

Trinity County RAC Meetings
July 13, 2015
3:00-5:00 PM
Proposal Review and Discussion
Trinity Public Utilities District Conference Room
26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, CA 96093
6:30 – 8:30PM
Voting Meeting
Trinity County Office of Education Conference Room
201 Memorial Drive, Weaverville, CA 96093

3:00-5:00. Subcommittee review and discussion of submitted proposals.

Introductions were made and proposal packs were distributed. A quorum of RAC members were present, as were people who had submitted proposals. Jason Poburko was present.

\$397,337.83 is available for funding Title II proposals. Using the established criteria, the funding would be split \$158,934roads/\$158,934fuels/\$79,467other.

Past year approaches to prioritizing proposals will be used. Subgroups will meet and discuss now until 5:00, break, then the full committee will reconvene at 6:30 to vote on funding recommendations.

Recommended contingency projects from the last funding cycle will be considered with this set if they are NEPA ready. Joseph Bower expressed interest in funding those proposals at the previously recommended funding amounts. There was concern that this would expend all of the new funding from this cycle. It would if contingency projects funding needs or scope of work had not changed since 2014. There was a question of which projects were still viable.

2014 Contingency Projects Discussion

Non-Roads/Non-Fuels

#1-Shasta-Trinity Trails Project...\$50K...Resubmitted as Shasta-Trinity Trails 2014

Contingency this year (\$17,694)...keep at same amount.

#2-Opening Trail Maintenance on PCT Plus Feeder Trails...\$5,700...should not fund, no proposal submitted this year.

#3-Trinity Noxious Weed Treatment-FS...\$49,567...resubmitted as SFMU/Mad River Ranger District Knapweed Treatment (\$49,908)

Roads

#1-Salt Creek Road Decom & Planning Project...\$48,500...resubmitted as Trinity South Fork Planning and Road Decom (\$84,500). Same roads.

#2-Cox Creek Road Stormproofing...\$850...Nancy Curran of Six Rivers NF isn't proponent, but thought the work was still needed. But not sure how much work could get done for \$850... funding not recommended.

#3-Trinity Sediment Source Inventory....\$25,000...funding not recommended.

Fuels

- #1-Trinity County Chipping Service...\$50K...resubmitted proposal for \$42K this year.
- #2-Middle Hayfork Plantation Thin...\$95K...proposal not resubmitted
- #3-Trinity County Collaborative Shaded FB/Plantation NEPA...\$95K...resubmitted this year for \$24,450. Funding recommended.
- #4-Lower Trinity Plantation Thin...\$27,694...resubmitted this year for \$45,000...work done by CCCs....current agreement expires 4/2016, so new agreement would have to be developed.
- #5-Stafford Fire Salvage & Restoration-Defense Zone FMZ...\$22K....highest priority proposal for WRTC.

Total contingency requests = \$233,791. If funded off the top there would be about \$163.5K left for new proposals. No decisions made based on this discussion.

2015 Proposals Discussion

Suggestion to look at proposals in each group to see how much of current allocation is still needed.

ROADS

Weaver Bally Road Sediment Reduction Project. Northwest California Resource and Conservation Development. Proposal submitted 2 years ago but had problems getting private landowners to come to resolution. Proposal re-submitted this year. CEQA has been completed, not sure if NEPA has been completed and there is confusion over NEPA requirements. There are additional unresolved issues between FS and County on maintenance responsibilities, but a meeting is scheduled for the following week. Work on this proposal could be completed during those negotiations. Weaver Bally Road is currently a cooperative maintenance agreement between Sierra Pacific Industries and FS. Request: \$100,000. Fund at \$79,500.

Trinity South Fork Planning and Road Decommissioning Project. Trinity County Resource Conservation District. Same proposal as submitted in 2014. Request: \$84,000. Fund at \$79,500.

NON-ROADS/NON-FUELS \$79,500 available

Hayfork Basin Trails and Youth Crew 2015. \$44,145. WRTC agreed to defer their proposal to next funding cycle. Fund at \$0.

TCRCD Summer Field Camp. \$10,016. TCRCD can work with \$8K. Fund at \$4,000.

Bowerman Barn Stabilization Dry Rot Repair. \$13,000. #1 priority for Bowerman Barn restoration work-work needed to allow public to enter the barn. The full \$13K is needed. Fund at \$13,000.

Bowerman Barn Homestead Web Map. \$4,300. Some consultation still needs to be completed, so TCRC is okay with deferring proposal until next funding cycle. Fund at \$0.

2016 Reclamation Coalition. \$15,250. Fund at \$10,000.

Shasta-Trinity Trails. \$71,000. Funding request covers only fuel and supplies, no funding to go to volunteer reimbursement. Combine with 2014 Contingency request and fund at \$28,000.

Shasta Trinity Trails-2014 Contingency. \$17,694. Combine with Shasta Trinity Trails.

SFMU/Mad River Ranger District Knapweed Treatment. \$49,908. Fund at \$0.

Bowerman Barn Homestead Web Map. \$4,300. Fund at \$0.

Weaver Basin Trail Mtc. And Sign Upgrades 2015-2016. \$16,574. Funding needed to prepare for this fall's WEMBO event. Fund at \$16,000

Hayfork Basin Trails and Youth Crew 2015-2016. Fund at \$0.

Indian Valley Summer Camp 2016. \$14,804. Fund at \$4,000.

FUELS \$158,934 (\$117,689 suggested to fund previous contingencies)

General discussion:

Contingencies should be an equal part of the mix.

One of the fuel contingencies dropped out.

Stafford is the highest priority for the WRTC.

The Collaborative would like to keep the contingency funding as requested.

At least one of the Six Rivers fuels projects should be funded in their entirety and the rest could receive lesser funding.

Nancy Curran isn't that familiar with the fuels projects but thought Beaverslide probably had more work to do than originally thought, Kelsey is very close to the Shasta-Trinity Boundary, and that both Kelsey and Beaverslide are within larger timber sales, but wouldn't interfere with work on those.

Are K-V funds available for work on Kelsey and Beaverslide? Doubtful, based on size of that work.

Kelsey is close to Ruth and the headwaters of Mad River, so resource concerns.

Nancy thinks Kelsey is higher priority than Beaverslide.

Lower Trinity received funding in last RAC cycle.

Beaverslide is strategic to protecting Ruth.

Beaverslide Timber Sale and Fuel Treatment Project-mastication Unit 151. \$36,000. Fund at \$32,000.

Kelsey Fuels Construction-FS Road 29N30 between 29N30D and 27N12. \$40,000. Fund at \$0.

Lower Trinity Plantation Thin (LTPT). \$45,000. Fund at \$27,000.

Stafford Fire Salvage and Restoration 31N17 Roadside Buffer. \$59,000. Fund at \$0.

Greenhorn Fuels Reduction. \$61,620. Fund at \$0.

Trinity County collaborative Group Shaded Fuelbreak/Plantation NEPA. \$25,450. Fund at \$25,000.

Trinity County Chipping Services. \$42,545. TCRCDD can take less money, project is very scalable. Fund at \$25,338.

Hayfork South FMZ Fuelbreak Maintenance. \$40,000. Project is NEPA-ready and ready to implement. Implementation in the present is important to not lose the progress already made in the fuelbreak. Fund at \$25,000.

Stafford Fuelbreak Clearfalling. \$52,000. Work needs to start very soon in Stafford fire area because trees and branches will begin to be a safety hazard to workers. Fund at \$25,000.

6:30-8:00. Full Committee Meeting.

Introductions and review of agenda.

Quorum is present.

Still working on new member packets, should be able to get them submitted soon.

Because the deadline to submit agreement packages is only about a week away, only a subset of recommended proposals can be sent forward for processing and receiving funds this year, ideally about 3-4 proposals. The committee selected these projects for immediate agreement development.

- Shasta Trinity Trails
- TCRCDD Summer Camp
- Indian Valley Summer Camp
- Weaver Basin Trail System Map
- Bowerman Barn Dry Rot Repair and Stabilization

A motion to recommend the proposals at the funding levels agreed upon at the subcommittee meeting was proposed and passed/accepted. RAC voting as follows:

Committee A

Wright	Yes
Walz	Yes
Hodges	Yes

Committee B

Hauke	Yes
Everest	Yes
Bower	Yes

Committee C

Jaegel	Yes
Patton	Yes
Frost	Yes

Contingency Projects

The RAC discussed whether to identify any contingency projects, but thought doing that hadn't helped much in the past. Contingency funds could be applied to previously approved scalable projects. Contingency funds usually become available because an approved project is cancelled, not because additional RAC funds are allocated.

A motion to add up to \$50K of contingency funds to Lower Trinity Plantation Thin and Trinity County Chipping Services, split evenly, was proposed and unanimously approved.

Susan will notify the group when funds are available to start meetings and proposal outreach for the second cycle of funding under this extension. Unless we hear otherwise, that funding will be 95% of this cycle's allocation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

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