

## **Lake Almanor Watershed Group Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020 1:00-3:00pm**

Location: Maidu Summit Consortium

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

### Attendees

Lorena Gorbet

Phil Datner

Peggy Fulder

Charlie Plopper

Carl Felts

Gina Johnston

Nils Lunder

Susan Padilla Riney

Bridie Johnston

Dov Weinman

### Approval of Agenda and January Minutes

Peggy called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. After adding Shoreline Gardens and a report on trails, Carl moved to approve the agenda. Bridie seconded and the group approved the agenda. Bridie moved to approve the minutes. Carl seconded and the minutes were approved.

### Financials

Dov reported that there were no changes to the financials.

### Member Updates and Announcements

Group members welcomed guest Nils Lunder, who briefed members on plans for holding the State of the Lake at the Olsen Barn. He also shared that the Feather River Land Trust plans to revegetate the property and there's a proposal to install pollinator clusters in the fall of 2020 with ongoing maintenance and response monitoring. There aren't many species there that are helpful for pollinators so they plan to create small pockets of biodiversity. The Feather River Land Trust has plans to make the area more accessible to the public.

The event will highlight efforts from individual groups as well as collaborative efforts, and Nils hopes that the State of the Lake event will highlight work accomplished by different area groups including LAWG, Sierra Institute, the South Lassen Watersheds Group, Plumas Audubon Society, etc. Nils has taken the lead for the 2020 event and is working closely with Moorea Stout from the Sierra Institute. Event planners had tentatively selected June 11<sup>th</sup> and are beginning to develop an outreach strategy. LAWG members suggested that Nils and event

planners consider June 6<sup>th</sup> as a date to avoid another major event in Westwood already planned for June 11<sup>th</sup>. Charlie suggested that LAWG members can use this venue to share about ongoing water quality monitoring work at Lake Almanor as well as the Shoreline Gardens project. Nils suggest that SLWG could participate and display visuals for the West Shore and Robbers Creek projects. Jacqui mentioned that she would talk with Moorea and Dov about visuals.

### Approval of Water Quality Report

Gina shared that 2019 had a wet spring and was overall a good year – oxygen levels stayed high, temperatures were fairly cool, and the algae wasn't particularly numerous. Gina pointed out that they tend to see problems during dry years. Bridie mentioned that the report's conclusion was very accessible and readable. Additionally, Phil looked at trends over the last five years and prepared a useful chart for the Almanor Fishing Association and LAWG. Gina suggested that we continue trying to find ways to maintain the water quality monitoring efforts. Scott mentioned that he is willing to loan monitoring equipment, and Gina will coordinate with Phil to try and secure a boat for to maintain the water quality monitoring program. Carl motioned to approve the water quality report, Bridie seconded, and members approved the Water Quality Report. Gina will develop and provide a glossary of terms. LAWG members have been helping with this and including additional terms to be defined. Dov will upload the glossary to the website so it can be referenced by anyone who wants to look at previous reports.

### Trails

Charlie reported that they are in final negotiations, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is finalizing contracts, and then they will follow up with due diligence. They hope that in a couple of years they'll know if anything would limit public use and creation of the trail. Dov will connect Charlie and Ashley Bomar of the Sierra Institute with regards to options for trail work by PCREW.

### Lake Almanor Management Plan Review

LAWG members spent the better part of an hour reviewing the Lake Almanor Management Plan. Group members hope to realign the objectives detailed within the plan and better craft the focus of each goal to reflect the group's projects.

Dov will continue to check in with Alisha about the availability of the venue.