

“Unapproved Minutes”
Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting (SCRAC)
April 09, 2009

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

Members

In attendance:	Wendy Johnston	Genevieve Seely	Ted James
	Ken Showalter	Carol Perea	Les Baugh
	Rose Sloan	Sylvia Milligan	Brenda Haynes
	Sharol Schaefer	Bob Allen	Glenn Hawes

Members

Absent:	Stan Leach	Gary Nakamura
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USFS/County

In Attendance:	Scott Armentrout	Kent Romney	Sue Crowe
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Public:	Missey Dunaetz	John Livingston	Pete Johnson
	Steve Uhles	Pat Frost	Todd Sloat
	Mary Mitchell	Gail Griffantini	Emily Moreno (Note taker)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved

AGENDA REVIEW: A request was made by Carol Perea to allow time for discussion of stimulus money and Workforce Investment Act.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Missey Dunaetz asked RAC members to identify potential opportunities available for the Shasta College Natural Resources Dept. to assist the RAC with monitoring projects. Multiple RAC members responded with ideas on how to incorporate the students at Shasta College.
2. John Livingston put forward a question regarding whether or not there was interest for Shasta College to submit a possible project at Shasta Lake to allow students to gain a variety of hands-on experiences. Specific heavy equipment road maintenance projects in the drought water level areas of Shasta Lake providing safe recreational access. Mr. Livingston stated that they had been working with District Ranger Kristy Cottini to prioritize projects. RAC Members presented many different questions and suggestions to help move the project idea forward, as well as suggestions on what elements are important to project proposals and presentations.
3. Sue Crowe made an announcement that a Public Forum would be held at 3:30 p.m. today, at the Redding City Hall for transportation review panel, and that several members of the RAC and USFS would be present.

USFS ITEMS:

UPDATE: Advertisement & Forms to fill both new member and replacement positions, Website.

- 1.) Scott Armentrout gave a brief overview and update on the accessibility and success of the SCRAC's website, which included an advertisement for a new member and replacement positions. A note was made by Scott that there had only been one inquiry to date.
- 2.) Suggestion was made by Carol Perea to clarify what RAC is, or to simplify the language used in conjunction with RAC descriptions and to possibly add website links to school websites.
- 3.) Recommended to include RAC Video or link Video as a pod cast on website.
- 4.) Suggestion was also made by Sue Crowe to add picture(s) of projects to website.
- 5.) Scott Armentrout advised that the advertisement for the members will run a number of times in the newspaper.
- 6.) Ken Showalter and other members commented on the need for RAC members to do their own outreach for currently available positions.

SHASTA COUNTY ITEMS:

INFORMATION: Title III Project Proposal Rankings

- 1.) Sue Crowe discussed Title III review and ranking advising that the top ranking projects were:
 - County Fire Rescue Vehicle
 - McArthur Volunteer Fire Dept.
 - Imaging Cameras
 - GPS
 - Dive Team Compressor
 - Ocean Aid Watercraft
 - Fire Suits
 - Fire Wise
- 2.) Sue Crowe presented three options to the RAC: Fund **all** 2008-2009 projects, Fund **top** 2008-2009 projects and Fire Wise Program, Fund **top** 2008-2009 projects. After a lengthy discussion, the RAC directed that their project rankings be provided to the County Board of Supervisors and that they would ultimately decide which proposals they will fund.

UPDATE: Production of *RAC-TIVITY*

- 1.) Sue Crowe announced that an Outreach subcommittee meeting will be scheduled with Genevieve Seely, Gary Nakamura, Sue Crowe, and Carol Perea in May or possibly after May.

RAC ITEMS:

UPDATE: Monitoring Subcommittee

Ted James and Gary Nakamura met with John Heibel and Scott Armentrout on March 25th to answer questions that were given to USFS as a result of the monitoring subcommittee meeting of March 17th. The following are the answers in order of the questions presented on handout to group:

- 1.) Monitoring is used as a vehicle to make payments; half the payment is issued before of during USFS project, USFS allocates money.
- 2.) SCRAC Monitoring Form, can be grants and agreements specific toward monitoring or progress reports; i.e. implementation of project, accomplishment.
- 3.) Monitoring should be occurring, and can be administered in different forms.
- 4.) Currently USFS is notifying the SCRAC of progress and project approval.
- 5.) Internal spreadsheets (County & USFS) show progress tracking; suggestion to make spreadsheet more accessible and utilize better with tracking.
- 6.) Monitoring should be planned into project proposal in order to allocate funds appropriately.

DISCUSSION: Discussion of further monitoring.

- 1.) Ted James suggested that further questions about monitoring will be addressed in a future meeting, and that possibly a payment based progress report could be used. Additionally, project specific monitoring items should be brought forward and included in each proposal to be part of the contract, grant or agreement.
- 2.) Sharol Schaefer advised that she is resigning from the Monitoring Subcommittee, and advised she is already on another committee.
- 3.) Ted James advised that Brenda Haynes will cover the Group C commitment to provide a member from that category to the Monitoring Subcommittee.

DISCUSSION: Carol Perea discussed recently approved stimulus money and how it will revive the Workforce Investment Act for jobsite training, and development for youth (ages 18-24). She advised that the SMART Business Center is accepting project requests for the WIA.

PRESENTATIONS: The following presentations took place during the RAC Meeting:

Information: Pat Frost- Trinity County RCD / Weaverville Community Forest
Overview; Stewardship Contracting; RCD; Community Vision; Stewardship Area; Projects; Fund
Priorities: Viewshed; Fire Protection; Logs to local mill; Education; Recreation; Watershed; Historic

Information: Mary Mitchell / Gail Griffantini - Western Shasta RCD / Project Concept

Information: Todd Sloat - Fall River RCD / Project Concept

OTHER: There is an upcoming Sunflower CRMP Stewardship Day Meeting on May 1st
Project Proposals due Friday, May 1st
Project binders available Friday, May 15th

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: May 27th and 28th for project presentations and voting

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Ted James adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.