



# Tuolumne County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes

## For the Meeting on August 6, 2025

| 2025 Natural Resource<br>Members<br>(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