

LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Moke Simon, County of Lake
Jessica Pyska, Lake County Watershed
Protection District
Jeffrey Thomas, Lakeport Fire Protection
District
Mike Ciancio, Northshore Fire Protection
District
Mike Wink, South Lake Fire Protection
District
Joe Huggins, Kelseyville Fire Protection
District
Willy Sapeta, Lake County Fire Protection
District
Paul Duncan, Cal Fire

Dianna Mann, Representative County Water
Districts
Kevin Ingram, City of Lakeport
Russ Cremer, City of Clearlake
Joseph Franklin Vilarte, Tribal
Representative Middletown Rancheria of
Pomo Indians
Terre Logsdon, Environmental Director
Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Robert Geary, Tribal Chair Habematolel
Pomo of Upper Lake
TBD, Tribal Chair Robinson Rancheria of
Pomo Indians

Attendees:

Tammy Alakszay- NCO (North Coast
Opportunities, INC)
Angelina Fagundo- NCO (North Coast
Opportunities, INC)
Harry Lyons- RCD (Resource Conservation
District)
Magdalena Valderrama- SSCRA (Seigler
Springs Community Redevelopment)
Lauren Berlinn- Public information and
Community Outreach Officer, LCSO
Will Evans- CLERC (Clear Lake
Environmental Research Center)
Marcus Belatramo- Code Enforcement
Brian York- Cal Fire
Bart Levenson- Resident

Betsy Cawn- EPI Center (The Essential
Public Information Center
Laurel Bard- CLERC (Clear Lake
Environmental Research Center)
Kristina Linder- CLERC (Clear Lake
Environmental Research Center)
Marianne Peeters- Resident
Jackie Richie- Resident
Jonathan Portney- Lake County Special
Districts
Mike Shaver- Middletown Rancheria
Environmental Department
Lindsay Dailey- TERA
(Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance)

Regular Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order by Director Moke Simon at 3:02PM**
- 2. Roll call:** Director Moke Simon- here, Director Jessica Pyska- here, Director Dianna Mann- here, Director Kevin Ingram- here, Director Russ Cremer, and Director Terre Logsdon- here.

Absent: Jeffrey Thomas, Mike Ciancio, Mike Wink, Joe Huggins, Willy Sapeta, Paul Duncan, and Joseph Franklin Vilarte.

3. **Moment of Silence for** Kelly Stuckey who passed away. Kelly Stuckey was a very active participant of the Lions Club and our community.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Jessica Pyska**

4. **Public Input:**

Lauren Berlinn commented on the AlertFM survey.

Jackie Richie commented about the fire in Clearlake Oaks and how there was not enough water pressure in the fire hydrants. Richie will follow up with Dianna Mann.

5. **Consideration of Minutes from January 24, 2022:**

Feb 28, 2022, LC RRA meeting was cancelled due to not having a quorum and an invalid zoom link.

Director Terre Logsdon commented on item 7 needs to state, “Tribal Government Representative” instead of “Tribal represented”.

Director Russ Cremer called a motion to approve January 24, 2022, minutes with the amendments.

Director Jessica Pyska seconded the motion.

Roll call: Director Moke Simon- yes, Director Jessica Pyska- yes, Director Dianna Mann- yes, Director Kevin Ingram- yes, Director Russ Cremer- yes, and Director Terre Logsdon- yes.

Motion pass

6. **AB 361 Brown Act and Virtual Meetings-**

- a. Consideration of the Findings Required by AB 361 to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings by this Body to Continue

Director Russ Cremer called the motion to approve the AB 361 Brown Act and Virtual Meetings.

Director Dianna Mann seconded the motion.

Roll call: Director Moke Simon- yes, Director Jessica Pyska- yes, Director Dianna Mann- yes, Director Kevin Ingram- yes, Director Russ Cremer- yes, and Director Terre Logsdon- yes.

Motion pass

7. **Tree mortality and Forest health update:**

Director Jessica Pyska reported that there was a town hall meeting two weeks ago, and there were about eighty attendees. The town hall was recorded and uploaded to YouTube (on the County of Lake website- Tree Mortality) and the County of Lake Facebook page. Pyska reported that she has been successful with the participation of PG&E and Caltrans to the Tree Mortality and Forest Health Task Force.

No Director comments.

Public comments:

Bart Levenson commented that there was a lot of valuable information presented at the town hall. Levenson also commented on drought levels in Lake County.

8. **Consideration of Reports and Updates:**

Director's Reports:

Moke Simon reported that he has been going through a family emergency, and he thanks everyone for their patience and understanding during this time. Simon also reported that Cal fire has hired a new commander, Mike Marcuui.

Jessica Pyska reported that PG&E has made a change to their vegetation program. PG&E is now willing to haul away dead trees around their PG&E equipment. PG&E has identified seven hundred trees that will be hauled away. Please contact PG&E if you see a dead tree around their equipment.

Jeffrey Thomas Absent

Mike Ciancio Absent

Mike Wink Absent

Joe Huggins Absent

Willy Sapeta Absent

Paul Duncan was absent. **Brian York** reported about April 1st training, and issues with declining numbers with the hand crew camps.

Dianna Mann reported that she has been getting ready for this year's drought. Mann also reported that she is setting an appointment with Chief Ciancio.

Kevin Ingram reported on the Hazardous Advances Weed Abatement program, and the April surface water treatment plant. Ingram shared that there would be more information to come.

Russ Cremer reported that they have been working on a letter for vegetation removal. Cremer commented that he is glad to hear about brush burning on Dam rd.

Terre Logsdon reported that she has been planning a Tribal Family Day on May 21, 2022, and how Chief Thomas will be there. Logsdon also reported that she is still working on grants for Biochar and Bioenergy.

Tribal Representative Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians:

Director Moke Simon reported that Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians is collaborating with TERA and plans on meeting with Scotts Valley.

Tribal Representative Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake:

Robert Geary reported that he talked to Mike Jones. Geary would like to see Tribal culture burning trainings added for the fire fighters.

Brian York and Robert Geary will continue this conversation **outside this meeting.**

Director Moke Simon commented that LC RRA is a perfect place to bring up these concerns.

Tribal Representative Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians Absent

Public comments:

Magdalena Valderrama commented that she appreciates the conversation between Tribal and Cal fire.

A. NCO update:

Tammy Alakszay reported

AmeriCorps- The AmeriCorps team has been CERT trained and has completed Red Cross trainings. Alakszay also said that the AmeriCorps team has been working with Hospice on canvassing neighborhoods. Tammy Alakszay is hosting a "Last Hoorah" for the AmeriCorps team 3/27/2022 at 11:00AM-03:00PM at Highlands Springs Park.

"Grant Best Fit" meeting- continues to meet every third Thursday of the month at 9:00AM and The Grant Best Fit Spreadsheet is shared with the committee weekly. The Training Calendar is coming soon.

Evacuation Routes Grants- Alakszay reported that the Grant award announcement has been changed from February 2022 to March 2022.

CA Wildfire Mitigation Home Hardening Pilot project (HMGP)- Advance assistance has been submitted as of last week.

CA Fire Safe Council coordinator position- Alakszay reported that she plans to be going to a meeting next week and in April. Alakszay also said she is working with the Fire Safe Councils.

B. County Staff:

Administration

Water Resources

Code Enforcement-

Marcus Belatramo states that he has nothing to report.

Director Moke Simon, Director Jessica Pyska, Director Terre Logsdon, Jackie Richie, Bart Levenson, and Betsy Cawn had questions and made comments on the Code Enforcement policies.

Air Quality

Special Districts-

Jonathon Portney states that he has nothing to report.

Sheriff Department/OES-

C. LCRRA Members:

Lake County Fire Safe Council-

Harry Lyons reported that Laurie Hutchison continues to work with NCO, TREX, and Kristina Linder.

Director Terre Logsdon commented that the next Scotts Valley Advisory Council meeting is Monday 3/28/2022 at 5:00PM.

South Lake Fire Safe Council-

Magdalena Valderrama reported that SLFSC is putting up a new website and SLFSC has new president. Valderrama reported that SLFSC continues their chipping program.

US Forest Services (USFS)-

Clearlake Environmental Resource Center (CLERC)-

Will Evans reported that last week CLERC worked on Fox Dr, focusing on tree mitigation. CLERC has gained another contract to take out three hundred dead trees.

Seigler Springs Community Redevelopment Association (SSCRA)-

Magdalena Valderrama reported that SSCRA is going to apply for the Fire State Assistance Grant (FSA). SSCRA has started fifty-two home assessments and planning a summit with Noble Ranch and the South Lake Fire Council. Valderrama also reported that the “Living with Wildfire” booklets for homeowners are hot off the press. Valderrama has been attending classes through FACNET on Indigenous people and culture.

Lake County CAN! -

Cobb Area Council-

Tribal Eco Restoration Alliance (TERA)-

Lindsay Dailey reported that TERA hosted their kickoff event for TREX workshop on prescribed burns March 14 and March 15.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-

Director Moke Simon commented that he would work on getting BLM at the next meeting.

University of California Cooperative Education (UCCE)-

D. Reporting Opportunity Other Partner agencies:

E. CMAT Reporting Committee:

Director Jessica Pyska reported that there is no update.

Tammy Alakszay commented that the CMAT Reporting Committee meetings time has changed to 1:30PM every third Monday of the month.

F. CWPP Update

Harry Lyons reported that Linda has met with the fire chiefs and gave them a draft of the CWPP on January 26, 2022. The CWPP will be ready for the county roll out soon.

Public comment:

Betsy Cawn commented on the CWPP maintenance and update.

9. Adjournment

Director Dianna Mann called motion to adjourn the meeting.

Director Jessica Pyska seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44PM

Minutes taken by Angelina Fagundo