

MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, August 16, 2018

Meeting of the Plumas County Coordinating Council is called to order by Chairman Bob Perreault with roll call at 1:03 PM in the Conference Room of the Plumas County Planning Department (555 West Main Street, Quincy, California).

1. **Roll Call** is conducted by Bob Perreault: In attendance are: Sherrie Thrall, County Supervisor District 3; Jeff Ingle, County Supervisor District 5; Randy Wilson, Planning Director; John Sheehan, member. A quorum is present.

Others in Attendance: Russell Nickerson, District Ranger LNF; Nate Rezeau, acting Forest Supervisor LNF; Barbara Drake, acting Forest Supervisor PNF; Larry Williams, Planning Committee; Amanda Higgins, Recording Secretary.

2. **Public Comment Opportunity**

No comments

3. **Review and Acceptance of the August 16, 2018 Agenda by the PCCC**

Motion is made by John Sheehan, seconded by County Supervisor District 3 Sherrie Thrall, to approve the Agenda. Roll call vote, Motion passes 5-0.

4. **Approval of PCCC Meeting (Draft) Minutes from March 15, 2018**

Deferred to next meeting

5. **Review Modification in Administration of PCCC Committee and PCCC Meetings**

Bob Perreault explained that the "PCCC Rules" were adopted on March 15, 2018 with revisions to be incorporated. The revisions included the edits that were discussed at the last meeting along with clarifications of the sentences that were already in the proposed rules. Bob explained to the LNF that the "Rules" may be revised as needed by the council.

Randy Wilson stated that he needed to talk to IT to ensure the PCCC meeting videos are being posted correctly.

Randy handed out a copy of Resolution 08-7514 and explained that the resolution stated that state agencies can be a part of the Coordinating Council.

Barbara Drake explained that they have to program their work to their budget. SOPA is updated quarterly and tracks progress and what the public should expect.

Barbara stated that the PNF OSV is not close to having a program. Nate Rezeau stated that LNF OSV is very close to having a program.

6. Report by Plumas National Forest regarding 2019 Program of Work

Barbara Drake reported that the fire down the canyon was held at 117 acres with no injuries. The event at Beldon is on track. Barbara explained the Plan of Work projects for PNF. PNF will be doing 9,920 acres of vegetative treatment, prescribed fires of around 4,000 acres, habitat treatments to benefit the wildlife of 600 acres and hard water restoration of 300 acres. The Thompson Creek project is on track. Barbara stated that PNF has 13 million dollars of fire restoration left. Barbara reported that they have 4 vegetative management projects planned of 156,000 acres. PNF has three trails and NEPA projects to restore, develop, design and build new trails.

John Sheehan brought up the Good Neighbor Framework how it differs from what the Commission is doing now and how to develop that relationship between the National Forests and the County.

John Sheehan requested an updated fire safe map and list of what work has been done and post in the Planning and Building Conference Room for reference.

7. Report by Lassen National Forest

Nate Rezeau reported the Whaleback Fire had no structure loss and no major injuries. Nate reported on the projects that LNF has going on; the Southwest Lassen watershed improvement project 452,000 acres over 7 different watersheds, 6 County OHV projects to create some opportunity for OHV use on 21 roads. LNF is finalizing the project, purpose and need of 66 miles proposed with an additional 99 miles of converting from a maintenance level 3 to a level 2 status.

Nate reported the first round of RFP's went out this year and 4 projects that are just about ready to go to award. The second round of proposals will open on Jan 3, 2019. The projects are watershed restoration management, Storrie Fire, 120 meadows to access and the upper Humbug meadow repair and design.

Russell Nickerson reported that LNF is working with Chester Parks and Recreation to possibly build a trail from Chester that wraps around the lake.

8. Report by Tahoe National Forest

Not available for a report at this time.

9. Brief Reports from representatives on status of formal local cooperative efforts (e.g. Feather River Stewardship Council, IRWMB, etc.)

Randy Wilson stated the next meeting for the IRWMB is scheduled for September 7, 2018 in the Plumas County Planning and Building Conference Room at 1:00 pm.

Randy suggested the possibility of getting the Plumas County Fire Safe Council more involved with the PCCC.

10. Consideration of writing a letter to government officials regarding forest management, thinning and wildfire risk.

Sherrie Thrall discussed that the Board of Supervisors is sending a letter to Secretary Trudeau regarding concerns and asked the PCCC if they had any topics they would like brought up. John Sheehan discussed the strategy of doing fuel breaks and developing an analysis of what works and what doesn't work. Randy Wilson brought up that there

is still a no fly zone over the fire area in the Canyon. Randy suggested that PNF and the FAA coordinate with each other to update the system to open up the airspace after the fire is out. Barbara Drake would like to see more consistencies with burning regulations. Randy mentioned that there was a control burn in the area last year on Halloween. He suggested that PNF be aware of the community activities before performing a control burn. John Sheehan wanted to reiterate in the letter that the cost of suppression of fires and the loss of the assets are phenomenal as well as the cost of restoration and the watershed rehabilitation is a no-win situation.

11. Brief Status Reports on Active Projects or Events

Bob Perreault reported that the 4 corners OHV project is on schedule and still within the budget and active with the Plumas Environmental Team. Joe Blackwell's crew will be doing the work on the 4 Corners OHV project in September and October. The Upper Seneca Road drainage improvement project and the Lower Seneca Road bridge replacement project continue. If fire settlement funds are left over, Plumas County will move to the Diamond Mountain Road improvement project. Bob reported that the Quincy Junction Road Improvement Project is scheduled for funding. John Sheehan asked about the status of the Red Clover OHV project. Bob responded that the County encountered non supportive environmental documents, and more information to come at a later date.

12. Meetings and Activities

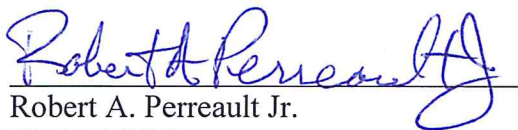
The NRW Meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2018 at 1:00 pm. James Lee School Project Meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2018 at 10:00 am.

13. Next PCCC Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2018 at 1:00 PM, same location.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.


Robert A. Perreault Jr.
Chair, PCCC

Date: NOV 5, 2018