



PLUMAS COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL (PCCC)

Monday, November 4, 2024

2:00PM – 3:00PM

LOCATION:

Plumas County Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street, Quincy, California

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 2:01 PM and Roll Call

Meeting of the Plumas County Coordinating Council is called to order by Chair Plumas County Supervisor District 2; Kevin Goss, with roll call in the Conference Room of the Plumas County Planning Department (555 West Main Street, Quincy, California). In attendance are Tracey Ferguson, Plumas County Planning Director; Jeff Engel, Plumas County Supervisor District 5; Rob Thorman, Plumas County Public Works Director and Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District General Manager; Debra Lucero, County Administrative Officer; and John Sheehan, Public Member. A quorum is present.

Also Present: Rachel Hutchinson, Tahoe National Forest; Rick Hopson, Travis Sanchez, Katherin Carpenter, Erika Brenzovich, Mike Rahr, Kelby Gardiner, Caitlin Ostomel, and Joe Hoffman, Plumas National Forest; Clint Koble, Indian Valley Innovation Hub; Zach Browning, Sierra Institute; Lane Labb  , Plumas County Resident; Kevin Danaher, Quincy Firewise; Zachary Gately, Plumas County. Lassen National Forest was absent.

2. Public Comment Opportunity

A public comment was made by Clint Koble towards the US Forest Service. He discussed the Federal Mandate for procurement spending on small businesses set by Congress and had several questions:

- Have local small businesses participated in this mandate? How do we find out when procurement spending for small businesses is offered? What site do we need to go on?
- Is housing for workforce development or for any housing need allowed on Forest Service land? If so, where can we get more information on this?
- How can the Forest Service help with economic development?
- In December 2021, the Biden Administration issued an Executive Order calling for federal vehicle acquisitions to be zero-emission vehicles, such as electric vehicles, by 2035, including 100 percent zero-emission light-duty vehicle acquisitions beginning in 2027. In light of that Executive Order, what are your plans to install electric vehicle charging stations? Is it possible the Forest Service could defray some costs for private or civic installed charging stations to allow for your agency requirements as well as the public need for charging stations in Plumas County?
- Is the same formula for PILT's (Payment in Lieu of Taxes), used for Presidentially Designated wildfire disaster counties?

A public comment was made by Joe Walton, Assistant Chief of Plumas County CAL FIRE. Joe introduced himself as this is a new role within Plumas County and explained his role, in addition to providing an update on CAL FIRE prescribed burns in Hamiton Branch the week of November 11, 2024.

3. Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Motion is made to accept the agenda, as presented, by Supervisor Jeff Engel, seconded by John Sheehan. Voice Call Vote, Aye-all, Nay-none, motion passes.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion is made to approve the meeting minutes of May 6, 2024, as presented, by John Sheehan, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Engel. Voice Call Vote, Aye-all, Nay-none, motion passes.

5. PCCC Governance

A. *Tracey Ferguson stated no work has been done to date on the County of Plumas Resolution 08-7514. Based on the last PCCC meeting, if no action had been taken by the November 2024 meeting, a subcommittee of PCCC would be formed to draft applicable amendments to Resolution 08-7514 and bring back said revisions for PCCC consideration and comment to then recommend to the Board of Supervisors. Discussion around whether each National Forest would have representation or if it would be one general forest member. Plumas National Forest committed to being a part of the subcommittee but it was uncertain who the person (or position) will be. Tahoe National Forest does not feel they need to be a part of this subcommittee at this time. John Sheehan and Tracey Ferguson volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Tracey Ferguson stated she will contact the Lassen National Forest representative to inquire about participation.*

Motion is made by Tracey Ferguson to establish a subcommittee to draft applicable amendments to the County of Plumas Resolution 08-7514 and bring back said revisions for PCCC consideration and comment in the future to then have PCCC recommend revisions to the Board of Supervisors for formal adoption with Tracey Ferguson, John Sheehan, representation from Plumas National Forest, and representation from Lassen National Forest, seconded by Supervisor Kevin Goss. Voice Call Vote, Aye-all, Nay-none, motion passes.

6. Trail Head Coordination

A. *Rob Thorman discussed signage on Buzzard Roost Ridge Trail on La Porte Road near Nelson Point as well as trails near Bucks Lake. The Public Works Department has the means to make and install signage, where appropriate, near the road right-of-way for pedestrian safety when crossing. Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship is actively working with the County to communicate the needs for signage near these trail heads. The Bucks Lake area has challenges as trails and/or trailheads are often on private land (e.g., PG&E). The Forest Service is ready to assist as needed on their lands. The Public Works Department will continue to work with the above mentioned partners and land owners to mitigate with signage.*

B. *Parking was also discussed and the Public Works Department will continue to work with the above mentioned partners and land owners to also mitigate with parking and parking signage for public safety.*

7. Butler Quarry CA Mine ID #91-32-0028 Access Issue Concerning Inaccessible Parcel (APN 007-040-001) Due to Closure of a Section of NFS Road 28N03

A. *Tracey Ferguson discussed the challenges for Butler Quarry. The mine is located on private property with access via Plumas National Forest Service Road 28N03 and a slide has made the road inaccessible, which has cut off access to the mine site and potentially the viability of mining activities to resume in the future. The County Planning Department requested Plumas National Forest provide documentation of the road easement (Deed No. 344) to assist the mine owner in understanding the entities involved with the road and therefore the access issue. Plumas National Forest agreed to cooperate and will follow up with the Planning Department to provide the available documentation.*

8. Reinitiation of the Feather River Stewardship Coalition. Presentation.

Zach Browning, Shared Stewardship Advisor for Sierra Institute for Community and Environment, presented on how the Feather River Stewardship Coalition (FRSC) is being re-activated. He communicated the updated boundaries of the area to extend to the Highway 395 corridor and also including portions of Plumas, Lassen, Sierra, Shasta, Butte, and Tehama counties. Quarterly meetings have been restarted with the next on December 6, 2024 from 9am-12pm. Currently working on growing partners and contacts. Zach provided the history of the Coalition with input from John Sheehan as he was a part of the Coalition at its inception. A partners field tour is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2024, touring fuels treatment properties and wildfire recovery efforts.

9. Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests.

A. Plumas – Rick Hopson (in addition to below, he also mentioned that Chris Carlton will be leaving the Plumas permanently and Caitlin Ostromel will be the new Plumas Deputy Supervisor).

- Post Wildfire Recovery Projects: (Travis Sanchez) North Fork NEPA Planning Project (>166,000 acres) to utilize Emergency Authority (signed in September 2024) to start in the Quincy area. This is critical for postfire preparation for reforestation. Tributaries Project is also progressing through necessary steps to be implemented.
- Fuels Reduction and Prescribed Fire Projects: (Travis Sanchez) Near Taylorsville, about 300 acres to enhance the resilience of green forest with preparation work starting later this week, and 400 acres near Greenville that was burnt during the 2021 Dixie Fire.
- Trails and Recreation: Realignment of Beckwourth Peak Trail to ensure multiple use is enforced. Currently there is a tunnel that is not suitable for horses to pass through.
- Timber Sales: not mentioned.

B. Lassen – Not present, no update.

C. Tahoe – Rachel Hutchenson

- Post Wildfire Recovery Projects: Working in Mill Fire footprint using BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) program money, most of the work is in Plumas County, potentially.
- Fuels Reduction and Prescribed Fire Projects: No new work, see SOPAS/timber sales for more information.
- Trails and Recreation: Supporting, in association with the Plumas, the realignment of Beckwourth Peak Trail to ensure multiple use is enforced. Currently there is a tunnel that is not suitable for horses to pass through.
- Timber Sales: No active timber sales within Plumas County but active in Sierra County near Calpine - Fletcher and Quail.

10. Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) Oct 2024 – Dec 2024

Tracey Ferguson stated the SOPAs are provided as informational and are available on the forest websites, quarterly, as well as with the meeting packet materials.

11. Plumas County Updates

Tracey Ferguson stated there were no updates at this time.

12. Meetings and Activities

None were provided.

13. Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting of the PCCC will be on February 3, 2025.

14. Future Agenda Items

- *Updates from Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe national forests*
- *Discussion of SOPAs*
- *Updates from Plumas County*
- *Amendments to County of Plumas Resolution 08-7514*
- *Forest agencies to provide information on procurement and contract opportunities for small businesses*
- *Workforce housing on Forest land*

15. Adjournment

Motion is made to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 pm by Supervisor Jeff Engel, seconded by Supervisor Kevin Goss. Voice Call Vote, Aye-all, Nay-none, motion passes.