

**Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee
Chester Veterans Memorial Hall
January 11th, 2005 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01. Members present include Aaron Seandel, Carl Felts, Lorena Gorbet, Sherri Thrall, Glen Long, and Ken Wilson. Bob Pyle absent due to illness.

2) Review & approval of agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda by Glen Long and seconded by Ken Wilson. Unanimously approved.

3) Approval of minutes- December 14th 2005.

Carl Felts mentioned that item number 10 should be TAG, not TAC. Motion to approve minutes, as amended, by Carl Felts, seconded by Sherri Thrall. Unanimously approved.

4) Committee member reports (10 min).

Carl Felts suggested to staff to broaden posting of announcement to other groups. Get agendas to other organizations, like service clubs, and PBS stations-89.7. Glen Long will look at availability of space on the Chamber of Commerce website.

Ken Wilson agreed to post in Prattville and other West Shore areas so long as there are no committee concerns.

Glen Long will provide meeting notes from the Planning Commission to ABWAC and ABWAC notes to the Planning Commission.

5) Public comment period

None

6) Staff Report on funding opportunities via Plumas County Watershed Forum & Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (5 min).

Staff reported on Plumas Watershed Forum and their grant application process. Funds for a variety of projects are available with a January 20 deadline for applications.

Committee Members expressed interest in securing funding for projects next year. Staff indicated that developing a concept proposal could be done. Ken Wilson made a motion to add an emergency item to the agenda to direct staff to prepare a concept proposal to carry on Lake Almanor Basin watershed monitoring linked to outreach and education. Seconded by Sherrie Thrall.

Roll call vote for the emergency agenda item: Aaron Seandel, Carl Felts, Lorena Gorbet, Sherri Thrall, Glen Long, Ken Wilson voted yes. Ken Wilson made a second motion to direct staff to put together a concept proposal under the Title II program for the RAC. Seconded by Sherri Thrall. Aaron Seandel, Carl Felts, Lorena Gorbet, Sherri Thrall, Glen Long, Ken Wilson voted yes.

7) Expansion of the Committee (15 min) Action Item.

A. Recommendation from Supervisors Dennison and Meacher.

Staff reported that both supervisors advocated expansion of the group in order to provide opportunity for more diverse interest groups to be part of the committee. The Supervisors called it essential with respect to achieving buy in by the broader basin.

B. Discussion on whether to remain at 7 members or to add 2 members.

Committee discussed whether to expand and how to expand.

C. Action-Committee vote to remain at 7 or add 2 additional members.

Motion made by Sherrie Thrall to add two at-large members, and not to increase membership beyond nine for a full year with the committee membership being capped at 11.

Lorena Gorbet, Sherri Thrall, Glen Long, Ken Wilson and Carl Felts voted yes.

The Chair abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

The watershed coordinator will put out an announcement of the vacancies in the paper for next Wednesday, January 18.

The Committee decided that applications are to be received in time for the February ABWAC meeting. The two members are members-at-large. All residents of the watershed may apply and do not need to represent any geographical area or specific interest.

8) Creation of working subcommittees (25 min) Discussion & Action Item.

A. Staff report and recommendation on the creation of subcommittees.

Staff recommended that subcommittees be established in order to work through the large amount of information that has been generated and to do the work for the Prop 13 grant and Board of Supervisors. Working in subcommittees will allow for more flexibility and will move this process along faster.

Staff recommended the following subcommittees: Land use, Timber, and Agriculture as one and Fish, Wildlife, and Critical Habitat as another. The Water Quality subcommittee already exists and can be made an adhoc subcommittee of ABWAC. Public education and outreach can be handled by staff. Staff gave recommendations on how the subcommittees could work.

B. Discussion by committee with respect to creation of subcommittees.

The committee discussed adding other subcommittees and how they would work together.

C. Action- Committee vote on the creation of subcommittees as part of the Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee operating protocol.

Ken Wilson made the motion to ~~adopt~~ **establish** three ad hoc subcommittees: land use, timber and agriculture; fish and wildlife; and goals, objectives, and mission statement, and to designate the existing Water Quality subcommittee as an ad hoc subcommittee of the ABWAC. Carl Felts seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

9) Increase committee meetings to twice a month (10 min) Discussion Item & Action Item.

A. Discussion on whether to meet as an entire committee twice a month and/or lengthen the meeting to 2hrs.

The committee discussed the need to meet twice a month or lengthen the meeting time to 2hrs.

B. Action- Committee vote on whether to meet twice a month and/or lengthen the meeting to 2hrs.

Sherrie Thrall moved to continue to meet once a month and extend the meeting to 2 hours, beginning with the meeting on February 8. Ken Wilson seconded. Unanimously approved.

10) Next steps in the process (15 min) Discussion Item.

A. Staff recommendation and Committee discussion on the next steps of the Committee with respect to the Proposition 13 watershed planning effort in the Lake Almanor Basin.

Staff indicated that the Committee needs to first identify issues, prioritize the issues, and develop goals, objectives and actions with the last step compiling the developed goals, objectives and actions into Watershed Action Plan. Chair requested that the notes on the flipchart be copied and shared with the Committee.

11) Next meeting time-February 8th, 2005 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Chester Veterans Memorial Hall.

A. Agenda items for the next meeting.

Agenda items for next meeting.

Procedures and guideline adoption.

Subcommittee establishment and review of applications to the committee.

12) Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07