



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – September 26, 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: Nick Repanich
Guests: Susan Akins, Rich Faulkner, Thad Walker (Chico VELO), Kevin Wright
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3.00 Consent Agenda

- 3.01 Minutes of 8-22-16 reviewed and approved. M – T. Faulkner, 2nd T. Puterbaugh, Motion Approved 4-0

4.00 Agenda

- 4.01 Self-Introduction of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) Members, Alternates and Public
- 4.02 Economic/Tourism Alternate Vacancy: Thad Walker submitted a letter of interest to serve as the Alternate Economic Development and Tourism Member on the FAC Committee. The term for this position ends 12/31/2018. **Motion:** Accept Thad Walker's letter of interest and forward to the Board of Supervisors, along with a letter of support from the Committee. M- Jim Shary, 2nd T. Puterbaugh, Approved 4-0
- It was also noted that terms are up for renewal on December 31, 2016 for members Severin, Shary, Wood, Moak and Gage.
- 4.03 Calendar for upcoming FAC meetings: The November meeting falls on the Monday after Thanksgiving and members confirmed that they could attend. The December meeting, previously calendared for the 26th, was moved to the 19th. It was requested we will look into the possibility of holding the December meeting in Paradise. In terms of planning for future meetings, it was agreed that the current meeting time and location work well for everyone.
- 4.04 Two letters were approved (drafted by FAC) and issued by the Coordinating Committee in August: Brush Creek DFPZ Maintenance and the Challenge Fuels Reduction Project. Peggy will follow up to verify receipt of letters. Final letters were provided to members as information.
- 4.05 Letters issues by Board of Supervisors in August/September: Support for the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program (State Parks) and growing concerns for the Biomass/Feather River Trains situation. Peggy will follow up with Administration to confirm whether a response was received following letter submission. Final letters were provided to members as information.
- 4.06 Letter on woody biomass issued by Lassen County Board of Supervisors: Letter was provided to members as information.
- 4.07 SOPA Review – Members reviewed pending projects of interest for the Lassen NF and Plumas NF – nothing requiring action at this point. Members expressed concern that they are only being notified of NEPA projects, however, many U.S. Forest Service projects do not fall under NEPA (i.e. maintenance projects, various exemptions and exclusions). Peggy will reach out to Kathleen Nelson, Lassen County District Ranger, to discuss options for increasing communication and notification.

- 4.08 Planning Session: Political Platform recommendations for Public Lands and Forest Management. Members were asked to consider their stances/philosophies in their particular areas of interest and recommend general platform statements for Federal and State legislation to submit to the Coordinating Committee and the Board. Members shared several ideas and were asked to send additional suggestions to Peggy via email and/or be prepared to discuss at the next FAC meeting.
- 4.09 New Business – considerations for future meetings: Next meeting is Nov. 28 in Chico, 5:00 PM
- New Maps/Moonlight Fire area
 - Term Renewals for Severin, Shary, Wood, Moak and Gage
- 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.)