

Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee
Chester Veterans Memorial Hall
February 8th, 2005 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

1) Call to Order.

In attendance were Aaron Seandel, Carl Felts, Bob Pyle, Lorena Gorbet, Glen Long, and Sherri Thrall. Ken Wilson was absent. Applicants in attendance were Jerry Duffy, Mike Mitzel, Steve Robinson, and Charles Watson. Jake Blaufuss was unable to attend. Jess Jordan Watershed Coordinator and staff to ABWAC was present.

2) Review & approval of agenda.

Bob Pyle indicated that we need to make sure we have an explanation of the selection process on the agenda and to let staff send out emails on selection protocols in order to avoid serial communication.

Motion to approve by Bob Pyle. Seconded by Carl Felts.

3) Approval of minutes- January 11th 2006.

Motion by Sherri Thrall to approve minutes. Glen Long seconded
Bob Pyle abstained due to absence from last meeting.

4) Committee member reports (10 min).

Aaron Seandel- Passed along information to Glen Long on the smart growth institute to pass onto to the planning commission.

Aaron Seandel also alerted the committee to a planned unit development on a proposed 29 acres close to LDS church property that is for sale.

Glen Long- ABWAC staff will give minutes to Planning Commission staff. Glen Long also brought some Planning Commission info for staff to copy and distribute to the committee.

5) Public comment period- Each member of the public will have a max of 3 min.

Request for posting of meeting announcements and other materials in Westwood at places such as the community services district.

6) Staff Report- funding opportunities, operating protocols and guidelines (5 min).

Staff reported that a concept proposal was submitted to the Plumas Watershed Forum and that staff will be attending the Plumas Watershed Forum Meeting on the 17th of February.

Operating protocols and guidelines was tabled for discussion at the March 8th meeting.

7) Addition of 2 members to the Committee (75 min) Action Item.

A. Committee will hear from applicants interested in serving on the Advisory Committee.

The Chair read each of the applicant's letters of interest and asked each of the applicants the following questions:

- 1) What are some of the key basin issues that should be addressed by the Committee?
- 2) How do you envision your role as a potential Advisory Committee member with respect to the public?
- 3) Why would you like to serve on this Committee?

- 4) What strengths do you have that would aid the committee during this watershed planning process in the basin?
- 5) Is there anything else that you feel the Advisory Committee should know about you to help in its selection process?

The applicants answered the above questions in the following order:

Mike Mitzel, Sierra Pacific Industries
Charles Watson, Advanced Geologic Exploration
Jerry Duffy, Dyer Mtn. Associates LLC
Steve Robinson, Mountain Meadows Conservancy
Jake Blaufuss, Collins Pine (Jake was not in attendance but tendered a letter **with** responses to the questions asked, which were read by the Chair.

B. Selection of 2 additional members to recommend to the Board of Supervisors. ABWAC selected Jerry Duffy and Mike Mitzel to recommend to the Board of Supervisors.

8) Appointment of Advisory Committee members by Chair to subcommittees (10 min) Action Item.

- A. Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives subcommittee- Carl Felts, Aaron Seandel, Ken Wilson.
- B. Land Use/Timber/Agriculture subcommittee-Bob Pyle, Sherrie Thrall
- C. Fish and Wildlife and Critical Habitat subcommittee- Lorena Gorbet, Glen Long
- D. Action- Approve appointment of members to subcommittees

ABWAC Chair Aaron Seandel indicated that these were subcommittee appointments of the committee members. Upon approval of the new committee members they will be assigned to subcommittees.

Motion by Bob Pyle to approve the subcommittee appointments as stated. Carl Felts seconded. Passed unanimously.

9) Staff Presentation- Project timeline for ABWAC and subcommittees (10 min) Information Item.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the project timeline and when and how the subcommittees should be working with respect to the specific theme of the subcommittees.

ABWAC asked staff when the Watershed Assessment and Water Quality Report will be available to the committee. Staff explained that the Technical Advisory Group at this point recommends that public distribution of the Watershed Assessment wait till there have been some further editing done to the Watershed Assessment. Staff indicated in the interim background material will be distributed to the subcommittees so that work can begin.

10) Next meeting time- March 8th, 2006 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Chester Veterans Memorial Hall.

- A. Agenda items for the next meeting.

11) Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51.