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, May 6, 2026, at 10:00 AM
Location: A.N. Francisco Bldg. 48 Yaney Ave. 3rd Floor Committees & Commissions Rm., Sonora, 95370
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Jim Phelan

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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 FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

V. **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS**

VI. **PUBLIC AGENCY UPDATES**

VII. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**
  a. **Staff Reports and Recommendations**
  b. **Committee Member Reports**

II. **ADJOURNMENT**
The Next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026

Tuolumne County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes

For the Meeting on February 5, 2026

2026 Natural Resource Members *(or assigned delegates)*	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Anaiah Kirk		✓										
Mike Holland												
Don Perkins		✓										
Pete Kampa		✓										
Joy Mellera		✓										
Dianna Beasley												
Dick Gaiser		✓										
(Vacant)												
Jim Maddox		✓										
Jim Phelan		✓										
Present = ✓ Absent = **A** Excused = **E**												

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: Vice Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.

2. <u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>: Vice Chair Holland, Don Perkins, Pete Kampa, Joy Mellera, Dick Gaiser, Jim Maddox and Jim Phelan, and Sean Hembree (staff)

3. <u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>: (*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. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>: In Consideration of approving the minutes of the November 5, 2025 meeting. Pete Kampa made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Phelan. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. <u>PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES</u>:

   None

6. <u>CONSIDERATION OF COMMENT LETTER REGARDING AB35</u>

Staff (Sean Hembree) gave a summary of AB 35 with background information, indicating that the legislation would exempt the implementation of Proposition 4 (Climate Bond) from the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). Hembree indicated that past bond measures have had language exempting them from the APA. This has significantly delayed critical funding for wildfire and forestry and restoration projects under earmarked under Prop 4. Staff recommends a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors to support the bill as it is considered by the State Senate.

Dick Gaiser made a motion to act on staff recommendations in this matter. The motion was seconded by Jim Phelan.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

a. Staff Reports and Recommendations: Sean Hembree made mention of the following:
   i. Announcement of the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Sierra Regional Meeting Scheduled for March 19-20, 2026 at Chicken Ranch Casino.
   ii. Gave a summary a recent UCCE, UC Davis Rangeland Study first year outcome report on virtual fence technology under use in Stanislaus National Forest. A brief public comment discussion regarding study outcomes and monitoring followed.
   iii. Indicating that NRC at-large member, Chris Trott has resigned from his position on the Committee.
   iv. Announcement of a pubic meeting at the Stanislaus National Forest, Sonora office to hear public feedback and answer questions regarding the California State Parks OHV grant program.

b. Committee Member Reports: Pete Kampa gave a report of current GCSD projects underway noting that GCSD customers are currently receiving treated water from Pine Mountain Lake as part of a planned shut-down of the Hetch Hetchy tunnel for maintenance and repair. Kampa indicated that the planned shut-down is expected to be completed by February 16th.
c. Hetch Hetchy representative Joy Mellera added that this the final tunnel shut-down planned for the next ten years.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 by Vice Chair Holland .

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2026