

TUOLUMNE COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2025 Strategic Priorities

- Support our local water utility partners in their effort to modernize and improve water supply infrastructure and mitigate risk.
- Maintain awareness of pertinent State and Federal legislation regarding natural resources, land use, water, and water rights.
- Maintain awareness of Tuolumne County Federal land use policy, planning, and implementation and provide recommendations and advocacy as appropriate.
- Promote landscape and watershed resilience through innovative solutions and capacity building.

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Location: A.N. Francisco Bldg. 48 Yaney Ave. 3rd Floor Committees & Commissions Rm., Sonora, 95370

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Water & Natural Resource

Analyst (CAO)

Sean Hembree

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL (5 minutes)

Introductions during roll call

Confirm quorum requirements are met (Quorum = 6 members)

III. PUBLIC FORUM (15 minutes)

The public may speak on any item, not on the agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING November 6, 2024 (5 minutes)

V. DISCUSSION OF FIRE-HARDENED TRAILS AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT CORRIDORS

VI. PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES (15 minutes)

VII. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

a. Staff Reports and Recommendations

i. Pinecrest overuse actions update

ii. USFS Withdrawal of Old Growth Forest Proposal

iii. Sustainable Rural Schools status

iv. Biomass JPA proposal update

v. Recent proposed actions on threatened or endangered species

vi. H.R. - 471 Fix Our Forests Act

b. Committee Member Reports

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Next meeting will be held on March 5, 2025



Tuolumne County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes

For the Meeting on November 6, 2024

2024 Natural Resource Members (or assigned delegates)	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Anaiah Kirk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	A	
Kathleen Haff	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Don Perkins	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Pete Kampa		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Joy Meller		✓	✓	E	✓		E	E		✓	✓	
Dianna Beasley		✓	A	A	A		A	✓		✓	E	
Dick Gaiser	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	A		E	✓	
Chris Trott		✓	✓	E	✓		✓	✓		E	E	
Jim Maddox	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		E	✓		E	✓	
Jim Phelan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	E	
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Haff called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice-Chair Kathleen Haff, Eric Hall on behalf of TUD, Pete Kampa, Joy Meller, Dick Gaiser, Jim Phelan, and Sean Hembree (staff)
3. **PUBLIC FORUM:** *(The public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes.)* – None
 - a. Jim Maddox inquired about the status of a spring off Phoenix Lake Road. Maddox Stated that this could be used as a drafting point for fire suppression and still overflow to support wildlife habitat. Eric Hall will inquire and report back.
 - b. MSA Analyst Caitlin Henry reported that work has begun and contract awards for a subset of the SERAL Phase 3 and Rim Fire reforestation projects.
 - c. Sean Hembree announced that Tuolumne County Solid Waste Division is sponsoring a 'Dollar Dump Days' event on November 23, 2024. Flyers were made available.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** In consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting held on August 7, 2024, Pete Kampa made a motion to approve the minutes. Joy Meller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved

unanimously 6-0

5. DISCUSSION OF FIRE-HARDENED TRAILS AND VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT CORRIDORS (Postponed)

6. PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES:

- a. CAL FIRE:
- b. City of Sonora:

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- a. Staff Reports and Recommendations: Staff Support Sean Hembree reported on the following actions.
 - i. Targeted Grazing Grant and Working Group Update – Hembree reported the ongoing work to develop the grant actions and technical advisory working group to support grazing workforce development.
 - ii. Golden State Natural Resources (GSRN) DEIR – This Draft Environmental Impact Report for GSRN's Forest Resiliency Project is now available
 - iii. AB 2257 update – This legislation was passed into law on August 27th. A letter of support was submitted by the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors at the recommendation of this Committee.
 - iv. Pinecrest overuse tracking update – Ongoing updates for the actions recommended at the October NRC meeting will be tracked at subsequent meetings. All actions are planned for completion prior the Memorial Day, 2025.
- b. Committee Members Reports:
 - i. Pete Kampa (GCSD)
 - ii. Joy Meller (Hetch Hetchy)

8. ADJOURNED: Vice Chair Haff adjourned the meeting at 10:52 A.M.
(The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2024)