



## LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sharron Zoller, Crop Grower  
David Weiss, Crop Grower  
Randall Krag, Organic Farmer  
Pat Scully, Crop Grower  
Alicia Russell, Ag Processor  
Bruce Merrilees, Crop Grower

### NON VOTING MEMBERS

Jessica Pyska, County of Lake  
Michael Green, County of Lake  
Katherine Vanderwall, County of Lake

**Meeting Date: February 1, @ 11 am**

### Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order/Sharron Zoller, Facilitator-** 11:02 am
2. **Roll call-** Sharron Zoller, David Weiss Randall Krag, Pat Scully, Alicia Russell, Bruce Merrilees (Absent), Jessica Pyska (Absent), Katherine Vanderwall, Michael Green
3. **Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2023-** Minutes were not approved at this time.
4. **Clearlake Hitch Revised Proposal-** Sharron gave an overview of the BOS meeting that was held on 1/24/2023. She stated that at the end of the BOS meeting, there was no action taken. The continuation of this topic was moved to 2/7/2023. Pat Scully stated he spoke with Scott DeLeon. The Highland Springs dam is set up to open and let more water out. Director DeLeon was on board with trying this method. David Weiss weighed in that this will be a solution that will mitigate and solve the Adobe Creek problem for this year. There was a general discussion on the WHEREAS and ASKS that were and weren't on the proclamation.

Supervisor Green came on to the Zoom meeting and stated that he was unable to speak to Bruno's suggestions that were sent to the Committee. Supervisor Green stated that there was a possibility to discuss interim flows to help the Hitch. General discussion on all kinds of different ideas on how to help the hitch in the coming spawning season. Supervisor Green stated that the original proclamation will be presented because the next meeting is a continuation. There will be a chance to present the updated changes to the proclamation. Everyone will be able to bring their suggestions to the meeting to debate. General discussion of how the BOS meeting will go with public comment and then will be making a motion.

Sharron stated that the Clearlake Hitch Conservation Strategy Committee is ready to complete its report and put forth a plan for the Hitch. Sharron stated that maybe we should wait and see what they come up with before putting out an Emergency proclamation.

Pat Scully made it clear that using the Highland Springs method was to mitigate the diversions while frost protection was going on. Pat Scully stated that this plan was doable to ensure the 2023 Clearlake Hitch spawning season is successful. There was a discussion stating it would be helpful if the BOS would back this plan/idea.

There was a conversation on how to include the Highland Spring idea in the proclamation. Pat Scully, David Weiss, and Sharron Zoller will get together and come up with recommendations/ modifications.



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It was brought up that they should include the idea of the hatchery, encourage working with landowners around the lake to possibly develop more lakeside habitat restoration, and call for the county's help with the main street fish ladder. Also, list what the group is opposed to.

Randy Krag brought up the information of a few agencies that have been awarded grants for habitat restoration.

There was a general discussion about Yolo County being absent from these discussions and they should be present in the future.

**5. Committee Members Report-** None

**6. Public Comment-** None

**7. Future Agenda Topics-** None

**8. Adjourn-** 12:28