

Trinity County RAC
Meeting Notes
June 8, 2015
6:30 – 8:30PM
Trinity County Office of Education
Conference Room
201 Memorial Drive, Weaverville, CA 96093
Discussion only Meeting – No votes will be taken

18:30 Call to Order & Welcoming Remarks:

Roll Call: Pat Frost-RAC Chair
Tina Lynsky – DFO
Susan Erwin – RAC Coordinator

RAC Members-all RAC members were present except for Roger Jaegel, Linda Wright, and Tom Walz. Nominated RAC member Bob Morris was present.

Review & Approval of Minutes: N/A

USFS Items:

Update: Secure Rural Schools Act 2-Year Extension

The 2008-2011 Secure Rural Schools Authorization was extended for 2 years, starting in 2014. Funding will be allocated to County RACs in 2015 and again in 2016. This authorization will end on September 30, 2016 and all funds must be spent or obligated in a agreement/contract by 9/30/2017.

Information: National Charter/New member recruitment status

New member applications have been submitted to the FS FACA office twice, but they continue to say they don't have the package. Susan will resubmit the Trinity application package again, but this time it will be submitted to Marty Dumpis who will then forward to the FS FACA office. This should result in better tracking. Susan didn't know how long it would take to process the applications, but everyone should expect a long time.

All members of the current RAC were reauthorized until October of 2016. At that time they may be reauthorized for additional time, but don't know for sure.

Information: Funding available, Timeline for Obligations, Forest Supervisor Guidance

Tina Lynsky said RAC funding will be available until October, 2017. Every submitted proposal needs to have a completed DR Project Support Checklist and a map with it. Expect no more than a couple day turnaround time for completing the forms. She emphasized that no work on any RAC proposals should begin until agreements have been finalized.

Pat Frost talked about how last year's sequestration affected RAC funding.

RAC Items:

Discussion : Elect Chairperson (no action can be taken at this meeting)

RAC members present agreed that Pat Frost should continue to act as the RAC Chair (this was not a voting action).

Discussion : Preferred project types and funding split and Refine approach for 2015 meetings

Draft project proposals are due by the 22nd and proponents are encouraged to submit them earlier if possible. They need to be submitted as a word doc. Draft proposals should be on the 2015 Title II proposal form that is available on the Shasta-Trinity external website. Updates to the Title II proposal form were summarized.

The split between roads, fuels, and non-roads/non-fuels funding was discussed. Some members would like to continue the trend of increasing the funds for non-roads/non-fuels projects. Originally the split was set at 45/45/10, but lack of roads and fuels proposals and increased interest in other project types has shifted that split to 40/40/20 in recent years. The RAC agreed to stay with the 40/40/20 split or higher this year.

Project Updates:

Update: 2014 Unfunded Recommended proposals Status
Update: 2014 Unfunded Contingency proposals Status

Consideration of last year's contingency projects for this year's funding was considered. At the end of the last RAC cycle the RAC had agreed to fund the contingency projects by priority if more funding became available and some members would like to honor that desire. Those projects have completed NEPA and some have funding already in an agreement, so they could be processed and implemented more quickly.

Audience participants stated if they would be submitting any new proposals.

RCD: several new proposals will be submitted, including RCD Summer Camp, but none for the bike race in the fall. Amy Livingston would be submitting a proposal for phase II of the Bluebird Mine Wildlife Enhancement Project (RAC stated that no funding was approved for this project in last funding cycle).

WRTC will also be submitting a proposal for Indian Valley Summer Camp.

Six Rivers NF will be submitting a proposal for Kelsey Peak Fuels.

Back Country Horsemen will be submitting a new proposal.

The RAC will consider prioritized contingency projects as well as new proposals for funding.

RAC Items:

Discussion: Refine RAC review process for existing and new proposals.

There was agreement to meet during the day on the 29th as a group to review proposals. There have been 3 subcommittee groups in the past when funding amounts were higher, but this year they may be able to review as a single group because of less funding. One proponent in the audience expressed interest in 3 subcommittee groups to avoid having to be there longer. The regular voting meeting will take place at 6:30.

Last year's unfunded contingency proposals need to be submitted on the new 2015 Title II proposal form.

RCD, WRTC, and BCH expressed interest in using this year's funding for this year's projects. This can be done if projects are approved and placed under agreement very quickly after being recommended on 6/29. Susan wasn't sure this could be done quickly enough and pointed out that receiving the funding in the first year had not happened in the past, but she would try.

Other: Trinity County Collaborative Update

The Bowerman Barn project is moving along under the guidance of the TC Collaborative. This project is partly funded with RAC funds.

Next Meeting Information:

The next meeting is a voting meeting. It will be June 29th. Subcommittees will meet at 3-5:30 at the Trinity PUD conference room to review proposals. The full RAC will meet at 6:30 at Trinity County Office of Education to vote on proposals.

The RAC suggested they would like the Forest Service to continue recruiting new members to fill the current vacancies.

19:50 Meeting adjourned.

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