

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Sacramento, CA
September 18, 2019
1:00 pm – 2:20 pm

ATTENDANCE

Association of California Water Agencies
Director: Dave Eggerton - Present
Alternate: Melissa Sparks-Kranz – Absent

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Director: Nancee Murray – Absent
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: Deidre Cyprian - Present

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: Wade Crowfoot – Absent
Alternate: OPEN

California Tribal Interests
Director: Larry Myers – Present
Alternate: Ken Tipon – Absent

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Director: Soapy Mulholland – Present
Alternate: Bob Schneider – Absent

Public Advocates Office
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 – Present
Alternate: John Viegas – Absent

State Water Resources Control Board
Director: DeeDee D'Adamo – Absent
Alternate: Jeffrey Parks – Present

Trust for Public Land
Director: Dave Sutton – Absent
Alternate: John McCamman - Present

U.S. Forest Service
Non-Voting Liaison: Jerry Bird - Present

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STAFF

Executive Director Heidi Krolick
Director of Land Conservation Erin Healy
Director of Finance and Operations Aaron Robertson
Program Manager Steve Schweigerdt
Project Manager Megan Tolbert
Office Administrator Robyn White
Finance and Compliance Administrator Debbie Daugherty

OTHERS

Michelle LaPena, Attorney, Potter Valley Tribe
Simon Gertler, Attorney, Potter Valley Tribe
Ken Holbrook, Executive Director, Maidu Summit Consortium
Kimberly Cox, Director of Development and Finance, California Council of Land Trusts
Matthew Nabayan, Communications and Outreach Manager, California Council of Land Trusts

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

- Adoption of the minutes of the June 26, 2019 board of directors meeting. **(Consent calendar item)**
- Approval of an enhancement grant of \$502,882 to Madera County for the Bass Lake North Fork Regional Trail with a shortened Dispute Notice Period of five (5) business days after minutes of the board meeting are distributed.
- Approval of an enhancement grant of \$178,800 to the Maidu Summit Consortium for the Tàsmam Kojòm Tribal Cultural Park with a shortened Dispute Notice Period of five (5) business days after minutes of the board meeting are distributed.

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 regards to any of the proposed actions. None were disclosed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle LaPena, Attorney for the Potter Valley Tribe was present and addressed the board regarding the recent closing of the Eel River property. Ken Holbrook, Executive Director for the Maidu Summit Consortium (MSC) was present and addressed the board regarding the MSC grant action and the recent closing of the Humbug Valley property.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

YOUTH INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Kimberly Cox, Development and Finance Director and Matthew Nabayan, Communication and Outreach Manager for California Council of Land Trusts (CCLT) presented an update on the Training and Apprenticeship Program (TAP) to the board.

Ms. Cox referred the board to the PowerPoint slides and reviewed the program and highlighted the growth and diversity in additional applicants as well as an increase in donors for the program. Mr. Nabayan reviewed the participants of this year's program.

Stewardship Council Director of Finance and Operations Aaron Robertson said he and Director of Land Conservation Erin Healy attended CCLT's first day of training for the program participants. He noted the training helped to broaden the participants' perspectives by explaining what different land trusts do and the state agencies involved as well.

FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE

Financial Update

Aaron Robertson, Director of Finance and Operations, directed the board to the financial statements in the packet which reflected the operating activities for the month-ended in July. He noted the gap in program expenses budgeted compared to actual and explained it was primarily due to the delay in escrow closings during the first quarter. He said despite the delay in closings, CE negotiations had not slowed as evidenced by the year to date expenditure of almost \$231K compared to a budget of \$168K. He stated staff anticipated endowment and tax neutrality expenses to increase through the remainder of the year due to an uptick in anticipated closings.

He then explained the investment account balance at the end of July totaled \$31,433,298 with investment interest year to date totaling \$480,431.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Land Conservation Project Manager Megan Tolbert announced the 2018 Annual Report had been completed and distributed electronically to all board members and project partners. She noted there were hard copies available if any board member was interested.

WATERSHED PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ms. Healy reviewed the land items on the agenda and then turned the meeting over to Ms. Tolbert.

Bass Lake North Fork Regional Trail enhancement grant (ACTION)

Ms. Tolbert presented the Bass Lake North Fork Regional Trail enhancement grant to Madera County in an amount of \$502,882. She reviewed some of the highlights of the grant including a new ADA trail connection, five rustic campsites, parking and trail access improvements, fuel reduction, habitat management, native plant nursery, and a partnership with the North Fork Mono tribe for tribal signage and interpretive tours.

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.

Humbug Valley (Tàsmam Kojòm) Tribal Cultural Park enhancement grant (ACTION)

Land Conservation Program Manager Steve Schweigerdt reviewed the Humbug Valley (Tàsmam Kojòm) Tribal Cultural Park enhancement grant to the Maidu Summit Consortium in an amount of \$178,800. He explained the grant would provide for improvements focusing on the existing

campground including upgraded restrooms, new cooking area, bear resistant trash and food storage and new tables and fire rings as well as a kiosk with interpretive panels and access trails.

Mr. Schweigerdt invited Ken Holbrook, Executive Director of the MSC to address the board.

Mr. Holbrook thanked the board for their support of the MSC and said he was looking forward to getting to work right away on the grant improvements.

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.

Land Conservation Program update

Ms. Healy advised the board that staff anticipated ten or possibly twelve closing prior to the end of the year and said she did not expect the pace to slow down for next year. She noted staff was working to bring 20 LCCPs to the board in the next year.

Mr. Schweigerdt presented an update on the Fall River Lake Trail and EcoCultural Enhancement grant to the Fall River Valley Community Service District (CSD). He said the CSD had worked with Lomakatsi and Tribal youth to thin 20 acres of oak woodland improving habitat for native plants and animals. He noted a future phase included 1.8 miles of trail with ecocultural restoration plantings and interpretive signage.

Mr. Schweigerdt then provided an update on the Shasta Crayfish project. He said the crayfish had recently been relocated from Crystal Lake to their new habitat and were being monitored for successful transplanting.

Executive Director Heidi Krolick announced the recent closings of the Eel River planning unit and Humbug Valley planning unit. She thanked the Potter Valley Tribe members and staff as well as the Maidu Summit Consortium members and staff for their efforts in these historic transactions. She also acknowledged the work of Mendocino Land Trust, Feather River Land Trust, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, PG&E and a host of other project partners. She thanked the current board and past board members and recognized current Stewardship Council staff and past staff for their tremendous efforts.

Ms. Krolick then invited Michelle LaPena, Attorney for the Potter Valley Tribe (Tribe) and Mr. Holbrook to address the board.

Ms. LaPena stated she was very excited to be present and extended the Tribe's apology that they were not able to attend, however they sent their gratitude and appreciation.

Mr. Holbrook again thanked the board and said he was very excited about the transaction closing. He acknowledged the vital role board member Larry Myers had played.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baggett adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:20 pm.

Mike Schonherr, Assistant Secretary

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