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MINUTES

Natural Resource Committee

June 1, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

Board of Supervisors Chambers - 2 South Green Street, Sonora

1. Call the meeting to order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Kirk at 10:01 am. (quorum reached).
 - A. In attendance:
 - i. Committee members (quorum met)
 1. Jim Phelan (Committee Member) Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District
 2. Dick Gaiser (Committee Member) Agricultural Advisory Committee
 3. Jim Maddox
 4. Supervisor Kirk (Committee Member)
 5. Supervisor Haff (Committee Member) Absent
 - ii. Staff Present
 1. Tracey McKnight (CAO Staff)
 - iii. Partners
 1. Benjamin Cossel – USFS Stanislaus National Forest
 2. Jeremiah Zamora – USFS Stanislaus National Forest
2. 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.
 - A. Public Comments
 - i. Public made the comment regarding improving communication through broadband but noted he feels there is challenges with getting broadband tower permitted. He commented the issues may stem from the manufacturer details and/or broadband analysis.
3. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2022.
 - A. Dick Gaiser moved to approve. Jim Phelan seconded. All in favor. Motion passed
 - B. Public Comment - none
4. Partner Agencies
 - A. USFS – Benjamin Cossel Public Affairs Officer, spoke about
 - i. Committee Comment
 1. Jeremiah Zamora provided an update on the bark beetles, although there has been an increase level of infestation it doesn't appear to be any issues. This is a common trend with the cycles of having drought issues. Although there has been an increase of the Bark beetles it is not uncommon.

- ii. Public Comment
 - 1. None
- 5. Committee Business
 - A. Staff Reports and recommendations:
 - i. OES report
 - 1. Provide information regarding the upcoming proposed vegetation ordinance public virtual meeting to be held at 6 pm tonight and also another in-person public meeting to be held on June 15th, 2022.
 - B. Committee member reports
 - i. YSS Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions are administrating prescribed burns, provide protection and treatment and to have successful field sessions as well as partnering. It was reported out that Cedar Ridge had a successful prescribed burn.
- 6. Discussion items
 - A. Climate Action Plan – review of Tuolumne County Climate Action plan and committee recommendations to submit.
<https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/22000/Tuolumne-Public-CAP-without-appendices>
 - B. Public Comment
 - i. Public commented to request further definition of an off-road vehicle as noted in the plan. Does it fall under a daily vehicle? Requesting the Climate Plan provide clarification.
 - ii. Public comment: How much will the Climate Plan cost the County? Has there been a cost analysis performed for associated costs? Requesting the County provide further clarification related to costs.
 - iii. Public comment: Requesting the County to set a policy on timelines on how long the transition will be to go to 100% clean energy as they feel this is not attainable and is causing confusion. Public stated the County wants to make reduction in areas but can't burn brush to clean up the forest.
 - iv. Public comment: Public feels this is a bad plan and is requesting a cost analysis of the document to further understand what future impacts could potentially be. Doesn't feel the plan is anywhere near completion, still needs to address some areas.
 - v. Public comment: Inquiring about how the climate plan came about and a further explanation of the lawsuit would be helpful.
- 7. Meeting Adjourned at 11:12 am.

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