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**Natural Resource Committee
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 @ 10:00 am
Board of Supervisors Chambers
2 S. Green St., 4th Floor
Sonora, 95370**

Minutes

1. Call the meeting to order
Vice Chair Haff called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.
2. Members present: Kathleen Haff, Jim Phelan, Jim Maddox, Chris Trott, Adam Mazurkiewicz (Hetch Hetchy), Dianna Beasley (Tuolumne Me-Wuk), Pete Kampa (GCSD), Ron Ringen (TUD), Sean Hembree (staff)
3. 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. – None
4. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting held on June 7th, 2023.
Jim Maddox made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7th, 2023. Jim Phelan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with title change noted.
5. Consideration of Comment letter for the State Urban Water Supply Conservation Regulation (AB) 1668
6. Partner agencies updates
 - a. USFS updates: Ben Cossell gave a report on the status of prescribed burn projects in the Forest noting that there had been approximately 17,000 acres burned this year. He indicated that a new Summit District Ranger and Deputy District Ranger appointments had been made. NEPA scoping for non-motorized trails is underway. It was noted that a locality adjustment from the Forest Service Office of Budget Management was not expected to include allowances for Tuolumne County staffing in the coming year.
 - b. CalFire updates: none

7. Committee Business

a. Staff reports and recommendations

- i. Sean Hembree gave a report about planned WaterSMART Grant proposal in partnership with UC Merced, Turlock Irrigation District, US Forest Service

8. Committee member reports

- a. Pete Kampa (GCSD): Multiple projects are underway or near completion including: planning for a 100,000 gallon alternative water supply tank to service the Big Oak Flat area – a water filling stations for drought contingency – replacement of backup generators for sewer lift stations – completion of the Hetch Hetchy Railroad Trail (1.8 miles)
- b. Ron Ringen (TUD) EN2 Contractor identified raw water drafting locations for fire suppression.

9. Discussion Items

- a. Topic Recommendations for 2024 Committee priority actions and work plan
 - i. Engagement of NEPA public scoping period
 - ii. Fuel thinning of WUI communities
 - iii. Additional topics will be considered by members and will be brought for discussion at the next meeting

10. Adjourned: Vice Chair Haff adjourned the meeting at 11:06 A.M. The next meeting scheduled for Nov 1st, 2023