



**Lake Almanor Watershed Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 9th, 2022, 1:00 - 2:30 pm**

**Attendees**

Bridie Johnston  
Gina Johnston  
Lorena Gorbet

Peggy Fulder  
Phil Datner

**Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, and October Minutes**

The agenda was approved. The minutes were approved with one correction under Water Quality Monitoring that Che would be pulling the dissolved oxygen data logger out of the water and not the meter. Also, follow-up comments were made that Bridie was not successful in making contact with Supervisor-elect Tom McGowan and will try again for the December meeting. Lorena also has not heard further about those lands that PG&E does not own under the Lake, who owns them, and whether or not PG&E is making required fee payments. This is still an open question.

**Financials**

The \$2,000.00 donation from LACC has been deposited, and the \$40.00 administrative fee was assessed. The September/October period also had expenses of \$196.30 in salaries/benefits and \$113.76 in travel miles, leaving a stated balance of \$19,681.83. We still have allocations of \$1000.00 for the Maidu plant project, \$4025.00 for the 2022 Water Quality Testing, and a remaining Sierra Institute Testing balance of \$2760.24. This produces a working balance of \$12,076.57.

**Member Updates and Announcements**

**Water Quality Monitoring**

- Phil reported that the November water quality testing run, which was scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>, has had to be deferred due to bad weather and ice on the lake. The lake testing for November may not take place at all since Captain Rob and his boat may not be available again this month. Phil does not know if Che will try to do the stream testing this month. Gina said that she would just work with three rounds of testing for the 2022 report. She indicated that she would be able to work on the report in December.

**FERC Updates: Town Hall Meeting**

- Phil and Gina both viewed the Zoom presentation of the town hall meeting and also Mike Wilhoit's video of the history of the re-licensing/2105 requirements. They both said the video content was very good and informative. Gina noted that PG&E saw no advantage in the water cooling efforts that they had made so far in attempting to cool the downstream waters. They indicated that it might not be possible to lower the downstream water temperature and that those waters might need to be re-classified as not being a cold water fishery. Lorena said that the Maidu had advocated for upstream vegetation to attempt to cool the downstream waters but that PG&E did not want to put money and improvements onto lands that they did not own.

**Lake Almanor West Association**

- No report.

**Maidu Summit Consortium**

- Lorena reported that the burned tree removal in Tasman Koyom (Humbug Valley) Unit 1 has been completed and that they were working on Unit 2. The logs are being sold to Sierra Pacific and going to mills in Anderson, Burney, and Oroville. The Maidu were able to get a grant for site preparation and re-forestation from the Feather River Resource Conservation District. Also, the Maidu are working with Collins Pine in planning for a possible field tour of the Maidu lands sometime in the late Spring. Lorena has been asked to attend a Friends of Plumas Wilderness meeting in Tobin on November 15, 2022, from 10:00 – 4:00 to discuss plans for a national monument in the Canyon.

### **Other**

- Peggy reported that Friends of Mountain Meadows have now installed a toilet vault facility at the Indian Ole Dam.
- Peggy noted that the Westwood Chamber of Commerce received a sum of \$250,000.00 for Dixie Fire reconstruction. She intends to attend their next meeting and will sound them out on if LAWG might qualify for some of those funds for water quality monitoring.

### **Ideas for Next Meeting**

- Invite Tom McGowan
- Follow-up on PG&E non-owned lands under the lake?
- November lake water testing, if done
- November stream water testing, if done
- Further FERC updates
- Friends of Plumas Wilderness meeting update
- Westwood Chamber of Commerce meeting

### **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:** December 14th