

Lake Almanor Watershed Group Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:00-6:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Susan Bryner
Gina Johnston
Susan Padilla Riney
Lorena Gorbet
Moorea Stout
Charlie Plopper

Lynn Campbell
Peggy Fulder
Scott McReynolds
Aaron Seandel
Phil Datner
Dov Weinman

Approval of Agenda and January Minutes

Gina moved to approve the meeting's agenda, Susan seconded. Agenda is approved. Members agreed to approve the meeting minutes from February.

Financials

The only changes to the expenses were the payment of \$4010.00 to Dr. Gina Johnston for the 2019 testing and an increase of \$30.00 to the 2% admin fee. The only change to the income was the inclusion of a \$1,500.00 donation made on 2/25/2020. This leaves the total balance of \$18,177.52 as shown on the form. It should still be noted that \$1,000.00 of the balance is designated for Maidu plant projects.

Member Updates and Announcements

Charlie explained that the trails ARPD is in the final stages of the contract to do work on the rail trail. They're in the process of finishing a grant with the Sierra Stewardship Council – the first stage is to put out a preliminary application. Eventually they'll need letters of support. Lynn mentioned they're back and forth on the agreement – they're still working through some language related to due diligence.

Lorena shared that MSC now has the deed to 3 of the parcels. The Forestry Parcel, the Humbug site, and the trail parcel at Goose Bay. They're still in the process of acquiring the deeds to two other parcels.

Scott mentioned that there appear to be some data gaps, related to technical issues back in November. He hopes they have the opportunity to conduct sampling this year but right now they're not because it isn't considered essential work.

Phil shared that on 3/2/20, the Almanor Fishing Association (AFA) got a few volunteers and transferred about 13,000 brown trout to the two new fish cages at the fish pen in Hamilton Branch, using Almanor Research Institute's (ARI) transfer tank and FRC's transfer truck. Later in the month the high school closed, but the AFA was able to transfer the remaining fish into

Almanor at the Almanor West boat-ramp. A pathologist had come to ARI in late February, to check the health of the fish – the fish were healthy and ARI was cleared to transfer the fish.

After the shortened-one hour meeting, the Lake Almanor Watershed Group (LAWG) held a digital community discussion. Topics included water quality, safe access, current and future projects that will benefit the health of Lake Almanor and surrounding region, both environmentally, economically and culturally. Guest speakers included Dr. Gina Johnston who gave update on the latest water quality measurements. Nils Lunder, from the Feather River Land Trust and Mountain Meadows Conservancy filled participants in on their latest work and how they are adapting to current challenges. Dov Weinman, from Sierra Institute for Community and Environment, shared news on collaborative wildfire fuels mitigation and landscape restoration projects. Matt Moore (Sierra Hospice), shared the momentum of the Mountain Volunteer Project that will enable community members to engage diverse volunteer opportunities website: mtvp.org contact: info@mtvp.org



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Community Conversation



Dr. Gina Johnston
CSU Chico



Nils Lunder
Feather River Land Trust



Dov Weinman
Sierra Institute

Water quality *Field Surveys* **Westshore**
Humbug Valley *Wildfire mitigation*
Olsen Barn