

## LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION AUTHORITY

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Indians  
Robert Geary, Habematolel Pomo of Upper  
Lake  
T Anderson, Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians

### ATTENDEES

Scott Harter- County, Special Districts  
Kristina Linder- Clearlake Environmental Research Center (CLERC)  
Magdalena Valderrama- Seigler Springs Community Association Redevelopment (SSCRA)  
Frank Aebly- Mendocino National Forest  
Angela Dow- Water Resources  
Robyn Bera- North Coast Opportunities, Inc (NCO)  
Tammy Alakszay- North Coast Opportunities, Inc (NCO)  
Angelina Fagundo - North Coast Opportunities, Inc (NCO)  
Brook Mulligan - NCO (North Coast Opportunities, Inc)  
Lauren Berlinn- Public Information and Community Outreach Officer, LSCO  
Kristina Linder- Clearlake Environmental Research Center (CLERC)  
John Hackett- CalTrans District 1, Landscape Specialist  
Bart Levenson- Lake County Resident  
Susan Parker- Lake CountyCounty, Assistant Administration Officer  
Betsy Cawn- EPI Center (The Essential Public Information Center)

**Meeting Date: Monday June 13, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Zoom**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order: By Director Moke Simon at 3:01pm**

**2. Roll call:** Present: Director Moke Simon, Director Jessica Pyska, Director Dan Grebil, Director Paul Duncan, Director Kevin Ingram, Director Russ Cremer, Director Terre Logsdon, Director Franklin Velarde

**Absent:** Director Mike Ciancio, Director Mike Wink, Director Joe Huggins, Director Willy Sapeta, Director Dianna Mann, Director Robert Geary, and Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians representative

**Quorum met- 4 of 7 members present**

**3. Moment of Silence held for the children of Uvalde, TX, the many victims of recent mass shootings nationwide, as well as the two individuals who have lost their lives to fire in Clearlake.**

**4. Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Russ Cremer**

**5. Public Input:** None

**6. Consideration of Minutes from:**

a. May 16, 2022:

b. April 25, 2022, Notes: (this meeting did not have a quorum)

**Director Moke Simon** commented on the importance of approving the notes from the April 25, 2022 meeting.

**Director Paul Duncan** motion to approve minutes from May 16, 2022, and notes from April 25, 2022.

**Director Kevin Ingram** seconded the motion

**Magdalena Valderrama** noted that the minutes continue to contain a misspelling of Seigler Springs.

**Director Moke Simon** asked if Director Paul Duncan would consider amending the motion with revisions

**Director Paul Duncan** agreed to accept amendment of revisions

**Kevin Ingram** seconded the motion to the amendment of revisions

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes Vote:** Director Moke Simon, Director Jessica Pyska, Director Kevin Ingram, Director Paul Duncan, Director Russ Cremer, Director Terre Logsdon

**Abstained:** Director Joseph Franklin Velarde, Director Dan Grebil

**Majority rules- Motion Passed**

**7. 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** motioned to approve  
**Director Jessica Pyska** seconded the motion

**Yes Vote:** Director Moke Simon, Director Jessica Pyska, Director Dan Grebil, Director Paul Duncan, Director Kevin Ingram, Director Russ Cremer, Director Joseph Franklin Velarde, Director Terre Logsdon

**Abstained:** None

**All in favor- Motion Passed**

**8. LC RRA Financials**

a. **2022 – 2023 budget and renewal of NCO contract.**

- **Fund allocated fiscal year 21/22 \$47,160.00.**
- **Funds spent as of June 2022**

**Services provided by NCO:**

**Administrative support for the following meetings: LC RRA, Grants Best Fit, CMAT, and Tree Mortality. Supports LC RRA representation on the COAD, as well as attendance at some Municipal Advisory Council.**

**Tammy Alakszay** noted that a solid draft of the scope of work has been sent out to the board of Directors. She has also proposed that each July moving forward, all accomplishments and projections for the year be brought forward and possibly presented in the form of a white paper, which would make it easier for public sharing.

**Robyn Bera** confirmed that the FY contract is fully spent at \$47,160.00

**Robyn Bera** stated that NCO is looking to get a minimum (bottom line) budget of \$38,607.26 for next FY. The LCRRA is aiming for a new annual goal next FY of \$50,000 to allow for additional room for increase of support services. She has also confirmed that NCO has billed the county and received return reimbursement- the contract is fully spent and ready to close out.

**The proposed budget for 22/23:**

**\$38,607.26 (\$8552.74 less than the previous FY) to provide continued support services.**

**Director Russ Cremer** commented on his concerns of the NCO budget format.

**Robyn Bera** clarified that the outlined information in the scope of work provided by NCO was detailing how the budget of \$47,160.00 was spent. She has noted that the entirety of the \$47,160.00 budget went to Tammy Alakszay and Angelina Fagundo to cover costs associated with staff time- all details of that spent are in the scope of work provided by NCO. (Noted in the "Services Provided")

**Director Moke Simon** commented that it would be helpful to have a more specific representation of the budget breakdown moving forward to give the board of directors a clear idea of how all funds are being utilized. If the format needs to be revised, per a board member's request, we will attempt to meet that request.

**Director Moke Simon** asked for a contract date clarification.

**Robyn Bera** replied that the contract review was completed in May of 2021, signed in June of 2021, and funded by July 1, 2021.

**Director Moke Simon** has asked that this issue be added to next year's calendar to ensure that the contract is reviewed in May, signed in June, and funded by July 1. Director Simon has stated that the goal is to meet this deadline in a timely manner.

**Director Moke Simon** is requesting that this item be added to next month's agenda, and that it needs to be sent out in the packet with a complete breakdown.

**Director Jessica Pyska** offered a distribution from the County's Cannabis Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$10,000.

**Director Moke Simon** commented on looking to raise the \$50,000 proposed new budget and was also willing to contribute \$10,000-\$15,000 to get the ball rolling. The County is looking to contribute half of the \$50,000 budget proposed for the next FY. Director Simon made mention of the fund balance being at \$4,000.00 after all payments have been made.

**Director Jessica Pyska** agreed that the balance was somewhere between \$3,000-\$4,000.

**Director Moke Simon** commented that the financial report is something to work on for next month's meeting and should be included in the packet. The breakdown should show exactly where the fund balance stands. The current contract proposed for FY 22/23 is \$50,000.00 NCO is proposing \$38607.26 this item to be added to next month's agenda for approval.

**Director Moke Simon** stated that the county is conducting an audit. The audit completion date is unknown at this time and can be revisited during July's meeting.

**a. Directors/Member contributions:**

**Director Jessica Pyska** is willing to contribute \$10,000

**Director Moke Simon** is also able to contribute \$10,000 and possibly up to \$15,000.

### **Director Comments:**

**Director Moke Simon** is looking for individual agencies to help with contributions. Mentioned previous contributions from the county and Calpine which helped to get the 1st contract signed. Director Simon mentioned a discussion from a previous meeting, where they spoke of potentially asking for a minimum of \$1,000 contribution up to \$5,000. This would help in reaching the \$50,000 budget goal for next FY. He also stated that last year community contributions helped move things in the right direction and they will continue to ask for contributions until the goal is met.

**Director Moke Simon** stated that this could be individual or combined contributions between different agencies. Currently there are 6 fire districts, 1 water districts and 4 tribal partners. We will look to them to see what can be afforded. Director Simon has asked that by next month we will need to have the 2023 proposed budget and contract for approval.

### **Public Comments:**

**Bart Levenson** was asking for clarification regarding the NCO 9% rate charge as well as the discretionary funds available to Director Simon and Pyska.

**Director Moke Simon** made mention of a meeting taking place Tuesday June 14, 2022, that would touch on the budget issues. Updates will be available for review after the scheduled meeting.

**Robyn Bera** explained the 9% fee that NCO charges which is a standard indirect rate which covers various costs including, utilities, occupancy, and other operating costs. This is a standard rate charge.

**Director Terre Logsdon** requested a letter to take to council to discuss the need for contributions.

**Director Moke Simon** asked NCO to help facilitate the drafting of this letter and that he would be willing to sign off on it.

### **9. Tree mortality and Forest health update:**

**Director Jessica Pyska** reported that the official Cal Fire report has been received from the 2 fly overs that have taken place. The data is now being analyzed.

**Director Pyska** announced that a tree mortality meeting will be held the morning of Friday June 17, 2022, and is open to the public. This will now be a regular standing meeting

**Director Pyska** went on to say that beginning next week, she will be meeting with internal staff from Senator McGuire's office. Seeking assistance from state and local agencies for funding and guidance with some high priority level issues. These issues will be costly and take time to resolve.

**Director Pyska** is in talks with Cal OES to determine next steps for removal of dead/dying trees. The focus is on egress/ingress areas.

**Director Pyska** is currently reviewing costs and working into a feasible strategy to move forward.

#### **Public Comment/Questions:**

**Betsy Cawn** suggested including the California Housing and Community Development Disaster Recovery Division, which may have some funding for mitigation projects. Also mentioned looking into the FEMA mitigation funding which may be able assist in supporting the tree mortality issue.

**Bart Levenson** inquired about being added to the email list for future LC Tree Mortality meetings.

**Director Jessica Pyska** asked Bart Levenson to sync up with Tammy Alakszay for inclusion.

#### **10. Consideration of Reports and Updates:**

##### **Director's Reports:**

##### **Moke Simon:**

Director Simon attended a wildfire round table meeting on Monday June 6, 2022, with congressman Thompson, as well as other agencies and members of congress. Topics included local funding. Hot topics discussed such as, how to get funding into small rural communities? What does Government funding look like and how to get the funding to private landowners?

Some issues that were discussed were base pay rates, how to increase the workforce and what can be done within each agency to ensure our fire services are covered year-round. Other important issues were also discussed regarding cultural and prescribed fire, as well as keeping communications flowing during disasters.

Director Simon has been asked to attend meetings by Congressman Thompson, his attendance is helpful in bringing to light what Lake County is currently doing to address risk reduction in the county. Director Moke Simon was able to highlight what Lake County is currently doing with the update of the CWPP.

Director Simon updated the board that the Evacuation Routes Grant they had been working on through Public Works has been funded. It will focus on Ingress/egress issues throughout the Soda Bay Corridor. This is a pilot project to promote safe ingress/egress throughout the county.

Director Simon made mention that they have applied with the California Jumpstart Grant which is for 5 years of funding for a Climate Resilience Officer. It is under review, and they are optimistic that this grant will be funded soon. He will continue to update progress as it is made available.

##### **Jessica Pyska:**

Director Pyska spoke about attending a recent town hall meeting and commented that there was some great information received. Director Jessica Pyska stated that the state is heavily investing

in wildfire mitigation and fire programs and is hopeful that more conversations can happen through meeting with state partners to figure out how funding can trickle down to rural communities. Director Pyska stated that over 1 billion dollars in funding is available through the state, which means processes need to be put in place to capture those funding streams. Director Pyska will be meeting with Senator McGuire's staff next week at a Tree Mortality meeting to discuss working towards aligning what is happening on the ground level and what is well understood at the state level as they roll out these programs.

**Dan Grebil:**

Mentioned that he is happy to be a part of the LC RRA and is looking forward to bringing NCO's annual report to his board to begin conversations regarding ongoing contributions. He stated that he would like to have the opportunity to review the report before the closing of his final budget in August.

**Mike Ciancio:**

Not in attendance

**Mike Wink:**

Not in attendance

**Joe Huggins:**

Not in attendance

**Willy Sapeta:**

Not in attendance

**Paul Duncan:**

Announced that on the Cal FIRE side, they are fully staffed, and all the equipment is on the road. 31 Engines throughout 6 counties are staffed. Helicopters have been busy flying around monitoring the current 7 active fires, conducting smoke checks. He noted that they have a standard fixed wing aircraft and an additional large helicopter out of Sonoma County, along with a large helicopter out of Napa County. These are considered Type 1 contract ships, which are exclusively used in addition to regularly used equipment.

Southlake has a Type 6 engine going into service and they have been active with training volunteers. North Division/CAL FIRE has an air curtain incinerator that has been working over the weekend staffed by crews and volunteers. They have been working to get the 1st round of burning done to see what the overall costs and consumption rates are. They have several tons of material ready to go and are waiting on the next burn day with the hopes to remove a lot of the large trees with the help of the Cobb Area Council and South Lake County Fire Protection District. Using the Air Curtain Incinerator will be cheaper than regular disposal.

He is also working on the infestation issues with Director Pyska and stressing the importance of the community ingress/egress areas. He made mention of the high costs to remove these infected trees, upwards of \$2,000 per tree for removal.

**Dianna Mann:**

Not in attendance

**Kevin Ingram:**

Spoke on the topic of being in the heart of hazardous weed abatement and that the June 1 deadline for compliance has now passed. Seeing good compliance rates overall, but there are still a few dozen properties that still require weed abatement. They continue to work with Chief Grebil's team to provide community outreach and provide 2nd notices. He noted that they are finding a wider impact of tree mortality now affecting local neighborhood trees, especially eucalyptus, conifers, and redwoods. They are exploring different strategies to tackle the varying costs regarding the removal of hazardous vegetation.

In July, they will be presenting a drought implementation plan to the city council.

**Director Pyska** added that they have met with Cal OES and have identified that the Disaster Act Funding, made available by Governor Brown's tree mortality disaster and has been made available to cities and water districts to protect their infrastructure. If there are dead/dying trees around roadways, city buildings, or infrastructure for any city, water district, school district or cemetery district. Any district needing to protect their infrastructure can apply. There is a required 25% match and is 75% reimbursable. Each agency must apply individually. Director Pyska offered her assistance in navigating this process and is willing to connect offline.

**Russ Cremer:**

Mentioned the progress of the vegetation reduction plan he is working on with Director Duncan that is targeting the area that is east of Clearlake. Director Cremer talked about meeting with 12-15 people with BLM to discuss the next phase to reduce fuels down in the area between the two ridges. They will be able to perform prescribed burns, and other methods in the area to clear a lot of dry vegetation. BLM has had a change in philosophy regarding prescribed burns and they are hoping to get this plan in motion by next year, if not the year after. BLM Archeologists are also working with them to investigate certain areas to ensure they are clear to continue pushing forward without disrupting any archeological sites.

**Director Duncan** commented on the area behind Walmart where they have been working on reducing hazardous vegetation to keep local housing areas safe. He noted that they are making good progress.

**Director Pyska** referred to the Fact Sheet link below for Cal OES's Tree Mortality funding available. Advised Director Cremer that if the city of Clearlake requires help keeping their infrastructure safe from dead/dying trees, they can find the information there. If they require further assistance, she is willing to help.

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/RecoverySite/Documents/FAQ%20for%20Tree%20Mortality%2012%2004%2015.pdf>

**Director Terre Logsdon:**

Stated that they had to reschedule their Tribal Family Emergency Preparedness event. That will now be held in August. On Friday June 10, 2022 they successfully submitted a grant to the USDA that will help complete the funding for the first bioenergy/biochar facility located in Sutter County. The proposal will include the biochar, which is made from walnut shells. They will be running tests on it for phosphorus absorption, to keep it out of the lake. They are excited about these

possibilities and have received a letter of commitment from the Storm Water Management Committee.

**Franklin Velarde:**

Reported continued fuel reduction efforts on Middletown Rancheria and looking forward to future meetings.

**Robert Geary:**

Not in attendance

**Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians:**

Not in Attendance

**Public Comment:**

None

**A. NCO update:**

**AmeriCorps, “Grant Best Fit” meeting (Grant Spreadsheet), Evacuation Routes Grants, and CA Fire Safe Council Coordinator Grant.**

**Tammy Alakszay** spoke about how the grant's best fit team has a new process for the spreadsheet, which has been cleaned up and is easier to read. There is now a total column that offers visibility into the number of grants that come into the county. There are still some pieces of information needing to be populated and she is looking to have that done by the next meeting complete with the dollar amount received which will match nicely with the white paper previously mentioned.

Due to the CMAT Report- NCO has now moved on to the Fire Safe Lake workshops scheduled for next week. The goal of the workshops is to build a solid foundation to move forward while looking for ways to identify, adopt and implement further administrative communication and joint funding outreach with instructional and educational tools for community outreach within the county, and start the important work of addressing the suggestions of the CMAT Report.

NCO has a new mural completed and ready to view at their office located on Olympic Drive and Memory Lane in Clearlake.

**Director Terre Logsdon** mentioned the conversations during the CMAT meeting earlier, regarding the pre-proposal due July 15, 2022. The Strategic Growth Council has a large grant available for a regional collaborative and a Joint Powers Authority is an eligible applicant and the work identified in the CMAT lists all the partners. Unsure if this requires the board's directions assistance in writing the grant. She believes that this would be a great opportunity for funding.

**Director Pyska** asked if we need to call a special meeting since this topic is not on the agenda.

**Tammy Alakszay** asked to discuss at the Grant's Best Fit Meeting on Thursday June 16, 2022.

**Director Terre Logsdon** will be unable to attend Thursday's meeting.

**Tammy Alakszay** to follow up per director Simon's request between now and Thursday June 16.

**Director Pyska** will not be able to attend the Grants Best Fit meeting.

**Public Comment:**

**Betsy Cawn** shared that the fire wise communities and the new fire safe council spent time on local radio station KPFC radio discussing the fire wise community's protection plan and the relationship of fire wise/fire adaptive communities and the community wildfire protection plan. Magdalena Valderrama called in with an update for listeners and they continue to support the process.

**B. County Staff:**

**Administration Susan Parker** Will touch base with Steven regarding financials and report back to the board after that conversation.

**Director Simon** has asked that next month's agenda contain all of the NCO contract information and financial reporting.

**Code Enforcement Marcus Bletramo** spoke about the hazardous vegetation complaints coming in and the process in which that is handled. It was outlined as follows, first a template letter goes out to the property owner stating that they are not in compliance, and they need to contact code enforcement. They have 10 days to respond. If unresponsive, code enforcement conducts an assessment and is striving to educate the public on what hazardous vegetation abatement means. It seems there is some confusion as to what code enforcement is looking for. They have received approximately 50% compliance and they continue to educate property owners on ways to manage their property. Code enforcement is looking for defensible space around neighboring structures and roadway frontages. At this time, they are not equipped to cover the costs to remove trees. The focus is instead on weed abatement until they can work together with other agencies to streamline the scope of work, which would assist with the issue of tree mortality.

He is urging those in need of filing complaints to do so online on the county webpage, as this is the fastest and easiest way to file a complaint, otherwise you can call (707) 263- 2090.

There was also mention that Code Enforcement is facing severe staff shortages currently, but they have 2 openings plus an admin support role opening up to assist with the workload.

**Air Quality:** Not in attendance

**Special Districts:** No report or update

**Health Services:** Not in attendance

**Sheriff Department/OES:** No report or update

**Director Moke Simon** opened it back up to public questions/comments.

**Bart Levenson** stated there is a need for code enforcement at her own personal property, but she was advised of staff shortages within code enforcement, so they were unable to assist her.

**Marcus Beltramo** confirmed the staffing shortages and explained that there are new job postings opening, which includes a tech/admin support role, plus two additional enforcement officers. He also stated that there is a process in which code enforcement handles issues and is unsure as to why code enforcement was unable to help Bart Levenson, but he was willing to investigate it if need be. He went on to say that there are currently 4 code enforcement officers, plus himself. However, there are only 2 officers delegated to the roadmap task force. They are still dealing with ongoing backlog issues while trying to prioritize issues as they see fit.

**Bart Levenson** had some concerns regarding squatters and the risk they bring about burning vegetation.

**Director Moke Simon** has asked that the questions be relevant to the topic at hand.

**Marcus Beltramo** responded to Bart Levenson's concerns regarding the issue of squatters. He stated that squatters are not a code enforcement issue, instead his team is focused on the issues that they bring or attract to the property regarding fire danger and hazardous vegetation.

**Director Terre Logsdon** directed a question toward Marcus Beltramo stating that she was looking for a report that was to come from code enforcement regarding hazardous vegetation to get a better idea about the ordinance and if it is proving to be effective.

**Marcus Beltramo** stated that he would work on getting Terre Logsdon that report.

**Director Terre Logsdon** had a comment for Scott Harter where she mentioned noticing on the CDC website that the 1st testing for the Northwest treatment plant has been posted. She was looking to clarify if that issue had been resolved or is it ongoing. She questioned if the supply chain issue had been resolved or if it was a one-off situation.

**Scott Harter** stated that the supply chain issue has since been resolved and they are now testing twice weekly at the Northwest plant and three times weekly at that southwest treatment plant.

**Magdalena Valderrama** had a question for code enforcement officer Marcus Beltramo regarding the funding and how it can move forward with the weed abatement program.

**Marcus Beltramo** replied by stating that there is a public nuisance abatement fund which currently holds \$150,000.00. He stated that code enforcement's main concern is the clearing of the roadway frontage and creating defensible space around structures. The goal is to make the roads safe for emergency personnel and keep clear evacuation routes in the event of an emergency.

**Magdalena Valderrama** asked about the issue of code enforcement discerning if dead or dying trees should be removed while enforcing weed abatement.

**Marcus Beltramo** stated that his department needs to have someone with the proper experience and education surrounding fire safety and hazardous vegetation. His understanding is that tree removal can be very costly, and they do not have the funds or ability to address that issue at this time. He would prefer to work with other local agencies to streamline issues and prioritize what issues need to be addressed first.

**Frank Aebly** asked if the US Forest Service could utilize the CFMA contract agreement which could potentially provide a civil culturalist to help in identifying trees that may need to be removed.

**Marcus Beltramo** was unsure if utilizing the CFMA contract was tangible but was willing to explore that topic further.

**Director Moke Simon** will put Marcus Beltramo and Frank Aebly in contact and will look to follow up on that conversation.

**Bart Levenson** asked if it would be worthwhile to create our own department or committee to deal with tree mortality. Could this topic be put on a future agenda?

**Director Moke Simon** made mention that a tree mortality task force is already in existence.

**Director Jessica Pyska** added that the strategy moving forward would be to contract hire because the county does not have the capacity or funding to hire a project manager for this role.

**Director Moke Simon** mentioned that the support is there and that this is about capacity building through partner agencies and other grants.

### **C. LC RRA Members:**

**Lake County Fire Safe Council** Not in attendance

**South Lake Fire Safe Council** Not in attendance

**US Forest Services (USFS)** Frank Aebly mentioned that the Northshore project is ending the objection period at the end of the month which would allow more work to be completed in the Northshore area. He again mentioned that the US Forest Service is here to support the local community.

**Chief Duncan** made mention that the state does not have the capacity and the crews do not currently exist to handle the issues surrounding tree cutting or assessment. Instead, they will have to contract out for that issue.

**John Hacket** of Caltrans is a certified arborist, and he has offered his services to assess the tree cutting needs throughout the county.

**Clearlake Environmental Resource Center (CLERC)** No report or update

**Seigler Springs Community Redevelopment Association (SSCRA) Magdalena Valderrama** mentioned that the chipping program is gaining momentum and is now chipping every month thanks to a grant from CLERC. They have been working with many agencies to get the air curtain incinerator up and running.

**Lake County CAN!** Not in attendance

**Cobb Area Council** Magdalena Valderrama mentioned that there is a lot of attention on fire readiness, and they have been receiving reports on the tree mortality emergency and how it is progressing. All of the fire wise communities continue to be engaged. Currently fourteen fire wise communities and two more in process

**Tribal Eco Restoration Alliance (TERA)** Not in attendance

**University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE)** Michael Jones stated they are hosting a forest steward workshop in Lake County this summer beginning June 30, 2022. He will send out a flyer in case anyone is interested. He mentioned that last Tuesday there was a 2nd successful burn and that they continue to have great ongoing collaborations

**Director Russ Cremer** commented that he was pleased with the work that Caltrans had been doing in regard to vegetation reduction around the HWY 53 corridor.

**BLM** Not in attendance

**D. Reporting Opportunity Other Partner agencies:**

None.

**E. Water Resource update- Angela Dow:**

**a. Plans for Tule shoreline prescribed burns on Highland Springs Reservoir.**

**Angela Dow** mentioned that they are planning to work with TERA and the watershed center on prescribed burns.

Angela is looking for information regarding the liability regarding prescribed burns on public or county lands.

**Director Kevin Ingram** states that he is willing to help to connect her with Paul Harris who may be able to help with some of the details.

**Scott Harter** mentioned that they have conducted field training exercises in the past and they may have experience with the process. He stated that he will check in with staff and follow up at a later date.

**Frank Aebly** also made mention of experience regarding prior Tule burns around Clearlake. Mentioned to reach out to Lindsay Daily for further details and information.

#### **b. Final Results for Cache Fire Water Quality Monitoring and reference comparison**

Seeing downstream sites with slightly elevated levels, but all levels are well within the legal limit. No huge metal concerns. VOCs not detected. OCDD level showing slight elevation, this is found in smoke emissions, but it is found to be non-toxic for mammals and aquatic life. No contaminants of concern currently including any concerns surrounding drinking water. Drought is complicating the water monitoring process. Found lower levels of dissolved oxygen in the samples taken. The site has been cleaned up and is looking good, there should not be any issues for the following year. Continuing to work with the water board to see if further sampling is needed in the future.

#### **F. CMAT Reporting Committee:**

**Director Jessica Pyska** stated that a workshop is being planned for next week.

**G. CWPP Update** – RCD Harry Lyons: Not in attendance

#### **H. CWPP Rollout:**

**Director Pyska** has an update from Matthew Rothstein in the county admin office. Following up with two tribes with their process related concerns. Expecting updates from Robinson Rancheria early next week.

Proposing Tribal and fire district input, developing a committee within the RRA that monitors the implementation work of the CWPP which would report back to this group. This committee would monitor the work and make changes and then bring it back to the county admin office.

Stressed the importance of outlining the entire process to make sure the CWPP is relevant and continues.

**Director Moke Simon** is in favor of this proposal. Has asked that this topic be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**Betsy Cawn** stated that she is in support of forming the group as long as it focuses on what needs to be done and is a standing committee that is open to the public under the Brown Act.

**Director Jessica Pyska** confirmed the intention of the committee.

**T. Anderson of Robinson Rancheria** is asking for a follow up with Matthew Rothstein from admin office who currently has the CWPP

**Susan Parker** is willing to follow up with Matthew Rothstein regarding any concerns that Robinson Rancheria may have.

**11. Next LC RRA meeting:**

July 18, 2022 @ 3pm

**12. Adjournment**

**Director Russ Cremer** motion to adjourn

**Director Jessica Pyska** seconded the motion

**Final vote:** All in favor

**Meeting adjourned 5:09pm**