

## **Lake Almanor Watershed Group Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 11th, 2019 1:00pm**

Location: Maidu Summit Consortium

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

### Attendees

Lorena Gorbet

Peggy Fulder

Susan Padilla Riney

Carl Felts

Bridie Johnston

Dov Weinman

### Approval of Agenda and Minutes from November

The meeting was called to order at 1:10. Carl motioned to approve the agenda and it was seconded and approved. Minutes from November's meeting were modified to reflect the attendance of Susan Padilla Riney and to acknowledge the respective positions of Lindsay Woods (Executive Director at Plumas Audubon Society) and Alisha Wilson Executive Coordinator at the Maidu Summit Consortium).

### Financials

Bridie reported that there were no changes to the financials.

### Member Updates and Announcements

Aaron asked group members about the State of the Lake write-up for the end of the year and suggested that they provide a photograph for the newspaper to print.

Moorea called into the meeting to speak with group members about end of the year fundraising and soliciting donations. Moorea also reminded group members that the holiday season is typically the most critical period for donations. She asked LAWG members if they might have any family members or contacts they might solicit donations from. If folks aren't prepared to make donations, it's still useful to add them to our contact lists to increase engagement and inform community members about LAWG projects. One of Sierra Institute's supporters has offered to match donations from now until the end of the year. This can also extend to LAWG projects and activities and would work as a shared watershed fund that would also include the SLWG. She visited Betsy Schramel and thanked her for the very generous donation toward the Shoreline Gardens Project.

Moorea has tried to be more consistent with the writing and distribution of the Sierra Institute news letter – she’s developed a hard copy and digital form and mentioned LAWG’s work and the Woodlands and Watersheds weekend that LAWG members participated in. She’ll be sending out a LAWG-specific news letter, called “A Year in Review” and will get it approved by Sierra Institute board members before it’s sent out.

Moorea had a meeting with Rob Wade, who has a lot of experience in experiential learning and student-led outdoor education, and he seemed very interested in potentially participating in a revised and updated version of the Watershed and Woodlands festival. It may be more effective in April or May as a community education event that takes place at the school after folks get off work. They are also considering a weekend event series that could kick off Friday night when school gets out. She’ll also be touching base with Lindsay Wood from Plumas Audubon.

Moorea and Charlie both attended the Almanor Basin Community Consortium at the Lake Almanor Country Club. There were nearly 70 people in attendance and groups discussed key issues within the region including difficulties in securing funding, the importance of collaboration, and the challenges to obtaining volunteers.

Dov briefly described the plans proposed in the West Lassen Headwaters Project –the South Lassen Watersheds Group has applied for funding from a CalFire California Climate Investment Forest Health grant. Lorena mentioned that it’s a combination of private and public land, but they will plan and implement treatments across property lines.

Lorena mentioned that receiving the deeds for the Maidu Summit Consortium (MSC) parcels is a major focus. They should receive the deed to the Trails parcel right along Goose Bay very soon and plan to have the deed for the Maidu Forest Parcel, where they plan on doing the cultural center, within the next month. Fish and Wildlife and DWR are helping assess creek flow and temperatures, and the MSC is preparing for projects, including campground improvements and SNC supported forest management activities. Greenville Rancheria, Susanville Rancheria, Mooretown Rancheria have Tribal crews that MSC may utilize, and the

Maidu Culture and Development Group is also working to develop their own hand crew.

#### Lake Almanor Physical Data

Gina is currently working on the annual report, and will be primed to share summaries from the report in the first months of 2020. Group members discussed what organizations and which community members should receive annual reports.

#### Lake Almanor Management Plan

Peggy read the introduction and group members affirmed the information was still relevant. The group decided that January's meeting will be devoted to reviewing the Lake Almanor Management Plan – Dov will facilitate a three-hour review.

Representatives from the Feather River Land Trust asked how they could support the LAWG and they ended up printing ten copies of the 2018 Lake Almanor Water Quality Report.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00pm at MSC. There will be a break at 1:30pm.