

Lake Almanor Watershed Group Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2019 12:00-3:00pm

Location: Maidu Summit Consortium

289 Main Street Stover Creek Center # 7, Chester, CA

Attendees

Scott McReynolds

Peggy Fulder

Jacqui Cordova

Bridie Johnston

Carl Felts

Charlie Plopper

Susan Padilla Riney

Dov Weinman

Approval of Agenda and December Minutes

Carl motioned to approve the agenda. Bridie seconded and group members approved the January meeting agenda.

Members suggested placing a small advertisements in the local paper for the Maidu Summit Consortium, which is seeking people with specific jobs skills. Group members will continue this discussion with MSC. Bridie mentioned that Feather River Land Trust printed last year's water quality reports and wondered if they or another local organization might be willing to print the revised version of the Lake Almanor Watershed Management Plan. LAWG members plan to discuss options to share the cost of printing.

Bridie approved the meeting minutes from December. Susan seconded and LAWG members approved the minutes.

Financials

Dov reported that there were no changes to the financials.

Water Quality Reporting

Scott McReynolds joined the meeting to explain that the draft Water Quality Report is being reviewed and should be available in March. Phil Datner and the Almanor Fishing Association helped lower costs this year, but Scott added that his funding and support for water quality monitoring will only allow for the first runs of the year, and that he and LAWG members will need to find a way to continue this work at Lake Almanor in the future. He plans to continue to support LAWG with his expertise and guidance as the group tries to fill this gap in water quality monitoring. The funding lasts through July 1st, which will allow two runs – late April and late June. Additional Runs in earlier September and November will be something for LAWG members to figure out. LAWG members thanked Scott for all the work he's done over the years and welcome him back to work with LAWG in whatever capacity he wishes.

Member Updates and Announcements

Dov shared an update from Lindsay Woods at the Plumas Audubon Society that they've received a small grant to begin implementation of a community science program to monitor nesting Aechmophorus grebes at Lake Almanor.

Dov also shared that the Shoreline Gardens group is hoping to meet again in March to figure out a tour with one of the groups in the Tahoe area. Jacqui will try and make contact with a master gardener at Chester Elementary. Group members reiterated that the Shoreline Gardens Project is a MSC project on MSC land, and that LAWG members will play the role of a supporting partner.

Charlie updated members on the final aspects of confirming the letter and getting approval for conducting the CEQA/NEPA needed for the ARPD eco-tourism trail. Trail sketches will be edited and turned over soon. Charlie encouraged LAWG members to attend upcoming community meetings.

There will be an announcement in April about making Chester a gateway community for Lassen Volcanic National park. An initial meeting in Mineral on April 21st will provide an introduction for community members – Charlie suggested LAWG members attend to better understand what becoming a gateway community might mean for the future of Chester.

Lake Almanor Management Plan Review

LAWG members collectively reviewed the Lake Almanor Management Plan over the second half of the meeting. Group members hope to realign the objectives detailed within the plan and hone the focus of each goal to better reflect the group's ongoing and prospective projects.