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MINUTES

Natural Resource Committee

November 2, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

Board of Supervisors Chambers - 2 South Green Street, Sonora

1. Call the meeting to order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Haff @ 10:00 am. (Quorum reached).
 - A. In attendance:
 - i. Committee members (quorum met)
 1. Jim Phelan (Committee Member) Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District
 2. Dick Gaiser (Committee Member) Agricultural Advisory Committee
 3. Jim Maddox (Committee Member) Fish and Wildlife
 4. Supervisor Kirk (Committee Member) Absent
 5. Supervisor Haff (Committee Member)
 - ii. Staff Present
 1. Dore Bietz (CAO Staff)
 2. Sean Hembree (CAO Staff)
 - iii. Partners
 1. USFS Staff
 2. TUD Staff
2. Public Forum – The public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes.
 - A. Public Comments – Jim Maddox would like to speak to Forest Service regarding herbicide use (take offline).
3. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting held on September 7, 2022.
 - A. Jim Maddox moved to approve with the minutes. Jim Phelan seconded. Motion passed.
 - B. Public Comment – none
4. Partner Agencies
 - A. USFS – Benjamin Cossel updated that if Jason Kuiken Forest Supervisor is ever needed, please let them know so they can schedule him to be here in person. Prescribed fires have gone very well. Discussion livestock fencing on public lands/private lands. Permitters (ranchers) USFS encourage the landowner to work with the livestock owner.
 - i. Committee members asked the USFS to comeback and discuss/present the Travel Management Plan. Where are USFS at on the plan and specific to Stanislaus Forest plan. Identify lingering issues that committee members are concerned about.
 - B. TUD – General Manager Don Perkins and Eric Hall updated on PG&E acquisition. Negotiations are still on pause for the coming year. Eric updated on water supply and doing pretty good this time of the year. TUD thinks they had a direct strike to water infrastructure with recent storm.

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5. Committee Business
 - A. Staff Reports and recommendations:
 - i. CAO/OES updates on grants and new staffing. Also discussed Hazardous Vegetation Management Ordinance passed first reading by BOS 11/1. Staff will circulate out to the Natural Resources members.
 - ii. Committee member reports
 1. Jim Maddox spoke of some fuels management projects, mastication projects.
6. Discussion items
 - A. Emergency Regulations Southern Steelhead – information only. No action.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.
 - A. Items for next meeting
 - i. USFS Travel Management Plan – Update from USFS Stanislaus
 - ii. Committee Make up – recommendation to the board.

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