

# Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting (SCRAC)

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

USDA Service Center, Shasta-Trinity National Forest  
3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA 96002

## Members

### In attendance:

Wendy Johnston (Vice-Chairman), Genevieve Seely, Ted James, (Chairman) Sharol Schaefer, Ken Showalter, Rose Sloan, Carol Ann Perea, Sylvia Milligan, Brenda Haynes, Bob Allen, Terry Thomas, Les Baugh, Gary Nakamura, Glenn Hawes

### Members Absent:

There were no members absent.

## USFS/County

### In Attendance:

Scott Armentrout (DFO), Rita Vollmer (RAC Coordinator), Sue Crowe (County Representative)

### Public:

Emily Moreno (Notetaker), Mary Mitchell (Western Shasta RCD), Jonathan Kussell, Ken Nolte (Shasta College), Kurt Chulak (Shasta College)

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approved.

### **AGENDA REVIEW:**

RAC members were provided a presentation schedule with the first presentation beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments were made by members of the public.

### **USFS ITEMS:**

**INFORMATION:** Scott Armentrout introduced Rita Vollmer, as the Acting Public Affairs Officer for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, who will be filling in the role of RAC Coordinator.

**UPDATE:** Applications for new members to fill replacement and alternate positions.

1.) Scott Armentrout advised the RAC that Steve Uhles had applied for the alternate position and has been in discussions with the Forest Supervisor. The RAC was advised that it appears that Steve Uhles application should be moved forward for approval, and official nomination.

2.) Discussion took place regarding the need for three additional alternate positions and the difficulty in attaining committed individuals, because of the positions lack of participation in voting.

3.) Scott Armentrout advised that alternate's are not given full voting privileges as are full members, and that the application acceptance process has been lengthened compared to previous years.

4.) Rita Vollmer advised the RAC that the Shasta-Trinity National Forest website had recently gone through some changes, in order to be more unified with the other forests across the country. Ms. Vollmer advised that all of the information from the previous page was transferred to the new webpage. A request was made by the RAC to correct the Shasta-Trinity N.F. phone number due to a typo, and change the dropdown menu title from "Advisory Committee" to "RAC" or "Resource Advisory Committee." Ms. Vollmer agreed to make the necessary changes.

5.) Sharol Schaefer requested that the language used for advertising be reconsidered to appeal to members of the community with businesses.

6.) Ted James reviewed language in advertisement with the RAC members.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Wendy Johnston to keep the current language used in the advertisement for alternate members, but just rearrange the wording to show prioritization of values for proposals.

a. Motion was seconded by Ken Showalter.

b. Motion was voted on: all members in favor of motion, none opposed, and none abstained.

c. Motion passed.

### **RAC ITEMS:**

**UPDATE:** RAC requested to be updated on several projects that they had approved.

1.) Jonathan Kusell gave a presentation on socioeconomic research information that had been gathered from several groups around the Burney and Hat Creek Watershed area communities. Research included the production of a written report showing the factors involving the economy and the communities request for certain projects to be completed in their areas to improve recreation. Suggested projects from the communities were: hazardous fuel reductions, ecological restoration, recreation improvements, economic development, and public education involvement in projects. Mr. Kusell advised the RAC that on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 there would be another information gathering session with selected members of the community to focus on reviewing and recommending long-term stewardship projects, and socioeconomic effects or outcomes. Mr. Kusell advised that more information as to details on the location of the event will be passed on to the RAC at another date, and to please notify him if members of the RAC plan on attending.

2.) Mary Mitchell from the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD) gave a presentation updating the RAC on the BLM Stewardship project status. Currently the WSRCD is waiting for the agreement to be completed. The agreement process had been slow due to Fiscal Year 2010 funding recently being approved, but they had received limited funding from the Bureau of Land Management and are planning to begin work as soon as the weather improves.

3.) Ken Nolte and Kurt Chulak from Shasta College gave a presentation on the RAC Monitoring project status. The RAC was presented with updates that had been to the RAC Monitoring Form, and was shown before and after pictures from projects that had made monitoring information available. Mr. Chulak advised that he had made several field visits, and was planning on making additional trips once the weather improves. The RAC was invited to participate in these trip as and advised they would be notified of dates in the near future. Maps were requested to be created and brought for the RAC's use at meetings, Mr. Nolte and Mr. Chulak advised they would provide the maps by the next RAC meeting. Mr. Chulak

advised that a monitoring report would be provided soon, and would include 27 projects, plus the recently approved projects.

**INFORMATION:** The chairman's term has expired after one year of service, and the election of a new chairman or election of the vice-chairman to accept the role.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Carol Ann-Perea to keep the current chairman and vice-chairman the same for another one year term..

- a. Motion was seconded by Ken Showalter.
- b. Motion was voted on: all members in favor of motion, none opposed, and none abstained.
- c. Motion passed.

**INFORMATION:** The RAC was advised that there would not be a Sunflower CRMP held this year, but a Paralysis Venue will be held in the same location instead on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### **GROUP DISCUSSION(S):**

**INFORMATION:** The RAC will most likely be allocated FY 2011 funding by October 2010. It is currently being approximated that the allocation of congressional Secure Rural Schools funding will be \$3,027,136.00; it is also approximated that 8% of the congressional amount will be allocated to the Shasta RAC for project funding. In 2011, RAC authorization will expire making it necessary to approve all projects prior to that date.

**INFORMATION:** The RAC and USFS will also need to establish an agreed overhead assessment fee, which historically has been 7%. The USFS is suggested utilizing the same overhead assessment fee, again for FY 2011 funding.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Wendy Johnston to keep the current overhead assessment fee with the USFS at 7%.

- a. Motion was seconded by Gary Nakamura.
- b. Motion was voted on: 13 members were in favor, 1 member opposed, none abstained.
- c. Motion passed in favor of accepting monitoring form developed by the monitoring subcommittee.

**INFORMATION:** The RAC has several meeting schedules that have been proposed to accomplish reviewing projects, and approving projects for funding.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Les Baugh to accept the early schedule for RAC meetings in FY 2010.

- a. Motion was seconded by Carol Ann-Perea.
- b. Motion was voted on: all members were in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.
- c. Motion passed in favor of accepting the early schedule:

### **Early Schedule:**

April 19<sup>th</sup> -- Request for RFP's  
May 28<sup>th</sup> -- Proposal Submittals  
June 9<sup>th</sup> -- Receive Proposal Binders  
June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> -- Presentations and Voting on Proposals

**SHASTA COUNTY ITEMS:**

**INFORMATION:** In previous years the RAC has served as an unofficial committee, giving recommendations as members of the public on Title III funds for Shasta County.

- 1.) Sue Crowe requested that the RAC consider reviewing Title III proposals and give recommendations, as has been done in previous years.
- 2.) Ted James suggested that meeting dates should correspond with Title II reviewing and approval dates, so that proponents seeking to utilize both Title II and Title III funding can balance funds.
- 3.) The RAC has consented to again participate in making recommendations for the Title III funds in FY 2011. Reviewing and recommendation will coincide with scheduled Title II funding meetings.

**RAC-TIVITY:**

- 1.) Sue Crowe suggested that to continue *RAC-TIVITY* she would be willing to format the newsletter, if RAC members would be willing to write and submit articles to her.
- 2.) Gary Nakamura volunteered to work with Ken Nolte & Curt Chulak from the Shasta College Monitoring project to get information on projects and utilize for articles in the newsletter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Ted James adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.