TUOLUMNE COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
2025 Strategic Priorities

- Support our local water utility partners in their effort to modernize and improve water supply infrastructure and mitigate risk.
- Maintain awareness of pertinent State and Federal legislation regarding natural resources, land use, water, and water rights.
- Maintain awareness of Tuolumne County Federal land use policy, planning, and implementation and provide recommendations and advocacy as appropriate.
- Promote landscape and watershed resilience through innovative solutions and capacity building.

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 10:00 AM
Location: A.N. Francisco Bldg. 48 Yaney Ave. 3rd Floor Committees & Commissions Rm., Sonora, 95370
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Chris Trott

Staff
Water & Natural Resource Analyst (CAO)
Sean Hembree

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL (*5 minutes)***
Introductions during roll call
Confirm quorum requirements are met (Quorum = 6 members)

III. **PUBLIC FORUM (*15 minutes)***
The public may speak on any item, not on the agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee
Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025**

V. **CONSIDERATION OF A DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES PUBLIC COMMENT LETTER REGARDING BULLETIN 118**

VI. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**
   a. **Staff Reports and Recommendations**
      i. **WaterSMART Event Recap**
      ii. **Upcoming Events**
      iii. **MSA Update**
   b. **Committee Member Reports**

II. **ADJOURNMENT**
The Next meeting will be held on December 3, 2025

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For the Meeting on October 1, 2025

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2025 Natural Resource Members *(or assigned delegates)*	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Anaiah Kirk		✓	✓		✓		✓	E		E		
Mike Holland		✓	✓		E		✓	✓		✓		
Don Perkins		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		
Pete Kampa		✓	✓		✓			✓		✓		
Joy Mellera		E	✓		E		✓			✓		
Dianna Beasley		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				
Dick Gaiser		✓	✓		✓		✓					
Chris Trott		E	✓		E					✓		
Jim Maddox		✓	✓		✓			✓		✓		
Jim Phelan		E	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		
Present = ✓ Absent = **A** Excused = **E**												

1. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Mike Holland, Don Perkins, Pete Kampa, Joy Mellera, Chris Trott, Jim Maddox, and Jim Phelan, and Sean Hembree, Caitlin Henry, and Sara Daniel (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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: In Consideration of approving the minutes of the August 6 meeting and corrections of the minutes of the July 2 meeting, Jim Phelan made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Madox. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES:

   None

6. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION OF TUOLUMNE COUNTY GSA WELL MITIGATION PLAN

   Sean Hembree provided a summary of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) with its implications for mandated actions for the Tuolumne County Groundwater Agency (TCGSA) and the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors as its governing body, including the development of a Well Mitigation Plan (WMP). Hembree further noted that the TCGSA only has jurisdiction over a very small area with four wells and two known home sites. Hembree described the staff recommendation framework for an abbreviated WMP appropriate to the setting.

   Some discussion centered around why such a plan and related capacity and cost had been mandated when almost no Tuolumne County residents are affected.

   Jim Phelan made a motion to complete a draft of the plan as described and recommend the draft plan to the Board of Supervisors. Vice Chair Holland seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION OF WATERSMART FIELD DAY EVENT, OCTOBER 3RD

   Hembree provided an overview of the event itinerary. Hembree also summarized the grant objective as providing a decision support tool to downstream water users and quantifying the impact of forest management practices on watershed benefits. Event fliers were distributed, and interested parties were encouraged to participate.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

   a. Staff Reports and Recommendations:
      i. Hembree provided a clarification of the distinction between the mandates and scope of the draft Drought Resilience Plan and Well Mitigation Plans.
      ii. MSA Update: Caitlin Henry provided MSA project update and anticipated upcoming activity.

   b. Committee Member Reports:
      Pete Kampa reported on the activity for the Groveland Community Service District to improve water utility infrastructure and interconnection for emergency supply redundancy in the Big Oak Flat and Deer Flat areas.

   c. Jim Phelan expressed interest in having a future agenda item and facilitated a discussion to expedite an update to the Stanislaus National Forest Travel Management Plan.

9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 by Vice Chair Holland.

   The next meeting will be held on November 5, 2025

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