



Minutes
SCOTTS VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, February 28, 2022

Meeting by Zoom Meeting called to Order 5:02pm

Attendees: Council Members: Present: Rhonda Armstrong, Terre Logsdon, Paula Mune, Greg Scott, Karole Ward.

Other Participants: Tina Scott, Supervisor District 4, Paul Harris, City of Lakeport, Betsy Cawn, William Fox (Lake County Water Resources), Sky Hoyt, Kristina Linder, Doug Patton, Eddy Teasdale, David Weiss, Joanne, Joan.

Approve by Roll Call Vote:

January 24, 2022 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

Open Forum – Share your concerns and ideas with District 4 Supervisor, Tina Scott

No concerns were voiced. The Council thanked Supervisor Scott for her continued support and her efforts to clear Scotts Creek

Guest Speaker – William Fox, Program Manager with Lake County Water Resources

- Status of the Fish and Wildlife permit to clear Scotts Creek. The permit is almost finalized and includes routine maintenance in the bed of Scott's Creek: removing overgrown vegetation. The permit will be sent for signature to Director Scott Deleon and work can begin when funding is received. Supervisor Scott asked William to contact her regarding funding.
- Highest priority areas to be cleared in Scotts Creek: The portion of Scotts Creek that is the highest priority requested to be cleared is from the bridge at Hendricks Road to the Bridge at Eickhoff road. This stretch of the creek is

where the levee breaks most often. The permit mentioned in item 1 above does not include removing gravel and additional steps will need to be done to modify the permit. Rhonda did some checking and determined that 19 parcels are on east and 13 on the west side of this stretch. When the levees break more parcels are affected.

- Blue Ribbon Committee update regarding Aerial Electromagnetic Survey (AEM) for Scotts Valley: The scope for AEM was changed to County Wide because there were some wells that went dry in Middletown. The funding is not available for this fiscal year, but may be available in 2023.
- Status of the well monitoring program for Scotts Valley residents: The county is looking for more residents to allow their wells to be used for the study. Currently only two wells have been volunteered.
- Q & A. There were no specific questions.

Presentation on Scotts Valley Water Budget by Eddy Teasdale. This presentation was requested because of our concern that the city, by increasing the municipal pumping out of the Scotts Valley Aquifer from 750 acre feet to a maximum of 2750 acre/feet as outlined in the agreement between Lake and Yolo County may cause hardship to Scotts Valley growers and residents. There is also a concern that some residents are allowing tanker trucks to fill at their personal wells to sell to others unregulated.

The definition of Water Budget is the difference between the amount of water that goes into an aquifer vs the amount of water that flows out. (Input-output=water budget) Inputs are from rains up gradient flows, and streams; outputs are from well pumping as well as leakage into creeks.

Mr. Teasdale said that the main focus of his study is on Big Valley, but has included Scotts Valley as well. He provided a graph of the water Budget from 1988 - 2021 using estimates as actual data is not available. The analysis shows there is not much change in the water budget. The ground looks as if it is well managed. However, this last year the water budget was negative, but future years will show if this will be a trend or normal fluctuation.

The output estimates were based on that there has been little change in land use, municipal and residential pumping, inputs are based on rain fall measurements.

Old Business

- Request to clear Scotts Creek beginning: See item 1 above Guest Speaker.

- NRCS - This is the only agency that may fund private property levees—other funding ideas: Terre agreed to contact to Korinn Woodard USDA-NRCS District Conservationist , who may have some ideas about funding for maintenance of privately owned levees.

New Business

- New Use Permits – Council Member Terre Logsdon reported there are no new Use Permits. Permit 21-05 was toured last year at 623 Eickhoff requested by RS Greenery. Any tribal artifacts would be reported to the tribe.
- Multi-Tribal Fire Prevention Grant Application to CAL FIRE to support Scotts Valley Firewise Community: A Forest Hill Grant Application by Robinsons Rancheria will include 20K for the Scotts Valley Firewise committee, which can be used for creating and maintaining a website, signs, and hours for people working on it.
- Scotts Valley Firewise Committee update. Vice Chair Greg Scott reporting. Needs someone to work the grant from Multi-Tribal Fire Prevention to CAL FIRE; if we receive the \$20,000 grant, we'll have to find someone who can manage the funds. He put together a resource list for residents who need work done, such as clearing brush and trees, weeding, pruning trees, etc. He wants to consider control burns because of the expensive of having someone cut down trees. Council members were asked to review the resource document and provide feedback.
- Broadband coverage for Scotts Valley. No new information to report
- North Bay Forest Improvement Program (NBFIP) March 3rd Zoom meeting 5:30pm for Q & A. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2022. Contact Laurel Bard @ 831-295-4989 with questions
- Scotts Valley Groundwater Protection Committee - update

Concern was expressed that the pear orchards and grapes are having to be irrigated in winter and what that may do to the groundwater table this summer.

Betsy Cawn shared that regarding annexing along Soda Bay Road, water storage and capacity is not an issue it is fire protection. 'South Lakeport annexation' March 10th there will be a public meeting held at the Lakeport Cinema.

- South Cow Mtn Mgt Area Implementation – update..... An Ethnobotanical field trip to ID areas of concern to the SV tribe with the BLM staff to keep all off-highway vehicles from riding in the creek bed.

- March 3rd Clear Lake Environmental Research Center will do a chat on zoom this is funding for private land owners to get things done... tree mortality western bark beetle is in the southern valley and moving along the Mayacamas range. They say all the pines will be dead, the cost of removing the trees could be helped. Lake county is a ground zero for the Mediterranean Pine Beetle.
- Cal-WATCH.org - free drinking water testing.
info@trackingcalifornia.org or 1-510-740-8051/ can fill out a screening survey to determine eligibility.....

Meeting ended at 6:44pm

Next Zoom meeting date: March 28, 2022

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