

Fresno County RAC Meeting
March 11, 2009

Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm.

In Attendance:

RAC members: Toby Horst, Shane Krogen, Barbara Ferguson, Kirby Molen, Bea Olsen, Allen Clyde, Chris Oberti, Roger Welton, Jeff Lilly, Patrick Kelly, Larry Wilder, Charles Peck.

Forest Service Representatives: Robbin Ekman, Ray Porter, Sue Exline, John Exline, Anthony Benedetti, Jim Oftedal, Lily Nieves, Tome Lowe.

Guests: Lynn Gorman, Fresno County, Planning, Narvell Conner, Stewards of the Sierra,

Administrative Costs

The first discussion item of the evening was on administrative costs to cover Forest Service employees to monitor projects.

Dr. Clyde discussed the heightened sensitivity of this administration on accountability of public funds and having Forest Service employees monitoring the projects that are funded. Dr. Clyde suggested that ten percent of the Title II funds are taken off the top to cover administrative costs to monitor projects.

A motion came to the floor that project proposals before the RAC should have Forest Service administrative/oversight cost in their budget. The motion was denied, the vote was four votes in favor, eight votes, opposed.

Project Proposals

Project Proposals before the RAC must have monitoring and indirect funds included in the budget. Proposals will not be approved unless these two items is apart of the budget.

A discussion took place about monitoring and what is required. The RAC will take up monitoring at a future meeting.

Proposals

1) Central California Consortium-Generation Green Youth Stewardship Project- Presented by Jim Oftedal and Lily Nieves. Presentation regarding a proposal to put students to work on the High Sierra and Hume Lake Ranger Districts. Total funding requested from Title II is \$36,692.

2) Backcountry Horseman Association- Presented by Toby Horst
Repair, clear, renovate wilderness trail heads and trails as specified by the Sierra National Forest Wilderness Rangers. Total funding requested from Title II \$12,500.

3) Chawanakee Learning Center – Public Drinking Water System. Presented by Toby Horst. Requested Title II funding - \$9,500. Need drinking water for the Chanwanakee Learning Center.

4) Anthony Benedetti, Sierra National Forest-Snowmobile Stream Crossing Construction. Project involves the construction of two stream crossing structures on the groomed snowmobile trail system. Title II funding requested: \$38,760.00.

Meeting commenced at 8:15 pm.