

## **Lake Almanor Watershed Group Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:00-3:00pm**  
Zoom Meeting

### Attendees

Bridie Johnston  
Peggy Fulder  
Charlie Plopper  
Aaron Seandel

Lorena Gorbet  
Gina Johnston  
Dov Weinman

### Approval of Agenda and May Minutes

Members approved the agenda after Aaron moved to add *a letter from the Board of Supervisor* under Other Business. Group members then approved the minutes from May.

### Financials

The financials remain unchanged. Dov reported that the anonymous \$1500 donation made this past winter is not earmarked for any specific projects. Financials are the same. With regards to recurring donations, Aaron suggested it might be better to wait for the new board before reaching out to the Lake Almanor Country Club again.

### Member Updates and Announcements

Charlie provide an update about the Trails program, and mentioned that project partners managed to convince CalTrans to fund a bike lane (just south of Almanor West all the way up to the “superditch”. The bike lane will be separated from the highway. Charlie emphasized the big advantages were that the bike lane could potentially be tied into the other trails program and could count as match for the project. One item on their agenda is the Rail Trail – but it turns out that after quite a lot of paperwork and planning, Collins Pine doesn’t know who is going to sign the letter of donation.

Gina mentioned that monitoring at the lake has looked pretty normal. Scott is all set for July but, depending on his budget, that might be – everything looks pretty normal. Scott is alright for July – will have to see what his budget looks like for the other two.

Lorena added that at times the railroad crosses their new MSC parcels. She also mentioned that MSC is discussing plans for trails as well as different options for accessibility. MSC is still waiting for the deeds of the Wetlands parcels and they hope to receive the deed of the East Shore parcel by the end of summer. They’ll conduct a “funders workshop” out at Humbug this month and plan to hold different planning workshops for various projects. They’ve started a native plant nursey close to the campground with a watering system and have recently begun putting plants in the ground. Maidu people will be invited in July to bless the land, and unfortunately, they won’t be hosting the Friends of Humbug gathering. Susan suggested that a summary of Lorena’s updates and MSC activities might go in the next possible newsletter.

### Outreach and Recruitment of New Volunteers

Dov reiterated that LAWG members can support Moorea by sending her email addresses for community members who might be interested in LAWG. Though members agreed that Zoom meetings have been better than nothing, looking ahead the group would like to try in-person meetings with at least a semi-outdoors venue (open-air). Peggy's wine room was one option and Susan mentioned Olsen Barn. Dov will connect with LAWG members prior to the July meeting to see what might make sense.

### State of the Lake

Charlie made a suggestion that we try to get the State of the Lake promoted in the Lake Almanor Chamber of Commerce newsletter. The peninsula has its own newsletter which presents another option. LAWG members discussed who might connect with Jessie King, the communications director who gives daily announcements in the community. Other suggestions included a banner and public notices on the post office marquee for individuals less likely to come across an online advertisement.

### Board of Supervisors Letter

Aaron shared what the community has now as well as the commitment from the State Water Board to give FURQ a clean bill of health for the 401 clean water certification. For the last 15 or so years PG&E has worked on a year to year basis. LAWG members spoke with Sherrie at the Chamber of Commerce who suggested that a letter from LAWG would be a great contribution. The Plumas County Board will also be sending a letter to address the DREIR in July, and she mentioned a court case called the Hoopa Case that could possibly make requirements in the certification process moot. Bridie added that the LAWG letter should include a strong objection to the Deputy Director being authorized to make thermal curtain decisions on his/her own and to stress that any leaning in that regard should require a whole new EIR. She also suggested that we ask to be included in the SWCRB "Interested Parties Mailing List" (Sierra Institute). Gina drafted and shared her own suggestions and comments for LAWG's letter.

### Lake Almanor Management Plan

Dov to take out objective about solid waste management, etc. Bridie will make some notes on content and send to Dov and cc LAWG members. Dov will make the corrections and resend to the group.

Next meeting Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.