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**Natural Resource Committee
Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 @ 10:00 am
Board of Supervisors Chambers
2 S. Green St., 4th Floor
Sonora, 95370
Minutes**

1. Call the meeting to order
Chair Kirk called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.
2. Members present: Chair Kirk, Jim Maddox, Dick Gaiser, Chris Trott, Adam Mazurkiewicz (Hetch Hetchy), Tony Diaz (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.
 - a. Ron Ringer, TUD Director, reported that ditch water draft points had been identified in pre-fire planning with dry hydrant draft locations in place.
4. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting held November 1st, 2023.
Dick Gaiser made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Maddox seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with attendance change noted.
5. Consideration of USFS SERAL 2.0 Comment Letter Draft
 - a. A summary of letter elements was reviewed. There was a consensus to approve the letter with comments to be added to include flexibility of threshold diameter and increased open space where needed to increase the diversity of tree species and age. A motion to approve with said changes was made by Chris Trott and Seconded by Dick Gaiser. The motion was approved unanimously.
6. Partner agencies updates
 - a. USFS updates: Ben Cossell gave a report on outreach efforts for the Forest as well

as acknowledged the Workforce Grant obtained by Tuolumne County MSA Staff for forest product workforce development.

- b. CalFire updates: Gary Whitson reported that Tuolumne County open-burn season has begun.

7. Committee Business

- a. Staff reports and recommendations

- i. Sean Hembree gave a report on upcoming events and recent ACWA Conference

8. Committee member reports

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: Chair Kirk adjourned the meeting at 11:28 A.M. The next meeting scheduled for January 3rd, 2024.