



Minutes
SCOTTS VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, September 26, 2022

Meeting Called to Order 5:03PM

Council Members Present: Rhonda Armstrong, Paula Mune, Karole Ward, and Greg Scott

Present: Jenni Byers City of Lakeport, Supervisor Eddie Crandell, Kevin Goodwin, Sky Hoytt, Kevin Ingram, Manager, City of Lakeport, Karola Kennedy, Tom Nickle, Paul Harris, City of Lakeport, Luis Santana Fisheries Biologist/Water Resource Specialist, Robinson Rancheria, and Spencer's iPhone.

Approve by Roll Call Vote: Aug 22, 2022 Minutes were approved by Paula, Rhonda and Karole. Paula requested clarification on funding to clear Scotts Creek and what the BLM guest speaker meant by documenting the plan.

House keeping: Terre was attending a California Wildfire and Task Force meeting in Grass Valley.

Rhonda added a permanent agenda item to update council on new and existing City of Lakeport Proposed development projects.

We took a moment of silence to honor Bill Estrem who recently passed away at the age of 92. He was the director of fruit tree Pear canning and the President of the Scotts Valley Water Conversation District for many years.

Public Comment – The public can address the Council or Supervisor Crandell on items not listed on the agenda.

Mr. Hoytt read an article in Lake County News that discussed progress made in the flooding project in Upper Lake and wondered why they were on a fast track and not Scott's Valley. Supervisor Crandell explained that Upper Lake was merely having a Workshop and was on their usual path forward.

Guest Speaker: Luis Santana, Fisheries Biologist/Water Resource Specialist, Robinson Rancheria. Presentation about creek restoration and access to Scotts Creek.

Discussed rescuing 290 hitch stranded in a mud puddle on Cooper Creek upstream of Tule Lake. There is funding to create restoration for hitch habitats. Scotts Valley Tribe might help with restoration on Scott's Creek and throughout the watershed.

When asked about the Dam proposed on Scotts Creek back in the 1970s, Mr. Santana said it's very hard to build a large dam, but more in the line of restoration were beaver-type dams to provide Hitch habitat.

Old Business

- The board would like a schedule as to when the vegetation and gravel clearing will occur along the three mile stretch of Scotts Creek from the Hendrix road bridge to the Eickhoff bridge. Permits are in place and the money has been appropriated. Supervisor Crandell will get the schedule from Scott DeLong.
- There is nothing new to report on the City of Lakeport South Main Annexation – on the November 8th ballot.
- There is nothing new to report on the South Cow Mountain Mgt Area Implementation Plan.
- There is nothing new to report on the Multi-Tribal Fire Prevention Grant Application to CAL FIRE to support Scotts Valley Firewise Community

- Broadband coverage for Scotts Valley. The Golden State Connect Authority entered a partnership with a Utah company to provide high speed internet to 39 rural counties of California. An economic Development Grant was submitted to the Rural Counties Representatives of California (RCRC) the outcome has yet to be determined.

New Business

- New Use Permits – Council Member Terre Logsdon. There are no new use permits
- Scotts Valley Groundwater Protection Committee – update by Sky Hoyt
 - The Basics: The States Sustainable Groundwater Protection Act requires each county perform a Sustainable Groundwater Protection Plan and rate the sustainability of its aquifers. The Big Valley aquifer is rated as Moderate and the Scott's Valley aquifer is rated as low, meaning the Scott's Valley Aquifer is currently sustainable. The City of Lakeport currently gets 750-acre feet from the Scott's Valley Aquifer and an additional 2000 from surface water. Current estimates for water in the Scott's valley aquifer is 4500-acre feet. The current depth to the aquifer is 28.5 static feet. For reference, In the drought year of 1976 it was 73 static feet. (The distance from the ground surface to the water line.)
 - Well monitoring/observations. Sky and Steve have been monitoring their wells, located in the south portion of the aquifer, and note that the static feet of their wells have been recovering after pre-harvest and frost irrigation on pears. Grape grapes irrigation did not seem to have much effect on their wells.
 - New issues... The council is concerned about the balance between additional city growth and water availability.

Currently the City of Lakeport is approving the Parkside Housing project with 128 apartments and 28 cluster homes (small garden houses). Due to the housing shortage, the State is forcing its counties to build houses. In addition, the council is interested in the water treatment plant's intake pipes being silted due to the low lake levels, and asked for a status on repair. Currently the City is using 100 to 200 GPM of Scott's Valley Aquifer Water until repairs can be made.

- Final Observances... 1. Agricultural irrigation and city water pumping is the larger part of the Scotts valley aquifer use. 2. winter freeze injury because of the dry winter conditions low humidity is not the same as spring frost. 3. decrease farming acres due to less water
- Scotts Valley Firewise Committee – Vice Chair, Greg Scott. There was no meeting last month so there is nothing to report.
- New agenda item: Proposed Development Project for Lakeport. The new city project was discussed in the Groundwater Protection Committee. A developer submits a development application, the city has 30 days to confirm the application is complete. It gets circulated among the various departments for comments, and returned. The City of Lakeport will add the Scotts Valley Advisory Council to the list for comments but needs one point of contact on the Council. It was recommended we contact Lake County Community Development to request the Council be contacted regarding any projects affecting Scotts Valley.

Adjourn Meeting 7:13pm

Next Zoom meeting date: October 24, 2022