

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Sacramento, CA

March 13, 2018

1:05 pm – 2:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Association of California Water Agencies

Director: Tim Quinn – Present (arrived 1:30)

Alternate: Dave Bolland – Absent

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Director: Nancee Murray – Present

Alternate: OPEN

California Farm Bureau Federation

Director: Karen Mills – Absent

Alternate: Noelle Cremers – Present

California Forestry Association

Director: Kirsten Kolpitcke – Present

Alternate: George Gentry – Absent

California Hydropower Reform Coalition

Director: Pete Bell – Present

Alternate: Richard Roos-Collins – Absent

California Public Utilities Commission

Director: Allison Brown - Present

Alternate: OPEN

California Public Utilities Commission Appointed Public Members

Director: Art Baggett Jr. – Present

Director: David Muraki – Present

Director: Chris Nota – Present

California Natural Resources Agency

Director: John Laird – Absent

Alternate: Todd Ferrara – Absent

California Tribal Interests

Director: Larry Myers – Present

Alternate: Ken Tipon – Absent

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Director: Soapy Mulholland – Absent
Alternate: Bob Schneider – Absent

Office of Ratepayer Advocates

Director: Truman Burns – Present
Alternate: OPEN

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Director: Mike Schonherr – Present
Alternate: Rebecca Doidge - Present

Rural County Representatives of California

Director: Lee Adams – Absent
Alternate: John Viegas – Absent

State Water Resources Control Board

Director: DeeDee D'Adamo – Absent
Alternate: Jeffrey Parks – Absent

Trust for Public Land

Director: Dave Sutton – Absent
Alternate: OPEN

U.S. Forest Service

Non-Voting Liaison: Liz Berger - Present

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF

Executive Director Heidi Krolick
Director of Land Conservation Jessica Daugherty
Director of Finance and Operations Aaron Robertson
Deputy Director of Land Conservation Erin Healy
Senior Project Manager Steve Schweigerdt
Senior Project Manager Chantz Joyce
Project Manager Lauren Faccinto
Office Administrator Robyn White
Finance and Compliance Administrator Debbie Daugherty

OTHERS

Ed Horton, Consultant, Placer County Water Agency
Ken Pimlott, Director, CAL FIRE
Helge Eng, Deputy Director, CAL FIRE
Brady Moss, Assistant Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
Kenneth C. Holbrook, Executive Director, Maidu Summit Consortium
Ricky Prows, Maidu Summit Consortium

Danny Manning, Yamanin Maikum
Chris Cypret, Tsi Akim Maidu
Vance Hedrick, Maidu Summit Consortium
Ben Cunningham, Maidu Summit Consortium
Les Hall, Maidu Summit Consortium
Lorena Gorbet, Treasurer, Maidu Summit Consortium
Meredith Hackleman, Maidu Summit Consortium
Edwin & Lynnette Wilson
Allen Lowry
Marvena Harr

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING

- Adoption of the minutes of the January 24, 2018 Board of directors meeting. **(Consent calendar item)**
- Approval of the revised proposed Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP) for lands to be donated to CAL FIRE at the North Fork Mokelumne River planning unit, which LCCP describes how the proposed transaction conforms to and fulfills the requirements of the 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation. Approval of the proposed conservation easement funding agreement in the amount of \$176,300 to Mother Lode Land Trust
- Approval of the proposed Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP) for lands to be retained by PG&E at the Auberry Service Center planning unit, which LCCP describes how the proposed transaction conforms to and fulfills the requirements of the 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation. Approval of the proposed funding agreement in the amount of \$56,755 to Sierra Foothill Conservancy
- Approval of the proposed Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP) for lands to be donated to the Maidu Summit Consortium at the Lake Almanor (Maidu Cemetery) planning unit, which LCCP describes how the proposed transaction conforms to and fulfills the requirements of the 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation. Approval of the proposed conservation easement funding agreement in the amount of \$88,200 to Feather River Land Trust
- Approval of the proposed Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP) for lands to be donated to the Maidu Summit Consortium at the Lake Almanor (Maidu Forest) planning unit, which LCCP describes how the proposed transaction conforms to and fulfills the requirements of the 2003 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation. Approval of the proposed conservation easement funding agreement in the amount of \$126,700 to Feather River Land Trust

ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM

Stewardship Council Board President Art Baggett called the roll, declared a quorum, and called the meeting to order.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Mr. Baggett asked if any Board members had a conflict of interest with regard to any of the proposed actions. Mr. Baggett said that he had a conflict of interest with regards to Sierra Foothill Conservancy's involvement in the Auberry Service Center planning unit.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Baggett presented outgoing Board member Sandra Morey with a plaque to thank her for her service on the Stewardship Council board and said it had been a pleasure to work with her. Ms. Morey thanked the Stewardship Council and acknowledged the important work done by the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board approved the consent calendar items as noted above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at Board meeting.

FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE

Fiduciary Committee Chair, Truman Burns, turned the meeting over to Director of Finance and Operations, Aaron Robertson.

Mr. Robertson reviewed the 2017 year to date budget included in the Board packet. Mr. Robertson noted that contractual and program expenses fell below budget due to a lag in payment for work that will hit the February budget and throughout the remainder of the year.

He pointed out that the investment account balance at the end of January totaled \$37,942,502 and that investment interest for the month was slightly higher than the same month last year.

WATERSHED PLANNING COMMITTEE

North Fork Mokelumne River Planning Unit (ACTION)

Senior Project Manager Steve Schweigerdt reviewed the revised proposed LCCP pertaining to the donation to CAL FIRE of 1,105 acres of land by PG&E at the North Fork Mokelumne River planning unit, which includes the proposed conservation easement recommended to be held by Mother Lode Land Trust (MLLT), and the proposed conservation easement funding agreement in the amount of \$176,300.

Mr. Baggett then called on Ken Pimlott, Director of CAL FIRE. Chief Pimlott thanked the Stewardship Council and acknowledged the perseverance and hard work of Helge Eng and the CAL FIRE team, as well as staff at the Resources Agency and PG&E.

Larry Myers thanked CAL FIRE for re-establishing the Native American Advisory Committee and institutionalizing the process. He said he felt it was very important and would last beyond our lifetimes.

After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

Auberry Service Center Planning Unit (ACTION)

After Mr. Baggett left the room, Mr. Schweigerdt reviewed the proposed LCCP pertaining to the retention of 29 acres of land by PG&E at the Auberry Service Center planning unit, which includes the proposed conservation easement recommended to be held by Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC), and the proposed conservation easement funding agreement in the amount of \$56,755.

After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board made the following conflict of interest finding:

- The Board confirmed that in good faith it agrees that the Stewardship Council will take the proposed action for its own benefit; that the proposed action is fair and reasonable to the Stewardship Council; and that, after reasonable investigation, the Stewardship Council could not have obtained a more advantageous arrangement with reasonable effort under the circumstances.

Following the conflict of interest finding, the Board approved the action as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

Lake Almanor (Maidu Cemetery) Planning Unit (ACTION)

After Mr. Baggett returned to the room, Senior Project Manager Chantz Joyce reviewed the proposed LCCP pertaining to the donation to the Maidu Summit Consortium of 142 acres of land by PG&E at the Lake Almanor (Maidu Cemetery) planning unit and includes the proposed conservation easement recommended to be held by Feather River Land Trust (FRLT) and the proposed conservation easement funding agreement in the amount of \$88,200.

Due to the large number of public present to speak regarding both the Lake Almanor (Maidu Cemetery) and Lake Almanor (Maidu Forest) planning unit proposed LCCPs, Mr. Baggett suggested Mr. Joyce present the Lake Almanor (Maidu Forest) planning unit LCCP and allow public comment on both prior to the board taking action on both of the LCCPs.

Lake Almanor (Maidu Forest) Planning Unit (ACTION)

Mr. Joyce reviewed the proposed LCCP pertaining to the donation to the Maidu Summit Consortium of 164 acres of land by PG&E at the Lake Almanor (Maidu Forest) planning unit and includes the proposed conservation easement recommended to be held by Feather River Land Trust (FRLT) and the proposed conservation easement funding agreement in the amount of \$126,700.

Mr. Baggett then called on Kenneth C. Holbrook, Executive Director of the Maidu Summit Consortium (MSC). Mr. Holbrook said he it was an honor to be here. He stated it was an incredibly momentous moment for them to be there and present to the Stewardship Council board and to express their gratitude and appreciation for the process. He explained that these were beautiful sites that had deep meaning to many in their community. He said there were many that had traveled

to the board meeting from Plumas County that had many, many generations of family directly tied to these specific lands and they are instilled with much pride to be able to continue management of the family cemetery as well as the opportunity for all of the tribe to have access to these incredibly important natural and cultural resources. He thanked PG&E for their role in these transactions. He also stated they were pleased to begin and continue to grow a partnership with the FRLT.

Lorena Gorbet, Treasurer for the Maidu Summit Consortium addressed the board and said she would like to thank every board member and staff for all their support over the years.

Edwin Wilson emphasized what a historic moment this was not only for the Maidu people but for all California tribes. He remarked what a treasure it is to have Native American burial grounds around that are being watched over. He applauded the Stewardship Council for making this historic decision.

Allen Lowry explained that the families of those buried in the Maidu Cemetery have never left the valley. He stated they live there, have always lived there and have always protected the sacred, active cemetery. He thanked the efforts of the Stewardship Council, Maidu Summit and everyone who helped to make these donations possible.

Danny Manning expressed this was a dream come true for many people from his area. He explained that much of their native land was under Lake Almanor and it was very important for them to have the land for the cultural center. He also explained it was very significant for the Maidu people to have the land to continue teaching the generations to follow their native practices of gathering roots and plants. He thanked the Stewardship Council for the opportunity for them and their children to have a place to call their own.

Ricky Prows acknowledged those who had come before him and worked so hard for years on this transaction. He thanked the Stewardship Council on behalf of Beverly Ogle for making her dream come true.

Mr. Myers thanked the Maidu people for their determination and their persistence and for coming to so many meetings and sharing with the board how important the land was to them as a culture and as a group of people. He acknowledged the milestones set by the Stewardship Council board and how the MSC had met them.

After an opportunity for Board questions and discussion, the Board approved the actions on both the Lake Almanor (Maidu Cemetery) and Lake Almanor (Maidu Forest) planning units as described above in the summary of actions and resolutions taken at the Board meeting.

Land Conservation Program Update

- Director of Land Conservation Jessica Daugherty provided the Board with an update regarding the Land Conservation Program. She thanked the MSC representatives for attending the meeting and expressed it was a great honor to work with the MSC on these historic projects. She also thanked the Resources Agency, MLLT, CAL FIRE and PG&E and her staff for their great work on the North Fork Mokelumne River transaction.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baggett adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:40 p.m.

Nancee Murray, Secretary