

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, October 1, 2025, at 10:00 AM

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

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Supervisor Mike Holland

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Pete Kampa

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Joy Meller

Fish and Game Preserve Fund

Jim Maddox

Agricultural Advisor

Dick Gaiser

Tuolumne Co. RCD

Jim Phelan

At Large Member

Chris Trott

Staff

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 AUGUST 6 AND CORRECTED MINUTES FOR July 2, 2025 (5 minutes)

I. PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES (15 minutes)

II. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION OF TUOLUMNE COUNTY GSA WELL MITIGATION PLAN

III. DISCUSSION OF WATERSMART FIELD DAY EVENT, OCTOBER 3RD

IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

a. Staff Reports and Recommendations

i. Clarification of Drought Resilience Plan and Well Mitigation Plan functions in the Context of Chinese Camp-affected Wells

ii. MSA Update

b. Committee Member Reports

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Next meeting will be held on November 5, 2025



Tuolumne County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes For the Meeting on August 6, 2025

2025 Natural Resource Members (or assigned delegates)	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Anaiah Kirk		✓	✓		✓		✓	E				
Mike Holland		✓	✓		E		✓	✓				
Don Perkins		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				
Pete Kampa		✓	✓		✓			✓				
Joy Meller		E	✓		E		✓					
Dianna Beasley		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				
Dick Gaiser		✓	✓		✓		✓					
Chris Trott		E	✓		E							
Jim Maddox		✓	✓		✓			✓				
Jim Phelan		E	✓		✓		✓	✓				
Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E												

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 10:08 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Chair Mike Holland, Tony Diaz representing TUD, Pete Kampa, Diana Beasley, Jim Maddox, and Jim Phelan, and Sean Hembree, Dore Bietz, and Caitlin Henry (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
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
In consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting held on July 2, Jim Maddox made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Phelan. The minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES:**
 - a. none

6. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS ACT

- a. Summary: The Secure Rural Schools Act was signed into law in 2000 to provide financial stability for rural counties with large acreages of federal USDA/USFS land. The US Senate reauthorized the funding, but the bill has stalled in the US House of Representatives.
- b. After a brief discussion, there was a consensus in support of the measure. Jim Phelan made a motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors write a letter to US House representatives encouraging the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act. The motion was seconded by Jim Maddox. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE APPROVAL OF WILDFIRE RISK MODEL

- a. Dore Bietz, Assistant Director of the Office of Emergency Services, reported on the status of California Department of Insurance risk modeling, including the naming of the first approved forward-looking risk modeling platform. The presentation included drivers for risk, attributed insurance rates, and possible implications of discounts for mitigation. The presentation document is listed as Addendum 1.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- a. Staff Reports and Recommendations:
 - i. Sean Hembree gave a brief report of upcoming events and coalitions formed as described in the agenda.
 - ii. MSA Administrative Analyst, Caitlin Henry, shared an update on recent and planned fuel treatment reforestation work.
- b. Committee Member Reports:
None

9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 by Vice Chair Holland.

The next meeting will be held on Sept 3, 2025



Tuolumne County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes For the Meeting on July 2, 2025

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Mike Holland		✓	✓		E		✓					
Don Perkins		✓	✓		✓		✓					
Pete Kampa		✓	✓		✓							
Joy Meller		E	✓		E		✓					
Dianna Beasley		✓	✓		✓		✓					
Dick Gaiser		✓	✓		✓		✓					
Chris Trott		E	✓		E							
Jim Maddox		✓	✓		✓							
Jim Phelan		E	✓		✓		✓					
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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kirk called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kirk, Vice Chair Mike Holland, Don Perkins, Joy Meller, Diana Beasley, Dick Gaiser, Lindsay Mattos, representing TCRCD, and Sean Hembree, Caitlin Henry (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
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
In consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting held on May 7, Vice Chair Holland made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chair Kirk. The minutes were approved unanimously.
5. PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES:
a. none
6. DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMMATIC CEQA AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO STREAMLINE FUEL MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING

- a. Summary: Tuolumne County has been awarded grant funding from Sierra Jobs First to investigate and develop a programmatic CEQA for fuel management projects within the Tuolumne County jurisdiction.
- b. Sean Hembree provided background information and considerations for possible environmental compliance pathways.
- c. Committee Discussion: Members provided comments and clarifying questions to consider in the development of the grant and related objectives.
- d. Public Comment: Acting Fire Safe Council President Karen Caldwell reiterated the importance of coordination between agencies and partners in grant and permitting project development.

a. DISCUSSION OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL STRUCTURE

- b. Summary: Membership renewals for some members are due in December 2025. Staff recommendations include:
 - a. Staggering membership terms to maintain legacy committee knowledge and organized succession planning
 - b. Adding TCRCD as an agency-appointed membership in contrast to the Board of Supervisors-appointed individuals
- c. Committee Discussion: The Committee members discussed the items with consensus to bring these modifications when membership renewal is requested from the Board. TCRCD District Manager, Lindsay Mattos, was present at the meeting and in agreement with the proposed membership modification.
- d. Public Comment: None

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- a. Staff Reports and Recommendations:
 - i. MSA Administrative Analyst, Caitlin Henry, shared an update on recent and planned fuel treatment reforestation work.
 - ii. Sean Hembree reported on:
 - 1. Grant Update
 - 2. Golden State Natural Resources updated DEIR
 - 3. Potential Federal Land Sales legislative update
- b. Committee Member Reports: None

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 by Chair Kirk. The next meeting will be held on August 6, 2025