Fresno and Madera Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2026
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Each SRS RAC is established pursuant to the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 as amended, 16 U.S.C. sec. 7125, hereafter referred to as the SRS RAC Act as amended; codified in Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334)., and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 10.

In accordance with the established provisions, the Fresno and Madera RAC convened for this public meeting on August 4, 2026. The meeting was held at the Sierra National Forest Supervisor's Office at 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA and was open to the public/to join virtually via Teams Meeting (Join the meeting now, Meeting ID: 265 918 253 376 0, Passcode: ko7tJ9qf) and Dial by Phone (+1 323-886-7051, Phone conference ID 492128091#).

A https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/07/09/2026-13837/fresno-and-madera-resource-advisory-committee was published on July 9, 2026, providing general information and public participation details for the meeting. Meeting details were posted on the website: https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/sierra on June 22, 2026 per the FRN. Secondary notices were also sent out to the public directly by the agency on Facebook and emailed to the RAC Committee Members, Sierra National Forest employees and past RAC project proposal contacts.

General inquiries: None Received.

Committee Members (Quorum confirmed)			
Name	Category/ Industry	Attendance	Attendance Type
Mike Wubbels (Co-chair elect)	A. Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities	Present	In-Person
Marina Lee	A. Energy and mineral development or commercial or recreational fishing groups	Present	Virtual/Teams
Kirby Molen	A. Commercial timber industry	Present	In-Person
Ben Kimbler	A. Federal grazing permits or other land use permits or representative of non-industrial private forest landowners, within the area for which the committee is organized	Present	In-Person
Alan Fry	B. Dispersed recreational activities	Present	Virtual/Phone
Brenda Negly	B. Regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations	Present	Virtual
Kristina Rylands	B. Nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and	Present	Virtual/Teams

	burro interest, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations		
Allen Clyde (Chair elect)	C. Area school officials or teachers	Present	In-Person
Christina McDonald	C. American Indian Tribes within, or adjacent to, the area for which the committee is organized	Present	Virtual/Teams
Nathan Magsig	C. County or local-elected office	Present	Virtual/Phone

Forest Service Staff			
Name	**Position/Title**	**Attendance**	**Attendance Type**
Kim Sorini-Wilson	DFO	Present	In-person
Dean Gould	Forest Supervisor	Present	In-person
Lily Nieves	RAC Coordinator	Present	In-person
Jessica Jeffries	Meeting Note Taker/ Special Uses	Present	In-person
Deb Mcdougald	Wilderness Special Uses	Present	In-person
Cori Hayth	Recreation Officer	Present	In-person
Lilly Kurina	Wildlife Biologist	Present	In-person
Tracy Knapp	Wilderness Program Manager	Present	In-person
Elliot Nuss	Trails and Recreation Program Coordinator	Present	Virtual
Theresa Lowe	Wildlife Biologist	Present	In-person
Christy Jourdan	WO Records Management	Present	Virtual
Burt Stalter	Forestry Tech	Present	In-Person

General Audience	
Name	
Ruth Cramer	BCHC San Joaquin-Sierra Unit
Marcee Hanson	Backcountry Horsemen
Steve Cowdrey	SotSNF
Andy Quanger	
Marie Edwards	Shaver Lake Recreational Trail
Jay Kimbler	Public
Rosario Torres	North Fork Mono Tribe
Ashley Nebeker	Exec Director - Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council
Tasha Velenzuela	
Lacey Sharp	Sharp Farms and Cattle Company (Grazing Solutions Co)

Agenda

1. Welcome/Comments from the Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
2. Roll call
3. Public comments
4. Add or remove agenda items as needed
5. Discussion & review of RAC Proposals
6. Voting of RAC proposals & Funding Decisions
7. Discuss next meeting
8. Closing comments
9. Meeting adjournment

Meeting Minutes (per agenda item)

1. Welcome/Comments from the DFO: Kim Sorini welcomed all attendees and gave a summary of the role of the DFO, RAC Coordinator and the RAC Committee Chairperson.
2. Roll call: Ryan Indart was the only one not present. A quorum was confirmed.
3. Public comments: It was shared that there were none received.
4. Add or remove agenda items as needed: No changes were made.
5. Discussion & review of RAC Proposals:

It was discussed and confirmed that Allen Clyde/Chairperson would remain the Chairperson for this RAC and that Mike Wubbels would remain the Vice Chair. There were projects submitted this year that were also submitted last year. Last year the committee had a RAC meeting and voted to approve projects, the meeting was voided due to not having a quorum (therefore no projects were actually funded). The committee discussed approving projects that they had intended to approve previously. They discussed all of the projects and asked questions about them. The proposal contacts were able to answer the committee's questions about the projects. Some proposal contacts said that they could make due with less funds. A proposal for a virtual fencing project was submitted late, but it was still considered because it had a legitimate reason (based on Forest Service staff contacting them later to say that the project was eligible, when they previously stated it was not). The North Fork Mono Tribe project asked for more funds than were available, so it was discussed that they would likely not be funded this year. It was suggested that in the future, the committee could share past projects that were funded so that potential applicants can see the amounts that have been requested and approved in the past (to give them a better chance of competing). There were concerns about whether the Shaver Lake Trails project met the requirement to indirectly benefit public lands. Kim Sorini said that she would request clarification from National Partnership Office for the Forest Service to find out if the project was eligible for RAC funds or not. Mike Wubbels/Vice Chair shared that in order for external organizations that have projects approved by this RAC to enter into a Forest Service agreement or contract (to be able to spend federal funds), they must have a SAM.gov active account (it takes months to create an account, so funded projects that do not have a SAM.gov account need to start creating it asap). Allen Clyde/Chairperson asked if there were any other questions or discussion items and there were none at this point.

6. Voting of RAC proposals & Funding Decisions: Prior to the vote taking place, the Chairperson excused those who were not on the committee. Along with the committee members, the DFO, RAC Coordinator and note taker remained during the vote.

Motion made by Kirby Molen to fund Fresno County projects. Seconded by Allen Clyde/Chairperson. Fund the following projects:

- Project #1 - HS Road signs $53,000
- Project #9 - Visitor Services $17,000
- Project #10 - Kaiser Wilderness Trail $80,000

- Project #11 - Mary's Meadow $36,000
- Project #12 – Maxson Puncheon Replacement $10,000
- Project #14 – San Joaquin Back Country Horseman $12,670
- Project #15 - Wildlife Interns $32,000
- Project #13 F - Wilderness Interns (Fresno County side) $116,800
- Project #19 – Rancheria Falls Trails $3,000
- Project # 20 - Virtual Fencing $43,200
- Project #17 - Remainder of funds to Shaver Lake trails ($172,300)

VOTE: Yes from all members, except Mike Wubbels was the only no.

Motion made by Kirby Molen to fund Madera County projects. Seconded by Allen Clyde. Fund the following projects:

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- Project #3 – Upper Chiquito Campground $50,900
- Project #4 – Road and Trail Signs $20,245.85
- Project #5 – Road Sign Install $19,702.50
- Project #7 – Beasore Wildlife Defense Grazing $37,395.44
- Project #16 – Wildlife Interns $16,000
- Project #18 – Visitor Services $12,000

VOTE: All members voted yes, except Ben Kimbler was the only no.

7. Discussion & review of RAC Proposals: It was discussed that new members should be nominated to ensure a quorum. The nomination process takes a lot of time. RAC Members will be notified when it is time to discuss new meeting dates.
8. Closing comments – Allen Clyde/Chairperson thanked everyone for attending.
9. Meeting adjournment – A motion was passed to end the meeting. Allen Clyde/Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

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