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Trinity RAC Meeting Minutes
Trinity Office of Education
Weaverville, CA
April 6, 2009

In attendance at full RAC meeting

RAC members - Group A

John Rourke, Linda Wright, Dee Sanders, Steve Hodge

RAC members - Group B

Arnold Whitridge, Irl Everest, Joseph Bower, Jerry Hauke, Carl Bonomini

RAC members - Group C

Jim French (Chair), Raymond Patton, Pat Frost, Chris Erickson, Sandra Sauer

Members of the Public:

BCHC-Shasta/Trinity - Dave Wiens, Alan Hill, Larry Shwaran, Sam Burrows, Gerard Kaz

TCRCD - Alex Cousins, Zack Blanchard, AmeriCorps members, Danny McKnight and Bo Kimball

USFS-Shasta/Trinity NF- Steve Graves, Alex McBath

Concerned Citizens for Responsible Fire Management- Dave Rhodes

USFS-Six Rivers NF- Mad River- John Busscher

USFS-Six Rivers NF-Lower Trinity RD- Dillon Lewis

5 Counties Salmonid Conservation Program - Marc Lancaster

USFS, Weaverville - Shauna Hee, Susan Erwin

Watershed Research & Training Center - Nick Goulette

Chairman of Board RCD - Colleen O'Sullivan

USFS District Ranger Hayfork - Donna Harmon

Meeting called to order by Jim French

Minutes to Prior Meeting: Jerry Hauke moved and Pat Frost seconded that the minutes to the prior meeting be approved as modified reallocating funds from \$96,000 to \$101,000 as the Non-roads and Non-fuels Sub-Committee recommended. Donna Harmon clarified that the Jones Biomass project has additional sources and can reduce its request for funds as needed (see chart on March 16 Fuels Sub-Committee meeting notes).

Carl Bonomini moved to approve all of the Roads Projects at the dollar amounts requested by the sub-committee and Joseph Bower seconded the motion, however after discussion Carl withdrew his motion since the committee had not yet discussed the Fuels and Non-Roads, Non-Fuels proposals.

In discussion the committee decided that they were going to attempt to fund the Hayfork Youth Trail Crew and the Indian Valley Summer Camp at their initial requested amounts, rather than the reduced amounts requested by the sub-committee. To fully fund these projects the committee needed a total of \$18,335 to be reallocated from other projects. In addition to these funds, there was also a shortage of \$5,213 between the amount requested by the sub-committees and the amount available. The committee proposed to cut the Jones Biomass project to \$10,000 and use these dollars to fund the Youth Projects. This cut generated \$21,500. The amount needed to fully fund the Youth Projects including the \$5,213 requires \$23,548. The committee considered generating the \$2,048 from either the 1SO6 Culvert Replacements or the Mad River R.D. Rock Crushing because they are both above the dam. (At the time the committee thought that the dollar amount needed to cut was \$1,548 due to a mathematical error that was not caught by anybody). Jim proposed and Carl moved to reduce the Six Rivers proposals by \$3500. The motion was withdrawn.

Moved to approve: Arnold moved to amend that amount to \$1548, holding \$10,000 for Jones Biomass, restoring Indian Valley to \$14,000 and the Hayfork Youth Trail Crew to \$24,335 and approve all else as submitted. Irl Everest seconded the motion. All RAC members voted yes except Pat Frost, who abstained.

In discussion regarding monitoring a RAC field trip to monitor the Forestry Institute for Teachers was suggested. Pat Frost said Alex Cousins will lead an evaluation of all RAC projects so far, to connect data to mapping, check matching money in an attempt to validate in-kind services, and to see that there is a product. Back Country Horsemen have a good system, Donna has pre and post photos, and Jim has the story book.

Future Sub-Committee meetings: Jim asked to set dates for next sub-committee meetings. Proposals are due in May/June. June 29 is the first Roads and Fuels; the Public (non-roads and -fuels) will be later.

August 17 is the date for the full RAC meeting.

Motion to increase allocation to non-fuels/non-roads in future years: After some discussion, Carl proposed and Jerry Hauke seconded the motion to change the funding allocations to 84% Fuels and Roads, increasing the more human side to 16%. RAC members unanimously approved except for John Rourke.