

EL DORADO COUNTY RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PL-110-393)

El Dorado Center of Folsom Lake College
Community Room, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville, CA 95667

Meeting Agenda

February 8th, 2016 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Agenda items:

- 1) (All – 2 minutes) – Welcome and roll call
- 2) (3 minutes) Public Comment (General; non-project specific)
- 3) (All – 2 minutes) – Review and approval of December 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes (*see Item 3 – attached*)
- 4) (Duane – 10 minutes) – Mid-cycle reporting and trigger dates for funding reallocation if necessary - Duane to discuss and present some recommendations.
- 5) (Duane/Jennifer/Dale – 10 minutes) Overview of tonight’s meeting purpose and objectives; preview of upcoming RAC Meetings (in March 2016)

Date and Time	RAC Task/ Objective
Tonight	RAC discusses and votes on proposed projects to narrow number of proposals for further evaluation
Monday, March 7 th , 6- 9 pm (tentative)	(Tentative) Proposal presentations
Monday, March 21 st , 6 – 9 pm	RAC votes to prioritize proposals to be recommended to USFS; Wrap up and discussion of future RAC activities

- 6) (Duane/Jennifer/Dale – 10 minutes) – Discuss use of project evaluation considerations and voting table (*Item 6a & 6b– attached*) a form that groups can use to easily track their voting progress.
- 7) (All – up to 60 minutes) – Adjourn to defined groups (A, B, and C) to discuss and vote on project proposals (*see Item 7, proposals – attached*) to determine which should be presented to the full RAC for further evaluation. Note that members may wish to “rank” proposals (using whatever consistent criteria the individual member deems appropriate). Proposals should be reviewed and ranked by individual RAC members ahead of the meeting time (and some groups may even meet ahead of time) to ensure that the group voting can be accomplished within the 60 minutes allotted at the RAC meeting.
- 8) (All – up to 100 minutes) - Public compilation of individual and group votes; identify proposals to be presented to the full RAC for further evaluation.
- 9) (All – 10 minutes) – Discussion of presentation guidelines for use by project proponents at next meeting (*see Item 9 – attached*)
- 10) Adjournment

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December 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dale van Dam on December, 2015 at 6:07 PM. In attendance were: Joe Davis, Rich Ferdon, Rusty Vardy, Ellen Osborn, Rich Platt, Chuck Mitchell, Rich Wade, Duane Nelson, Jennifer Chapman, Kristi Schroeder, Dale van Dam, Curt Backhaus, and Bob Johnson. Not in attendance were: Tom Mahach, and Susie Kocher. Visitors: Lester Lubetkin, Kathy Smith, Karen Kuentz, Mike Garcia, and Jeff Blewett.

1. Introductions of committee members and visitors. There were no minutes to review.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. There was public comment at this meeting.
 - a. Kathy Smith – Favors fuel reduction and not in favor of decommissioning roads. Would like to see money go towards road maintenance versus decommissioning. Access is important to firefighting efforts.
4. Duane gave an overview. There is \$152,000 in the RAC account now from the 2014 receipts which will increase to about \$290,000 with 2015 receipts by the time projects are voted on. Approximately \$1500 will be needed for administrative costs such as publishing meeting notices and notetaking. RAC member appointments will sunset in September. New members will need to be in place by then. Department will require at least 2 names per position. Only one was needed in the past. Looking for a diverse selection of experienced members.
5. Chairman Dale van Dam reviewed the Purpose and Mission of the committee, Operating Guidelines, Project Evaluation Considerations and Call for Proposals News Release. The date for obligation is September 30, 2017. The due date for proposals is January 22, 2016. Additional meeting dates are tentatively set for February 8, March 7, and March 21, 2016. RAC members affirmed Dale van Dam for continuing as Chairman.
6. Jennifer Chapman reviewed the budget and past projects. \$155,290 was available in the last round of RAC funding. 11 projects were considered (plus replacing funds for one previous project that was affected by sequestration); 6 projects were awarded with the other 5 prioritized for provisional funding if it became available. \$22,555 was returned to the treasury. Common reasons were the short time window to obligate funds (June to September 2014) and the occurrence of the King Fire in September 2014 which pulled away project coordinators. Based on last funding round experience, a discussion item at the next RAC meeting will be creating a series of trigger points for project implementation and completion. *Assignment:* Duane is to come back with recommendations for the trigger points based on grant agreements and contracting processing.
7. Duane Nelson led a discussion of past RAC projects.
 - a. Generation Green was refunded the \$18,323 they lost in previous round due to sequestration to make them whole.

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- b. Ballarat bridge was completed except the approaches which were deferred due to the King fire. \$1500 was returned to the treasury.
 - c. Barrett Trail project was completed under budget. The project was delayed due to King fire but contracts were already obligated. The de-obligated funds were returned to RAC account. (This is approx. \$6K of the \$152K in the account).
 - d. Forest Trash Cleanup Efforts project: Funds were used to reimburse PLINK for dump fees, purchase of security camera, and mileage reimbursement. All funds spent.
 - e. Forest Walker program. The funds were to be spent for handheld radios but didn't make the purchasing and obligation deadlines due to the King fire. Funds were returned to the treasury.
 - f. Plummer Ridge Guard Station toilet – Installed. Will be part of the recreation rental program once the Recreation Advisory Committee is re-established which has to authorize the addition to the program.
 - g. Tells Creek Equestrian Camp project – Still in progress. This is the second project approved by RAC. Initially funded in 2013. \$0 left. Additional funding in 2014 was approved. \$17,000 of the \$31,470 was spent before King Fire hit. In 2016 additional grading, distribution of aggregate base, and barrier rock work, and review possible re-route is planned. Some cost savings in sourcing of materials. Some funds will continue into 2016 as still in a contract.
8. Dale van Dam led a discussion defining this year's process and developing a timeline for RAC meetings (dates subject to revision) and decision making. *Assignment:* Jennifer Chapman will send out link for SRS website.
- a. 1/22 Projects received and reviewed by Duane.
 - b. 2/8 Committee to review proposals for an initial screening to determine which will have further evaluation. These projects will have an opportunity to be presented at the next meeting.
 - c. 3/7 Committee hears presentations
 - d. 3/21 Projects are selected and recommended by committee to Forest Supervisor.
 - e. Future meeting dates approved unanimously. If meetings not needed can be canceled.
9. Dale van Dam led a discussion on RAC membership.
- a. *Assignment:* Committee to read the 38 page document on the new process and send ideas and recommendations for new members to Jennifer Chapman by the next meeting or as soon as you think of them.

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- b. Based on a 6 year maximum, terms of committee members expire in September 2016. Based on what we know now, current members will be “termed out” and not eligible to re-apply for RAC membership.
10. The next meeting will be February 8, 2016. 6:00 pm.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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Project Evaluation Considerations

Title II- Special Projects on Federal Land

Title II funds may be used for making additional investments in, and creating additional employment opportunities through, projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implementing stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restoring and improving land health and water quality. Projects shall enjoy broad based support with objectives that may include, but not limited to:

- Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration;
 - Soil productivity improvement;
 - Improvements in forest ecosystem health;
 - Watershed restoration and maintenance;
 - Restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
 - Control of noxious and exotic weeds; and
 - Re-establishment of native species.
- At least 50 percent of all Title II funds must be used for projects that are primarily dedicated to:
- Road maintenance, decommissioning, or obliteration; or
 - Restoration of streams and watersheds.

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- A. Is there an opportunity to leverage additional funds?
- B. Are there other partners? Are there letters of support from other stake holders?
- C. Is the NEPA/CEQA work completed or is the project NEPA/CEQA compliant?
- D. Why is this project necessary here and now?
- F. Will this address a problem that the Forest Service within El Dorado County is committed to? Is there support from the District Ranger(s)?
- G. Is there a project advocate with the capacity, competence and ability to complete the project?
- H. Is there a high likelihood of success?
- I. Will it be accomplishable within the allotted time frame? Project funds must be obligated by September 30, 2012.
- J. Are provisions included in the project for maintenance into the future?

Proposal Voting Form Summary - 2013 Fiscal Year Funding

Official USFS "Project Number"	Short Title	Submitted by	Proposing Agency/ Organization	Requested Amount	Meets Mandatory 50% (per consensus of RAC)	Amount Counted toward Mandatory 50%, if approved	Majority by Group			Vote to Fund? (Yes or No)	Amount Voted to Fund	Amount Counted toward Mandatory 50% if funded	Priority	Running Funded Total
							A	B	C					
ELD-1601	Caples Creek Equestrian Trailhead	Lucy Badenhoop	Elegant Ears Mule Assn (EEMA) and BCHC Mother Lode Unit (BCHC-MLU)	\$31,000	yes	\$31,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1602	Forest Trash Cleanup Efforts	Josh Sjostrom	ENF	\$4,500	yes	\$4,500	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1603	Cosumnes River Migratory Deer Herd	William H Lentz, Jr	Cat Creek Outdoors	\$0	yes	\$0	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1604	Meeks Creek Trail Maintenance	Chris Engelhardt	LTBMU	\$18,000	yes	\$18,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1605	Twin Peaks OHV System Maintenance	Jacob Quinn	LTBMU	\$35,000	yes	\$35,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1606	Fountain Place Rd Maintenance	Jacob Quinn	LTBMU	\$50,000	yes	\$50,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1607	Corral Trail System Maintenance	Jacob Quinn	LTBMU	\$50,000	yes	\$50,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1608	Volunteer Chainsaw Certification	Josh Sjostrom	ENF	\$7,140	no	\$0	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1609	King Fire Hazard Tree Falling	Mike Garcia	ENF	\$81,000	yes	\$81,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1610	King Fire Planting	Mike Garcia	ENF	\$60,000	yes	\$60,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1611	G-RD Non-Motorized Trail Maint	Hannah Stone	ENF	\$55,699	yes	\$55,699	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1612	North Cable Point Ridge Fuel Break	Mike Garcia	ENF	\$60,000	yes	\$60,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1613	King Fire Invasive Plant Control	Blake Engelhardt	ENF	\$29,081	no	\$0	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1614	BigX Mountain Watershed Restoration	Mike Garcia	ENF	\$75,000	yes	\$75,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1615	BigX Mountain Mastication	Mike Garcia	ENF	\$60,000	yes	\$60,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1616	Middle Fork Cosumnes River CG Improvement	Becky Shufelt	ENF	\$46,730	yes	\$46,730	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1617	King Fire Archaeological Site Restoration	Jordan Serin	ENF	\$50,000	yes	\$50,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1618	Bayview Trail Maintenance/Rehab	Patrick Parsel	LTBMU	\$32,640	yes	\$32,640	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1619	Cleveland-Ice House Forest Health / Icehouse Rd Fuel Reduction	Travis Thane	ENF	\$25,000	yes	\$25,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1620	King Fire Stream Restoration	Vince Pacific, Eric Nicita	ENF	\$41,080	yes	\$41,080	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1621	Urban Forest Restoration- South Tahoe 2016	Brian Garrett	LTBMU	\$49,040	yes	\$49,040	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1622	Leoni Meadows Camp / El Dorado Forestry Challenge Fuel Reduction	Chris Pappas	Leoni Meadow Camp	\$4,925	yes	\$4,925	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1623	Fontanillis Lake Backcountry Trail Maintenance	Morgan Fessler	Tahoe Rim Trail Association	\$14,850	yes	\$14,850	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1624	Robbs Peak Fire Lookout Restoration	Jordan Serin	ENF	\$15,000	no	\$0	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1625	Tahoe Forest Stewardship Day Volunteer Restoration Event Series	Jesse Patterson	League to Save Lake Tahoe	\$22,000	yes	\$22,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
ELD-1626	Van Vleck Meadow Restoration - Phase 1	Charis Parker	ENF	\$10,000	yes	\$10,000	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
						\$0	0	0	0		\$0	\$0		\$0
Total Number of Proposals				Total of Funds Requested		Total Funding for Projects Meeting Mandatory 50% Requirement				Total Number of Yes Votes	Total Amount Voted to Fund	Of Amount Funded, Total That Meets Mandatory 50% Requirement		
26				\$927,685		\$876,464				0	\$0	\$0		
					% of Total Funding Requests That Meet Mandatory 50% Requirement	94.48%					% of Total Funded Requests That Meet Mandatory 50% Requirement	#DIV/0!		

Guidelines for Proposers Presenting to the RAC

1. After set up time (plan for no more than a couple of minutes), your presentation will be allocated no more than __ minutes, with a few additional minutes allocated for questions and answers from the RAC committee. Your presentation will be timed by the RAC and you will be directed to stop if you exceed your allotted time limit of __ minutes.
2. The RAC meeting room is equipped with a PC-based computer and a ceiling-mounted digital projector. The computer is equipped with the most recent version of PowerPoint™, although use of this software is not required as part of your presentation. A presentation that emphasizes a visual approach to your proposal will be easiest for committee members to follow and understand. If you store your presentation on a flash drive (aka: “thumb drive” or “memory stick”) we should be able to access it and load your presentation for your use during your presentation time; however, it is always wise to have a back-up plan in case there is a technical failure. You may also email your proposal ahead of time (as long as the file size is less than 8 MB) to vandamd@flc.losrios.ed.
3. You have been assigned a tentative presentation date and time. Please be present and ready to speak at that assigned time. If neither you nor a representative from your proposing organization(s) can be present on that date and time, please let the RAC know by calling Jennifer Chapman at 530/621-5268.
4. Make sure your name and the names of the individuals and/or organizations supporting the proposal appear in you presentation.
5. If possible, include a location map and a few photographs that document the condition(s) your proposal will address.
6. Is your proposed project within a watershed designated by the ENF as a watershed with “high thresholds of concern?”
7. Is a NEPA/CEQA analysis required to be able to implement your proposal? If so, has the NEPA/CEQA analysis been completed?
8. You should be prepared to answer the question: “What if the RAC could not fund your request in the full amount you requested – if you got less money would the project still be viable?” You may want to consider whether you could do the project over a smaller area, or involving fewer participants, etc.