



Tuolumne County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes

For the Meeting on May 1, 2024

2024 Natural Resource Members (or assigned delegates)	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Anaiah Kirk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Kathleen Haff	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Don Perkins	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Pete Kampa		✓	✓	✓	✓							
Adam Mazurkiewicz		✓	✓	E	✓							
Dianna Beasley		✓	A	A	A							
Dick Gaiser	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Chris Trott		✓	✓	E	✓							
Jim Maddox	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Jim Phelan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E												

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Kirk called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Anaiah Kirk, Vice-Chair Kathleen Haff, Stephanie Suess, Jim Maddox, Jim Phelan, Dick Gaiser, Don Perkins, Pete Kampa, Chris Trott, Adam Mazurkiewicz, Sean Hembree (staff)
- 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
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting held on April 3rd, 2024 Jim Phelan made a motion to approve the minutes. Dick Gaiser seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING STATUS OF CHICKEN RANCH ME WUK TO ADVISORY MEMBER:** On Behalf of Chicken Ranch Rancheria, Stephanie Suess has requested that Chicken Ranch be reassigned as an Advisory Member, to the Natural Resource Committee. A motion was made to make this change by Supervisor Kirk and seconded by Chris Trott. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION OF GIVING DIRECTION TO THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING PROPOSED BIOMASS JPA: An update was given by Christiana Darlington with California Office of Planning and Research regarding outreach to potential member agencies, assessments and reports in process, as well as the status of proposed funding and seed money allocation. No decision by the Board will be required until next March or April as to the approval/rejection of the proposed Joint Powers Authority. County staff will continue to engage in communication and report back to this committee at a later date.
7. PARTNER AGENCIES UPDATES:
 - a. USFS – Kim Hill USFS Public Affairs Officer reported on the status of ongoing broadcast prescribed burns in the Groveland area. These will be completed shortly, after which prescribed fire projects will be conducted near Cedar Ridge. Hill also stated that the SERAL DEIS review had been completed and an completed Environmental Impact Statement is expected shortly.
 - b. CAL FIRE – none
8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:
 - a. Staff reports and recommendations – Postponed
 - b. Committee member reports – Don Perkins gave an update regarding the emergency response plan for the Lyons Canal. Supervisor Kirk inquired if steps were in place for the County to support the response logistics in the event of any failure of the canal due to environmental events or disasters. County Staff and TUD and PG&E personnel will take the matter under advisement.
9. ADJOURNED: Chair Kirk adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.
The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2024.