



PLUMAS COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL (PCCC)

Monday, February 03, 2025

2:00PM – 4:00PM

LOCATION:

Plumas County Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street, Quincy, California

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 2:02 PM and Roll Call

Meeting of the Plumas County Coordinating Council is called to order by Chair Plumas County Supervisor District 2; Kevin Goss, with roll call in the Conference Room of the Plumas County Planning Department (555 West Main Street, Quincy, California). In attendance are Tracey Ferguson, Plumas County Planning Director; Jeff Engel, Plumas County Supervisor District 5; Rob Thorman, Plumas County Public Works Director and Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District General Manager; and John Sheehan, Public Member. A quorum is present. Absent is Debra Lucero, County Administrative Officer.

Also Present: Russell Nickerson, Lassen National Forest; Caitlin Ostomel, Travis Sanchez, Mike Rahr, Ryan Bauer, Chuck James, and Leslie Edlund, Plumas National Forest; Robert Whitchurch, Glen Schall, CAL FIRE; Hannah Hepner, Plumas Underburn Co-op/Watershed Research and Training Center; Ashley Bomar, Michelle Abramson, Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship; Lane Labbé, Plumas County Resident; Mimi Hall, Plumas County Supervisor District 4; Josh Brechtel, Interim County Counsel; Chad Hermann, Plumas County Undersheriff; and Zachary Gately, Grant Manager Plumas County. Tahoe National Forest was absent.

2. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment.

3. Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Motion is made to accept the agenda, as presented, by John Sheehan, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Engel. Voice Call Vote, Aye-all, Nay-none, motion passes.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion is made to approve the meeting minutes of November 04, 2024, as presented, by Supervisor Jeff Engel, seconded by Rob Thorman. Voice Call Vote, Aye-all, Nay-none, motion passes.

5. PCCC Governance – Update Resolution 08-7514. Informational.

Tracey Ferguson stated progress has been made by the Subcommittee with review of the Resolution in context of current relevant local, state, and federal rules and regulations. The Subcommittee will continue to work on drafting revisions with an anticipated review at the next PCCC meeting and a goal of making PCCC-approved recommended Resolution amendments to the Board of Supervisors.

6. Economic Development and Housing. Discussion.

- A. Zachary Gately gave background of the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) Plan and its nexus with PCCC. Group discussed namely Goal 1 (Recreation) and Goal 5 (Workforce Housing and Lodging). Recreation user safety was discussed, specifically signage on trails and at trail crossings. Lane Labbé spoke to increasing web presence with more safety related content. John Sheehan recommends including RERC Plan in the updated PCCC resolution.
- B. Brief discussion on the possibility of federal employee housing and public workforce housing developed on Forest Service public lands. John Sheehan asked how the current program works and if there has been any direction from Washington, D.C. Caitlin Ostomel said she would research the topic and bring back information to PCCC. An example from Silverthorne, Colorado was mentioned of a similar type project with the Forest Service. Tracey Ferguson requested a future discussion of the potential partnership with the Plumas National Forest to review the federally owned Supervisor's Office parcel on Lawrence Street in Quincy for viability to include housing. Lane Labbé spoke to multi-family residential options and zoning in downtown Quincy regarding commercial versus residential.
- C. Forest Service Small Business Program information item had no update due to the Forest Service needing to seek current information and direction under the new federal administration.

7. Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests. Discussion.

- A. **Post Wildfire Recovery Projects**
 - i. Lassen: Focus on projects related to 2021 Dixie Fire recovery including NEPA review. Waiting on an October 2025 decision for reforestation project. Phased approach for this project. SOPA was referenced for more information (page 3).
 - ii. Plumas: North Fork and Tributaries Projects continuing from 2021 – over 200,000 acres. NEPA in progress.
 - iii. Tahoe not present
- B. **Fuels Reduction and Prescribed fire Projects**
 - i. Lassen: West Lassen Headwaters project (mostly in Tehama County) in relation to 2024 Park Fire. Decision expected in September 2025. Upper Butte Creek project is also underway. SOPA was referenced for more information.
 - ii. Plumas: Continuing to work on Community Protection projects: Claremont Forestry Resilience Project, North Quincy Resilience Project, Laporte Greater Mohawk Decision, Central West Community Protect – looking at approximately 150,000 acres.
 - iii. Tahoe not present
- C. **Trails and Recreation**
 - i. Lassen: All the projects mentioned have trail and recreation aspects.
 - ii. Plumas: No update at this time but should be big update in May. John Sheehan asked about the planned improvements to the Crystal Lake access road. Leslie Edlund said the project is complete.
 - iii. Tahoe not present
- D. **Timber Sales**
 - i. Lassen: Two in western Lassen under an emergency authority project, each approximately 300 acres, expected advertising in April 2025. Deck sale from West Shore Lake Almanor along Highway 89 planned and also Honey Lake area.
 - ii. Plumas: No update on numbers but planned sales are expected to go through.
 - iii. Tahoe not present

8. Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) Oct 2024 – Dec 2024

Tracey Ferguson stated the SOPAs are provided as informational and are available on the forest service websites on a quarterly basis, as well as within the PCCC meeting materials packet. No additional updates from the Plumas or Lassen outside of the SOPAs provided. Tahoe not present.

9. Plumas County Updates

- A. *Plumas County Board of Supervisors received a letter dated February 17, 2025, from the Plumas National Forest Supervisor's Office with updates on the Community Protection Project and other wildfire recovery project updates.*
- B. *Objection meeting under the Plumas National Forest Community Protection – Central and West Slope Project is schedule for February 14, 2025, and Plumas County representation will be present.*

10. Meetings and Activities

- A. *The next Feather River Stewardship Coalition quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2025 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Refer to the Coalition's website for meeting location and details.*
- B. *Lane Labbé recapped presentation he gave to USFS Region 5, Pacific Southwest Region. He has concern about the proposed Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Connected Communities Project trail safety in Plumas County and recommends review of trail users based on trail conditions and placing restrictions on some trails based on trail conditions for the appropriate type of trail users. Labbé also shared the Carson Valley Trails Association website information and trails signage as a best practice.*
- C. *Notice of the Plumas County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 Update Kick Off Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting and Public Meeting occurring on January 14, 2025. No additional discussion.*
- D. *Notice of the Plumas County and Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Funding Proposal for Trail Maintenance and Development Projects Public Open House Meeting, on February 3, 2025. No additional discussion.*

11. Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting of the PCCC will be on May 5, 2025.

12. Future Agenda Items

- *Updates from Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe national forests*
- *Discussion of SOPAs*
- *Updates from Plumas County*
- *Discuss proposed amendments to County of Plumas PCCC Resolution 08-7514*
- *Potential for federal employee housing and public workforce housing developed on Forest Service public lands*
- *Forest Service Small Business Program information*

13. Adjournment

Motion is made to adjourn at 3:12 pm the meeting by Supervisor Kevin Goss, seconded by Supervisor Jeff Engel. Voice Call Vote, Aye-all, Nay-none, motion passes.