

## **Lake Almanor Watershed Group Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020 1:00-3:00pm**

Zoom

### Attendees

Peggy Fulder

Gina Johnston

Bridie Johnston

Charlie Plopper

Kevin Price

Dov Weinman

### Approval of Agenda and October Minutes

Peggy called the meeting to order at 1:06. Bridie moved to approve the agenda and Peggy moved to approve the minutes from October, Bridie seconded.

Under member updates FERC not FERQ.

### Financials

Bridie reported that financials have not changed.

### Member Updates and Announcements

Gina didn't have too much to report on Water Quality Monitoring, but she met with Scott to make sure he has supplies for the last sampling that he'll do at the end of the month. Scott hopes to still be on the contact list and will be in touch with Kevin and Phil. He plans to work with Kevin with regards to getting the necessary supplies and equipment donated to Kevin and the Sierra Institute.

Ron discussed the status of draining Mountain Meadows Reservoir and how PG&E is in violation of their water rights agreement. Ron compiled a complaint and contacted The Department of Fish and Wildlife. Ron read his letter for LAWG members, and mentioned that Paul Devine from the Department of fish and wildlife has agreed with him that PG&E shouldn't be taking any water from the bottom of the dam. Ron will try keep the group posted and said he was happy to answer any questions. Bridie offered to forward maps indicating historical lake levels at Lake Almanor if other LAWG members wanted.

Dov provided a brief explanation of Keith's message from the CA Waterboard about a potential harmful algal bloom at Lake Almanor. Gina hasn't come across more information but provided Scott with a packet of informational signs that

Scott and others can distribute and be posted at the boat docs during Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).

In following up with last month's meeting guest Mike Willhoit – Mike was supposed to meet with Doug LaMalfa about the FERC licensing. Gina heard from Mike that they did have the meeting and it went really well. Doug LaMalfa was supposed to meet with an executive from FERC at some point, and Mike asked Gina to write a letter outlining the effects of withdrawing that much water, which she plans to finish and send by the end of the week.

Group members still plan to carry out activities related to membership recruitment.

#### Lake Almanor Management Plan

Dov briefly mentioned the last assignments for Goals 2 and 3 in the Lake Almanor Management Plan, which is almost finished. He'll be compiling a resource inventory, with some significant input and recommendations from Lindsay Wood and the Plumas Audubon Society. Dov plans to share a final version of the 2020 Lake Almanor Management Plan at the January meeting.

#### Meeting Scheduling

Group members were open to the idea of meeting every other month, and plan to play it by ear. The next meeting is planned for January 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm.