

Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting

**Rose Quartz Inn - Best Western
Wednesday, July 12, 2006
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

1) Call to Order. 6:00

Welcome to Rich Rydell as representative of the Planning Commission, replacing Glen Long. Present: Rich Rydell, Carl Felts, Mike Mitzel, Lorena Gorbet, Aaron Seandel. Absent: Sherrie Thrall and Ken Wilson, Staff present: Jessica Albietz & Jonathan Kusel

2) Review & approval of agenda.

Committee discusses previous suggestion made from the floor at the last meeting to include new and old business in the agendas. Committee agrees that this is not necessary. If someone wants to add something to the agenda, he/she can email Jessica ahead of time. Mike motions to approve the agenda. Rich seconds the motion. Agenda unanimously approved.

3) Approval of meeting minutes- June 28, 2006.

Carl motions to approve the minutes. Mike seconds the motion. Rich abstains. Minutes are unanimously approved.

4) Public comment period (each member of the public will have a max of 3 min).

No public comment.

5) Individual committee member reports. (5 min)

Carl attended the Dyer Mountain Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report meeting in Susanville on July 12. The report included a continued study of traffic as a result of the Dyer Mountain Resort development. Five sites in Chester were found to have unacceptable levels of service. Committee discussed need to get more involved in the Dyer Mountain EIR process. Some of Carl's neighbors are concerned about the drawdown of water on the mountain impacting their aquifers and creeks on the East Shore. Committee decides to schedule an agenda item for one of the following meetings to discuss the proceedings with accurate information.

Lorena reports on meeting with Bill Kerns, who has a development project in Clear Creek, making 168 commercial and housing lots on 186 acres. Clear creek feeds into Hamilton Branch. The water for Clear Creek comes from springs, so there is concern that putting in another spring house for the development will deplete water in the Creek. There are also Maidu sacred sites in the area. Clear Creek is in Lassen County and the Almanor Basin.

Rich reports that the Planning Commission had a great response for its surveys. The Planning Commission will look at the formal survey results at the next meeting on August 3, 2006. The Planning Commission meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month

6) Subcommittee reports. (20 min)

The Wildlife Subcommittee is waiting for a replacement Committee member before it holds its next meeting. The Land Use and Water Quality subcommittees have not met since the last ABWAC meeting.

7) Staff Report. (5 min) status of Lake Almanor Watershed Project Fact Sheets & funding opportunities for citizen monitoring and a publicly accessible water quality database
The Fact Sheets are undergoing a formal review process by Environmental Health and CalFed and should be returned soon.

8) Consideration for 2 replacement members to the Committee (75 min) Action Item.

- A. Committee will hear from applicants interested in serving on the Advisory Committee for the positions of: Lassen County representative & Member-at-Large
- B. Selection of 2 replacement members to recommend to the Board of Supervisors.

The three applicants for the available Committee positions wrote letters of interest to be considered by the committee were; George Protsman, Garry Pritchard, and Peggy Fulder. Since neither George nor Garry could attend this meeting, they are not able to respond to Committee's questions. Committee decides to ask Peggy questions at this meeting and vote for a Lassen County Representative and table the selection of a Member-at-Large until the next ABWAC meeting on July 26. Peggy discusses the key issues that she sees for the Basin as being the environment, water quality, wildlife, and quality of life.

The Committee unanimously approves Peggy as Lassen County Representative.

9) Next meeting time: July 26th, 2006 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Rose Quartz Inn

- A. Agenda items for the next meeting.

The majority of the next meeting will be dedicated to a discussion with Maurice concerning recommendations for moving forward with an action plan. The discussion is an extension of his previous presentation. To allow as much time as possible to be devoted to the discussion with Maurice, the Committee decides to limit applicants to the Member-at-Large position to 2 minute responses for each question asked by the Committee. The Committee will continue to accept applications for the position until the end of next week.

Concerning subcommittee work, Peggy chooses to serve on the Wildlife & Critical Habitats Subcommittee and the chair, Lorena, approves. Rich chooses to serve on the Land Use Subcommittee, and the chair, Mike, approves.

10) Adjournment: 7:11 PM

Carl motions to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconds the motion and the motion is unanimously approved by the Committee.