

TUOLUMNE COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2026 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, August 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Location: A.N. Francisco Bldg. 48 Yaney Ave. 3rd Floor Committees & Commissions Rm., Sonora, 95370

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Chair/Vice Chair

Supervisor Anaiah Kirk

Supervisor Mike Holland

Agency Representatives

Tuolumne Me Wuk

Diana Beasley

Chicken Ranch Me Wuk

Stephanie Suess

Tuolumne Utilities District

Don Perkins

Groveland CSD

Pete Kampa

Hetch Hetchy

Joy Meller

Fish and Game Preserve Fund

Jim Maddox

Agricultural Advisor

Dick Gaiser

Tuolumne Co. RCD

Jim Phelan

At Large Member

vacant

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 MAY 6, 2026

V. CONSIDERATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBER CANDIDATES

VI. CONSIDERATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ACWA 'VISION FOR OUR WATER FUTURE'

VII. PUBLIC AGENCY UPDATES

VIII. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

a. Staff Reports and Recommendations

i. Grant Progress Updates

b. Committee Member Reports

II. ADJOURNMENT

The Next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2026



Tuolumne County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes For the Meeting on May 6, 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 Meller		✓	✓		✓							
Dianna Beasley					✓							
Dick Gaiser		✓	✓									
(Vacant)												
Jim Maddox		✓	✓		✓							
Jim Phelan		✓	✓		✓							
Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E												

- 1. CALL 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, Don Perkins, Pete Kampa, Joy Meller, Lara Hilter (on behalf of Tuolumne Me Wuk), Jim Maddox, and Jim Phelan, and 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** In Consideration of approving the minutes of the March, 2026 meeting. Pete Kampa made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Maddox. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 5. PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES:**

None

6. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION DEVELOPMENT

Guest presenter John Wentworth from Mammoth Lakes Trails Public Access gave a presentation on the California Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience. This Statewide planning document is endorsed by the California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force. The presentation highlighted the plan objectives and discussed how it has been implemented in the Mammoth Lakes area. As well as noting the adoption among other jurisdictions. Questions and answers and discussion followed. Jim Phelan moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to adopt the plan and strategy. Pete Kampa seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

No Public comment was given.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

a. Staff Recommendations and Reports:

- i. Sean Hembree gave a brief update regarding the status of MSA projects
- ii. Hembree announced that the Community Wildfire Defense Grant is now in contract with a Project Manager, and Announcements have been sent to eligible residents within the project areas.
- iii. Hembree gave an update on the progress of the Sierra Jobs First CEQA project

b. Committee Member Reports:

- i. Jim Phelan reported on the recent progress on the TCRCD Jamestown Road fuel reduction project.
- ii. Don Perkins reported on a Sierra Pines Meeting on May 27 at 4:30 on-site. Perkins also reported regarding the updated Urban Water Management Plan. Perkins also reported that a water use agreement for use of Melones Lake water was very nearly complete.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026

Committee & Commission Application

05/14/2026 9:29 AM (PDT)



Applicant Information

Confirm your contact information

Ensure your contact information is up-to-date so that we can get in touch with you when needed.

First Name	Gerald (Jerry)
Last Name	Jensen
Email Address	JerJenRPF@gmail.com
Phone Number	209 928 1278 Home 209 352 1198 cell
Street Address	20350 Hayden Rd
City	Tuolumne
State	CA
ZIP/Postal Code	95378
How long have you lived in Tuolumne County? (months)	280 months
Which Supervisorial District do you reside in?	District 3
Occupation	Forester (retired)
Name of present employer	Consultant/ Retired
Employer Address	N/A
Employer City	N/ A
Employer State	CA
Employer ZIP/Postal Code	95378

Committee and Commission Application

Vacancy Applied For	Natural Resources Committee
Briefly describe the qualifications	I am a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) and am retired from the US Forest

you possess that you believe would be an asset to the Commission/Committee/Group for which you are applying.

Service. My family owns a cattle ranch in Western Stanislaus County and I was born and raised on a dairy farm in Gustine, CA so I understand agricultural issues; I have worked on the Stanislaus NF two different times. I belong to several service clubs and professional organizations so I understand social issues facing Tuolumne County. I support active management of our forest lands to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

List the community organization(s) and describe participation in which you have been involved that is applicable to the position you are applying for.

Society of American Foresters (SAF) both National and our local 49er Chapter
Forest Landowners of California - I am a Director for the organization
Sonora Lions Club
LEAF wild land task force.
Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions (YSS)

Attachments

I confirm that I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and plan to attend the required meetings if I am appointed to fill a vacancy. I understand that if I am appointed to a commission where a Disclosure of Assets Statement is required by State Law or Board Policy, I shall do so within ten (10) days of assuming office.

I hereby consent that this document is considered a public record and will be available to the public.

Signature



Date

05/14/2026

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Committee & Commission Application

05/17/2026 7:55 PM (PDT)



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Confirm your contact information

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First Name	Michael
Last Name	Griffin
Email Address	redgrifster.bmg@gmail.com
Phone Number	9254548972
Street Address	PO Box 1092
City	TWAIN HARTE
State	CA
ZIP/Postal Code	95383
How long have you lived in Tuolumne County? (years)	5
How long have you lived in Tuolumne County? (months)	0
Which Supervisorial District do you reside in?	District 3
Occupation	Retired
Employer State	CA

Committee and Commission Application

Vacancy Applied For	Natural Resources Committee
Briefly describe the qualifications you possess that you believe would be an asset to the Commission/Committee/Group for which you are applying.	Firewise community leader, CalFire approved Defensible space Assessor. Member of Twain Harte CERT. Frequent volunteer with CSERC and TRT. Three FNR/Forestry related degrees from Columbia College in Watershed Mngt, Water Resource Mngt, Natural Resources and Conservation. Graduate of UCANR Forest Stewardship. Management and Analysis skills from my previous Careers in Telco Engineering and Retail management. Member of BOS Solid Waste committee-

provided guidance for acquiring Chipper and Dump Trailer to provide assistance in Vegetation mngt in Tuolumne county.

List the community organization(s) and describe participation in which you have been involved that is applicable to the position you are applying for.

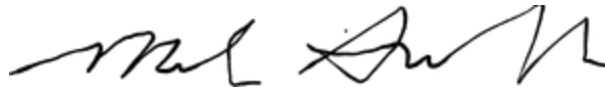
Firewise community leader Pinewood Upper Sullivan, organized community and submitted application including 3 year plan. Organized spring 26 project to clean up vegetation along Pinewood lane, using TuCare provided funds. Have participated in Reforestation, Meadow restoration, and invasive species removal volunteer projects with CSERC and TRT.

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