



MINUTES

SCOTTS VALLEY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, April 24, 2023, 5 P.M.

Scotts Valley Women's Clubhouse
2298 Hendricks Road, Lakeport, CA 95453

Notice: This meeting was held in person with no option for remote attendance or participation, in full accordance with recent changes to California law following the end of the Covid-19 emergency.

Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Gregory Scott called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. with Council Members Jody Altic, Jared Hendricks, Gregory Scott, Cornelia Sieber-Davis, and Jason Weston present.

Absent: None

Quorum established: Yes

Acceptance of Agenda

Approval of the March 27, 2023 meeting minutes with correction to item 4. The Neighborfest will be held on June 11th. To clarify this is not a specific Firewise event, but will fulfill part of the annual requirements for Scott's Valley's Firewise recognition. We will focus on emergency planning. In addition to this, there will be two Action Days funded by the mini-grant from NCO.

Motion carried to add this to the minutes. Motion was approved.

Jared moved to accept the March minutes, Jody seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Discussion about ground water and that we had a ground water committee. Suggests we call it just the ground water committee without the word protection. We should continue to monitor the aquifer levels.

Council Business

1. Discussion to set the Scotts Valley Community Advisory Council meeting

dates. Fourth Monday of each month. December falls on Christmas Day, so no December meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion to identify the Scotts Valley Community Council boundaries.
 - a. Presentation by Jared Hendricks, Vice Chair

Scotts Creek watershed is bigger than most people think. We supply water for Lakeport. Starts near Blue Lakes. About 35 miles of Scotts Creek including tributaries. Rough guess is about 40k acres. This is not the entire watershed.

What should our sphere of influence be? Need to interact with BLM and Cal Fire. Need to know where the lines are to know who is eligible to be on the council, and who is represented.

Greg moved to set up an ad hoc committee. Cornelia and Jared on ad hoc committee. Jody moved, Jason 2nds. Motion carried. We now have an ad hoc committee to identify the Scotts Valley Community Council boundaries.

A. Old business

1. Status on spending \$25K on recent flooding in Scotts Valley.
 - a. County paid to have a log jam cleared.
 - b. During the atmospheric river, public works solicited help from a neighbor here. The work he did was beyond volunteer work. No finances available as far as we know. As of now there is no claim for that work.
 - c. We had an emergency, people trapped, fences damaged. Is the county going to be able to help, or is it up to citizens? There was no real time knowledge that there was an emergency. Not quibbling about whether there was an emergency, but there was no notification of the county. It was not a first responder type of issue.
2. Discussion on Scotts Creek and associated roadside ditch clearing, cleaning and up keep.

Cornelia moved that Michael Green request the board to provide direction to water resources staff to provide us with an estimate of the cost and scope of work for a hydrology study, ADM survey, and enhanced stream and flow monitors. Second from Jared. Motion carried.

B. New business

1. Introduction of Scotts Valley Fire Defensible Space Directory.
Greg Scott, Chair

Been getting information from vendors to come do clearing.

2. Status of Scotts Valley Firewise effort. Greg Scott, Chair
 - a. Greg was working on this with the old council. Getting people together for this was impossible. No action taken.
3. Introduce "REFLECT TO PROTECT" Campaign Greg Scott, Chair
 - a. There is money to help out to put addresses numbers on properties. This would help first responders. These address signs are reflective. Wants to get the Lakeport fire chief here to talk with us about it. No action taken.
4. Discussion on roads in the Scotts Valley area.
 - a. Chuck holes. Take a picture with a phone and send it in to Public Works Dept. No action taken.
5. Discussion on Broadband. Tabled.
6. Announcements: events or programs.

June 11, 12 – 5 pm: Scott's Valley Neighborfest

Thursday, grant application for BLM public comment closes May 2. They have grants for big and small things. Ukiah BLM.

Communications

- A. Travel, calendar and miscellaneous reports, if any.

Adjournment 7:03