approved 5-0

#### 4.00 Agenda

- 4.01 Self-Introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates and Public
- 4.02 Butte County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Jack Storne provided an overview of the office's plans for use of \$97,611 in OHV grant funds. The office intends to purchase a 4WD SUV and fund part time reserve officers to patrol OHV/dirt/gravel roads within the county, primarily on weekends and holidays. Sgt. Storne indicated he would welcome FAC input to assist in identifying the needs for law enforcement for future grant applications.
- 4.03 Trish Ladd, an Environmental Scientist from the California State Parks, gave an informative presentation on the history of State Parks and the work that has been done over the past several years on the proposed park along the Sacramento River in Butte County.
- 4.04 Mike Crump, Butte County Director of Public Works, provided information on Butte County's efforts to work with local agricultural landowners and the State Parks to come to an agreement on plans for development of the proposed park along the river discussed by Trish Ladd.
- 4.05 Clay Davis, NEPA Planner for the Feather River Ranger District, Plumas NF, provided information on the proposed fuels reduction project for the Challenge area. He indicated that the project parameters were in the very early stages, and feedback//comments would be very welcome as it will be a real "challenge" to pull this project together given various land ownerships, high density owl populations and WUI implications. Jason Vermillion, also with the Feather River Ranger District, provided support information. Comments due 9-07-16. **Motion:** FAC Members Shary, Puterbaugh, Wood to submit draft comments to Peggy Moak for compilation and edit, submit to Coordinating Committee for approval and letter issuance. M-Jim Shary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pete Moak, Approved 5-0
- 4.06 Clay Davis of Plumas NF also provided an overview of the Brush Creek Maintenance Project, for which a scoping comment letter deadline is 8-31-16. **Motion:** Ask Coordinating Committee to issue a comment letter (drafted by Peggy Moak with FAC input) supporting ongoing maintenance as outlined in the project parameters. M – Puterbaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Faulkner, Approved 5-0

- 4.07 Discussion regarding the pending Forest Plans for Lassen and Plumas as they relate to those issued for Sequoia, Inyo and Sierra National Forests resulted in a general consensus to keep the awareness level up and take an active role in commenting when our local Forest Plans are in the process of being drafted.
- 4.08 SOPA Review – Chair Shary reviewed pending projects of interest for the Lassen NF and Plumas NF – nothing requiring action at this point.
- 4.09 New Business: Charlotte Ann Hilgeman submitted a letter of resignation from her position as Alternate for Tourism/Economic Development due to medical reasons. Thad Walker indicated interest in the Alternate position.
- New Business – considerations for future meetings: Next meeting is Sep. 26 in Chico, 5:00 PM
- Soda Ridge Hazard Tree Removal – acknowledgement and thank you letter to Lassen NF
  - Lassen National Forest – Forest Plan Presentation
  - Sierra Club Trails Guide – invite them to make a presentation\
  - F&W Service – Table Mountain Trail
  - Vacancies in Members/Alternates (Ag/Timber Member and Tourism/Economic Dev. Alternate
- 4.10 Public Comment – Taken throughout the meeting (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)