

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

Meeting Notes

March 14, 2016

1. **Welcome and roll call.** Present: Dale van Dam, Rick Ferdon, Joe Davis, Rich Wade, Rich Platt, Jerry Ledbetter, Ellen Osborn, Chuck Mitchell, Rusty Vardy, Tom Mahach, Duane Nelson, Jennifer Chapman. **Not Present-** Robert Johnson, Susie Kocher, Curt Backhaus. **Public:** Kathy Smith, Lucy Badenhoop, Randy Hackbarth.
2. **Public Comment** (General; non-project specific). Kathy Smith addressed concerns about tree mortality from bark beetles. She recommended the need for thinning smaller trees to save larger trees and expressed interest in keeping bark beetles under control. An educational handout was distributed.
3. **Review and approval of February 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes.** Approved.
4. **Overview of tonight's meeting purpose and objectives.** Review amount of remaining funds; note supplemental questions and answers for ELD-1601 and ELD-1627. Review use of voting table for allocating remaining funds.
5. **General announcements:** Duane Nelson noted that Georgetown District Ranger Pat Trimble withdrew projects #1612 and #1615. Jennifer Chapman noted that project #1619 *Cleveland Icehouse Project* has funding this fiscal year, but is a multi-year project and it may not get more funding next year to be completed. Ellen Osborn noted that the archaeology projects #1617 and #1624 are willing to move forward with less funding than requested. They can do the projects on a smaller budget, but not for less than half of the proposed funding.
6. **Group Discussions:** Adjourned to defined groups (A, B, and C) to discuss and vote on/prioritize project proposals.
7. **Public compilation of individual and group votes:** Projects previously approved for recommendation by the RAC totaled \$158,835 in recommended funding. The results of the final project voting by the RAC added the following projects to those recommended for funding bringing the committee's total recommended funding to \$299,220:
 - #1601 Caples Creek Equestrian Trailhead
 - #1604 Meeks Creek Trail Maintenance
 - #1605 Twin Peaks OHV System Maintenance
 - #1611 G-RD Non-Motorized Trail Maint
 - #1617 King Fire Archeological Site Restoration
 - #1625 Tahoe Forest Stewardship Day Volunteer Restoration Event

In addition, three other projects were recommended for provisional funding, in case any of the other projects were cancelled or did not use the funding allocated:

- #1620 King Fire Stream Restoration- Provisional 1

- # 1619 Cleveland_Ichouse Forest Health-Fuel Reduction- Provisional 2
 - # 1616 Middle Fork Consumnes River CG Improvement- Provisional 3
8. **Closing Comments:** Duane will make sure the committee gets an updated version of the final spreadsheet and will present the recommendations to the ready for the Forest Supervisors for the Eldorado National Forest and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. Recruitment for new committee members will take place before another round of Secure Rural Schools funding becomes available. The emphasis will be on outreach to the broadest, and most diverse interest groups as possible.
9. **Adjournment**