



## MINUTES

### SCOTTS VALLEY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, May 22, 2023, 5 P.M.

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

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Gregory Scott called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with Council Members, Jared Hendricks, Gregory Scott, and Jason Weston present.

Arrived late: Cornelia Sieber-Davis

**Not present:** Jody Altic

**Quorum established:** Yes

#### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Upon motion duly made and passed, the agenda was accepted as posted.

Jared moved to approve; Jason seconded.

#### **Public Comment none**

#### **Council Business**

##### A. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Approval of minutes
  - a. Minutes approved
2. District 4 Supervisor updates and news. Supervisor Green
3. County Board of Supervisors: Recommended Action to direct Water Resources staff to research project alternatives not to exceed \$165,000.

At the request of this council, Supervisor Green brought before the board and they directed water resources board to research project alternatives. They need time to study and come back with a work plan. They will present to this council first, then take it to the county. Board will have final say.

There is no firm timeline. We are in before the budget meetings, they need to pencil in what the projects will be. Fixing existing equipment might be more cost effective. The existing

equipment isn't ours, so new monitors might be a more feasible direction. No easy answers to flooding issues.

4. Scotts Valley Boundary Ad Hoc Committee – Is tabled until June.

The Scotts Valley Firewise Community has commissioned large maps of the area, which will be presented at the Neighborfest on June 11th and will be available for our council to use as well.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Hitch emergency proclamation.

Off highway vehicle gate to Cow Mountain is closed until June 1 because of hitch sightings and their spawning activity. They're working on getting adults and juveniles back to the lake.

- a. Frost protection pumping may interfere with having adequate flows for hitch. We had an excellent hitch run this year. For decades, no one has been tracking water storage.
- b. Landowners have been receiving letters that they have to drain their ponds and reservoirs. The letters have been scary to some. It may be possible to bring some ponds into compliance, others may have to be drained. We're at the start of a multiyear investigation that starts with data.
- c. There are a number of obstructions in Scotts Creek. There's a big abutment at one of the bridges that prevents fish from getting over it. The hydrology would document blockages like this. Maria Delagianis is head of the water resources board, and she would be the place to start.

3. Scotts Valley Fire Defensible Space Directory update. Scott

- a. There is a new local business that does house calls for maintaining equipment for clearing. Council member Scott has contact information for those who want it.

4. "REFLECT TO PROTECT" address number sign campaign. Scott

- a. Signs will be installed by the fire dept. and the cost is \$30. The Lakeport Fire Chief will be at the Neighborfest with information and sign up forms.

5. Scott Valley Road replacement/repair/other area roads

- a. A Motion was made that we notify the board of supervisors that PGE is severely damaging already marginalized roads, and Hendricks Road in particular, and we need public works to do an immediate inspection of the condition of the road to establish a baseline before the work to ensure they leave the road at least as good as before they started work and to assess discernable damage that has already occurred that is attributable to PG&E.
  - i. Jason moved, Jared seconded, motion passed. Michael Green will take this to the Supervisors tomorrow.

- b. At 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, a 10-year pavement overview meeting will take place at the courthouse.
- 6. Broad Band for Scotts Valley Area.
  - a. 45-minute presentation was made to the Supervisors and was made available to this council. According to the information in that presentation, wireless doesn't work at the current standard for broadband, which is 100/100. The cost would be too high to do wire to everyone. It was suggested that it may be better to aim for speeds that can be obtained with wireless technology, perhaps 50/50 rather than 100/100.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report on cannabis Land Use Permits. Sieber-Davis

9 properties in Scotts Valley ~~that~~ have projects in the works since 2018. Last one approved was on Eickhoff Road. There is a Cannabis Master Spreadsheet that shows the status of all approved and pending projects. We are asking the county to provide us with reports of all proposed projects in Scotts Valley.

There was a long discussion of hoop houses and permits.

2. Groundwater Resources Committee: Consider having an Ad Hoc Committee

Haven't commenced yet. In the past the Groundwater Committee has put together a lot of good information.

We decided against having an ad hoc committee, but instead will have groundwater resources as a standing agenda item, with invitation to council members and the public to bring reports or other information.

3. June 26, 2023 Scotts Valley Advisory Committee will host Guest Speaker Climate Resiliency Officer Terre Logsdon, speaking on her duties.

Also On the agenda for next month. Greg Scott will try to find the email list from the previous council to generate more community involvement in the council.

4. Scotts Valley Water Conservation Districts has openings in Division 1 and in Division 3. Applicants must be 18 years old and registered to vote. Interested parties, please contact Chairperson Rhonda Armstrong [rrr4us3@aol.com](mailto:rrr4us3@aol.com)

**Communications**

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

**Neighborfest** will be held on June 11th. This event will fulfill part of the annual requirement for Scotts Valley's Firewise recognition. The focus will be on neighbors helping neighbors , home hardening and emergency planning. Our Lakeport Fire chief, the Red Cross, Northshore Chipping Program, Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians, United Policy Resources, Calfire, Ham Radio Operators, and many other resources will be there.

**Adjournment 6:51**