



Lake Almanor Watershed Group Meeting
Wednesday, September 14th, 2022, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Attendees

Bella Bledsoe
Bridie Johnston
Charlie Plopper
Gina Johnston

Peggy Fulder
Phil Datner
Susan Padilla

Approval of Agenda and August Minutes

The group approved both the agenda and the August minutes. LAWG members requested three minor adjustments to the August minutes.

Financials

Income was up \$101.36 from a private donation (Kristina Maahs). LAWG also has received a \$2,000.00 donation from LACC, which will show up on the September financials. August expenses totaled \$146.40; this was for travel miles from Sierra Institute. The stated balance is \$18,211.89. Allocated monies still include \$1,000.00 for the Maidu Plant Project, \$4025 for Gina's 2022 water quality work, and \$3,070.30 remaining for Sierra Institute field staff. The working balance is \$10,116.59.

Member Updates and Announcements

Water Quality Monitoring

- Gina is monitoring the algal situation in Lake Almanor almost daily. She is working on keeping LACC and others informed and is continuing to let them know that they can contact her if they have questions. Gina has communicated back and forth with Doug Coffman, President of LACC.
- The algae are not quite in the bloom stage yet, but Gina plans to get the alert out to LACC if there is a bloom. She will let Sonia from WACC know, also. Gina is trying to show folks that LAWG is a resource.
- Phil added that he thinks it is very important to do the September sampling soon to get algal samples. Bella will work with Che to find a September sampling date.
- Gina is confident we will get a Harmful Algal Bloom at some point this year. We have algae, but it is not at the bloom stage yet. Toxins are being monitored, and they are still low. We should only reach out to the public if toxin levels become high.
- Peggy feels like people are alarmed and concerned about the algae in the lake. The public needs more accurate information. Gina said she could contact Plumas News and just say that there are algae, but it is not harmful yet. Gina will try and continue outreach to circulate accurate information.
- The public should never let their dogs drink the water, or their small children, no matter what type of algae is in the water. Anyone can get sick from ingesting algae.

Plumas Watershed Forum Technical Advisory Committee

- The Plumas Watershed Forum is seeking interested individuals who have enough knowledge and time to volunteer on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). TAC members will review proposals and rank proposals by established goals to improve the watershed. Primarily these individuals are from agency and non-profit groups with jurisdiction or interest in the watershed. Anyone interested can

email Rob Thorman, robthorman@countyofplumas.com, with contact information to add to the TAC roster.

- The [Plumas Watershed Forum](#) was formed in 2003 as a result of the Monterey Settlement Agreement. The Forum's purpose is to implement watershed management and restoration activities in the Feather River Watershed for the mutual benefit of Plumas County and the State Water Project.
 - The goals of the Forum are to:
 - Improve water retention for baseflow in streams
 - Improve water quality and streambank protection
 - Improve upland vegetation management
 - Improve groundwater retention and storage in major aquifers
- The Monterey Settlement Agreement provided funding in the amount of \$4 million between 2003 until 2006. The money was spent on a variety of projects and programs in the Feather River region. An additional four years of funding have been contributed to the Plumas Watershed Forum, starting with \$1,000,000 received in March 2022. An additional \$1,000,000 payment will be made for the next three years. The Watershed Forum will direct the distribution of the remaining \$4,000,000 settlement.
- Bella will circulate the Plumas Watershed Forum Technical Advisory Committee information to LAWG, and LAWG members will assess whether they would like to join the TAC to represent LAWG's interests.

Great Sierra River Cleanup

- [Registration Form](#)
- We have not received our supplies yet for the cleanup. Bella and Peggy will work on gathering clipboards, volunteer sheets, bags, gloves, and any other supplies that are needed for volunteers in case the supply box does not arrive. Peggy thinks we will have between 10 and 20 volunteers at the clean-up.

Supervisor's Report

- Sherrie is not present to provide an update.

Maidu Summit Consortium

- Lorena is not present to provide an update.

Others?

- Charlie added that they did not get the 3-million-dollar recreation project that they recently submitted. They still have an application into SNC for the planning phase of the project and CEQA. They are keeping their fingers crossed for SNC.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 12th