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**Natural Resource Committee
Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 @ 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 10:02 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.
2. Members present: Chair Anaiah Kirk, Vice-Chair Kathleen Haff, Jim Maddox, Jim Phelan, Dick Gaiser, Chris Trott, Adam Mazurkiewicz (Hetch Hetchy), Diana Beasley, (Tuolumne Me Wuk), Abby Parcon (TUD), Pete Kampa, (GCSD), 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 January 3rd, 2023 Dick Gaiser made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Maddox seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with attendance correction noted.
5. Partner agencies updates – Postponed
6. Committee business
 - a. Staff reports and recommendations:
 - i. California Biomass Workshop – Sean Hembree provided a summary of the proceedings from this event sponsored by UC Davis and Conservation Strategy Group
 - ii. Drought Resilience Plan Update – Postponed
 - iii. Renaming of Chinaman Creek – Postponed
 - iv. Grant updates – Postponed
 - v. Public comments – None
 - b. Committee member reports – Postponed

7. Discussion of the merit of forming a biomass utilization Joint Powers Authority (JPA)
 - a. A presentation was made by Christiana Darlington, Contractor for the Office of Planning and Research Outlining the biomass challenge in our region. Ms. Darlington also discussed potential members, scope, and timeline for the JPA under consideration.
 - i. Members Comment – commented and discussed this matter and will provide and will consider additional Committee attention to this matter
 - ii. Public Comment – Members of the public provided comments and questions regarding the proposed opportunity. Notable Stakeholders included Rural Counties of California and Golden State Natural Resource representatives and Yosemite Clean Energy representative.
8. Update on the USFS Land Management Plan for old-growth and mature forests as discussed at the previous meeting.
 - a. Ben Cossell (USFS) provided an update, indicating that all of the planning units have already addressed this matter through the SERAL 2.0 planning which is expected to increase the opportunity to increase the conditions for expansion of old-grown and mature forests in most or all cases.
9. Adjourned: Chair Kirk adjourned the meeting at 11:09 A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6th, 2024.