

Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee
Best Western Rose Quartz Inn
April 19th, 2005 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

1) Call to Order.

Glen Long, Carl Felts, Jerry Duffy, Mike Mitzel, Ken Wilson, Lorena Gorbet Sherii Thrall, Jonathan Kusel, Jess Jordan

Paul Garrido, Wayne?, Barbara ?

2) Review & approval of agenda.

Approved

3) Approval of minutes- March 8th 2006.

Ken Wilson moved to approve minutes as amended. Glenn Long seconded, unanimously approved.

4) Individual committee member reports (10 min).

None

5) Subcommittee reports (15min).

The Fish & Wildlife and critical habitat subcommittee met. Five people in attendance, a couple of meeting dates established with tasks assigned to develop goals objectives as well as identify issues of concern for the next meeting on the 4th of May.

6) Staff Report- Lake Almanor Water Quality Report & Watershed Assessment (15 min).

Jess Jordan reported that the Lake Almanor Watershed Assessment has been reviewed by the Technical Advisory Group and that comment have been given to the consultant who will finalize the draft watershed assessment. The Lake Almanor Water Quality report has been finalized; Tom Hunter at the county has copies of the report. At the next meeting ABWAC will have a copy of the Lake Almanor Water Quality Report and will hopefully have a final version of the assessment.

Jess Jordan also recommended that the Technical Advisory Group and ABWAC should meet in July to discuss issues with TAG.

Jonathan pointed out that Jess is departing but that the Sierra Institute will continue the work of staffing ABWAC and providing other support services as needed.

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

8) Discussion of mission statement, goals and objectives for the Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee (15 min) Discussion and Action Item.

A. Discussion of mission statement, goals and objectives for the Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee.

B. Action- Vote on adoption of mission statement, goals and objectives for the Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee.

Ken Wilson moved to adopt mission statement. Sherrie Thrall seconded. Unanimously approved.

9) Guest Presentation- Lake Almanor Fishing Association on the sedimentation of Hamilton Branch outlet (40 min). Information and Discussion item.

Lake Almanor Fishing Association presentation. Focus: PG&E discharge ditch, erosion from the ditch, and sediment deposition in the Lake. He reported that there is a problem with water quality and habitat degradation. Serious erosion.

Paul reported that PG&E acknowledged there was a "problem" and they rip-rapped additional ditch side. Supposedly will cost "millions" to correct, hence, PG&E will be resistant to fixing it. Has anyone from State Water Quality Control Board been notified? Ron Dykstra probably knows about this.

This may be grandfathered in, but many agreed that it is not clear how this can get by SWQCB and still be allowed.

Jerry suggested we ask PG&E to come in and present their "side." Staff suggested that ABWAC convene PG&E, SWQCB, Almanor Fishing Association, PG&E Stewardship Council, and others in a public forum to discuss this issue. Committee supported this idea. We will try to establish a June or July meeting.

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

A. Agenda items for the next meeting.

Carl would like to start work on the action plan; and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Jess has provided some examples of actions plans. Carl would like to get started on the type of form used.

More discussion on this. The other action plan is highly technical.

We haven't made any recommendations to the board and we have been chartered for a year. Question asked about how much we know. There are reports that have been produced, like Forest Community Research's stakeholder report, the basin report, and there is considerable information in the watershed assessment. The real "meat and potatoes" comes from the watershed assessment. Information is quite detailed.

Within the grant there is no requirement for an action plan. An action plan can be 3 pages to 300 hundred pages. A five to ten page action plan might be ideal.

Add an agenda item to discuss initiating recommendations that this committee might make.

Discuss format for an action plan, and subcommittees will make recommendations on how they wish to proceed.

Sherrie moved to put it on the agenda, Mike seconded. Unanimously approved.

Staff subcommittees: what exactly is the information that has been given to subcommittees? Clear delineation of this.

Critical wildlife subcommittee. They are going to meet two times a month. Six meetings over the next few months.

Sherrie. What are we going to be when we grow up? Watershed Council, Advisory Committee, non-profit, etc.

11) Adjournment.

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