

Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake

Meeting 2

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
December 20, 2018

Meeting Summary

Participants: SEE APPENDIX A

Action Items:

1. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff will contact Terre Logsdon, Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians (Scotts Valley), and Sarah Ryan, Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians (Big Valley) for consultation on cultural sites for land burned in the River Fire.
2. Staff from the Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC) will provide TERC's monitoring plan for Clear Lake to the Sacramento State University College of Continuing Education Consensus and Collaboration Program (CCP) for distribution to all Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake (Committee) members.
3. Committee members will provide all edits on the Committee Charter to CCP by January 31, 2019.
4. Ms. Ryan will share the Big Valley chart outlining data sources with CCP for distribution to Committee members.
5. Staff from the California Natural Resources Agency (Resources) will identify any potential Bagley-Keene requirements or restrictions on coordinating research and distribute their findings to Committee members.
6. CCP will distribute the 2019 Committee meeting schedule to all members, and coordinate meeting locations with Jan Coppinger, Lake County Special Districts, and Wilda Shock, Lake County Economic Development Corporation.
7. CCP will plan a Bagley Keene Training. The training will be posted to the Resource's Committee website at <http://resources.ca.gov/clear-lake/>.
8. CCP will work with Committee members to develop an inventory of all current environmental restoration and economic revitalization efforts in Lake County.
9. CCP will coordinate with Karola Kennedy, Elem Indian Colony, and Jim Steele, Lake County Board of Supervisors, to establish a Technical Subcommittee.
10. Resources staff will notify the Committee of any staffing changes or appointments after the Newsom Administration takes office in 2019.

Welcome, Blessing, and Introductions

Tracy Treppa, Vice Chair of the Executive Council of the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake (Habematolel), welcomed the Committee and public attendees to the Habematolel Tribal Chambers on behalf of her tribe and offered a blessing.

After the blessing, Caroline Godkin, Deputy Secretary for Legislation at the California Natural Resources Agency (Resources) provided additional opening remarks. She thanked Vice Chair Treppa and Linda Rosas-Bill, Environmental Director of the Habematolel, for hosting this and the previous Committee meeting and providing refreshments, as well as lending the tribe's vans for the Committee's field tour earlier that day. She also thanked CCP staff for organizing the tour and the meeting.

Ms. Godkin also noted that John Laird's last day as Resources Secretary will be January 7, 2019. Part of the purpose of Sacramento State's involvement in the Blue Ribbon Committee (Committee) is to ensure continuity of process through Administration changes.

Sam Magill, Senior Facilitator from Sacramento State University's College of Continuing Education, Consensus and Collaboration Program (CCP) reviewed the Agenda and the Meeting Materials. The Agenda and materials that Mr. Magill reviewed are provided online at <http://resources.ca.gov/clear-lake/clearlake-meeting-materials-2/>.

Local Updates

Mendocino National Forest Burned Area Emergency Response Plan

Frank Aebly, US Forest Service (USFS), presented on the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Plan for Mendocino National Forest, in response to the previous summer's Mendocino Complex Fire. According to Mr. Aebly, the fire burned two-thirds of the Upper Lake District and one-third of the Mendocino National Forest, which encompasses nearly one million acres. The BAER process is intended for short term projects to prevent disastrous erosion in the first rainy season after a fire. The Forest Service presentation is available at <http://resources.ca.gov/clear-lake/clearlake-meeting-materials-2/>.

Bureau of Land Management BAER Plan

Amanda James, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), presented on the BLM's BAER Plan for areas impacted by the River Fire (one of two fires in the recent Mendocino Complex fire). The BLM land in the Clear Lake watershed contains a higher percentage of severely burned areas than the Forest Service, and primary concerns include effects on Cultural Sites and on fish habitat in the Russian River. The BLM PowerPoint slides are available online at <http://resources.ca.gov/clear-lake/clearlake-meeting-materials-2/>.

UC Davis Socioeconomic Research Progress Report

Bernadette Austin, UC Davis Center for Regional Change (CRC), provided a Progress Report on the status of the socioeconomic research being done by UC Davis as mandated by AB 707. Moving forward, UC Davis will share public information about the research done by the CRC and TERC as part of the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 707 online at <https://clearlake.ucdavis.edu>. CRC's research focuses on community engagement, socioeconomics, and economic development. A CRC Progress Report will be posted online at <http://resources.ca.gov/clear-lake/> and sent to the Committee pending its completion in early 2019. Lake County Supervisor Jim Steele requested all research be coordinated with existing research and planning efforts such as the Sonoma State Lake County Economic Development Strategy currently under development. Further discussion and coordination of UC Davis research efforts will be needed throughout the Committee process.

UC Davis Science Update from the Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC)

Geoff Schladow, TERC, provided a progress report for TERC's work on ecological and physical studies of the lake. TERC will install six new mooring sites for temperature arrays and monitoring beginning in January. These arrays will take measurements every two minutes; data will be downloaded every three to four months. TERC will also take monthly water and nutrient samples from different depths around the lake. All data will be shared with Committee members and other interested individuals upon request. Continuous turbidity monitoring stations are also being installed at Middle, Scotts, and Kelsey Creeks.

Karola Kennedy, Elem Indian Colony, asked if UC Davis has a written monitoring plan available and Mr. Schladow affirmed that the plan will be available in January. UC Davis will provide their monitoring plan to CCP for distribution to the Committee in advance of the first Committee meeting of 2019.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Post Fire Monitoring and Implementation of Best Management Practices

Jennifer LaBay, Nonpoint Source Program Manager, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), presented on the Water Board's involvement in post fire monitoring and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMP). The Board has obtained the contract to pay for analysis of nutrients in the creeks of the Clear Lake watershed. The contract is not yet in place but that should not hinder any work the county is doing so far. The implementation of BMPs in assessed areas is funded under a 319(h) contract; federal funding is being provided through a contract managed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Anti-erosion projects along the Highway 175 corridor are complete and holding well through the rain so far. There have been challenges obtaining rights of entry to private property because of difficulty contacting landowners who may have left the area because of the fires, so implementation of some planned work is on hold. New sites for implementation of BMPs have been identified on Jessie Drive near Lakeport and near the junction of Elk Mountain Road and White Rock Canyon Road.

Resource Conservation District Best Management Practices Implementation

Harry Lyons, President, Lake County Resource Conservation District (RCD), shared photos of BMPs constructed by the RCD including hay waddles, straw bale check dams, hydro mulch, and planting of sterile barley to stabilize erosion-prone slopes. Funding of \$600,000 for projects was provided by a 319(h) grant, funding projects on the fifty acres deemed most in-need by staff at the county of Water Resources Department (WRD), the Resource Conservation District (RCD), and the SWRCB, plus a \$70,000 grant from the Water Board. The photos were provided by Angela DePalma-Dow from the Lake County WRD. Mr. Lyons also noted that data on post-fire recovery is being shared with other communities addressing recent wildfire impacts such as Redding from the Carr Fire.

Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians Pre and Post Fire Monitoring

Ms. Ryan shared that Big Valley previously worked with the Water Board to monitor areas burned by the 2015 Valley Fire and submitted the data to the Water Quality Exchange in 2015-2016. This research includes Forks Creek as a control area. Big Valley will compare 2015 pre-fire conditions to current post-fire conditions in the same area, and include information on flow, turbidity, and nutrient testing from monitoring sites on Manning Creek and Forks Creek at Martin Street. Ms. Ryan noted that Big Valley will continue to collect and share data as it becomes available.

2019 Committee Meeting Scheduling

Sam Magill proposed the following dates for meetings in 2019: March 6, June 5, September 26, December 11. Due to committee member scheduling conflicts, these dates were adjusted to: March 13, June 5, September 26, December 11.

Mr. Magill asked for volunteers for locations to host future meetings throughout the Clear Lake area to spread meetings throughout the basin. Jan Coppinger offered to host at the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Lakeport; Wilda Shock offered to host at the Lakeport City Hall. Tracy Treppa stated that the Committee is always welcome to continue having meetings in the Habematolel meeting spaces. Mr. Magill thanked the committee members and will follow up with those who offered, to confirm dates for those locations.

Stakeholder Assessment

The Sacramento State facilitation team conducted situation assessment interviews with all the Committee members in November. Because of limited time during this meeting, Sam Magill of CCP limited his Committee Assessment Review to only some of the Recommendations found in the Assessment process. CCP will send the Committee the Assessment Report to all Committee members following the meeting.

Mr. Magill reviewed the following Committee Assessment Recommendations:

- Committee Membership
- Subcommittees
- Coordinating Research
- Charter (including Roles and Responsibilities)
- Public Outreach

The full presentation is available online at <http://resources.ca.gov/clear-lake/clearlake-meeting-materials-2/>.

Committee Membership

Mr. Magill noted Committee members asked whether Committee membership could be modified to include additional representatives in the future. Ms. Godkin responded that any changes to membership would require an amendment to AB 707; the legislation would not take effect until 2020. She posed a question about whether specific groups without a seat on the committee might still find representation by coming to meetings as members of the public.

Brenna Sullivan, Lake County Farm Bureau, said that some of her concerns about representation on the committee would be alleviated by the existence of a Technical Subcommittee to invite input from technical experts. Jim Steele, Lake County Board of Supervisors, agreed and noted that a similar subcommittee structure was successfully used for the Lake County Resources Committee. Ms. LaBay would like to actively encourage other involved agencies to regularly attend the Committee meetings as well, most notably the California Department of Fish and Wildlife since it manages existing UC Davis contracts.

Coordination of Research

Mr. Magill asked the Committee what ideal coordination of research would look like and suggested that a technical subcommittee might oversee coordinating research. Ms. Ryan said there are only four or five entities collecting data and expects that all would have specific requirements about where data is to be stored. She offered to share a chart describing where different data about the lake is housed.

Supervisor Steele noted the importance of understanding the purpose of research and modeling to accurately interpret data. Ms. LaBay asked if there are any Bagley-Keene restrictions or requirements on coordinating research. Caroline Godkin responded that she did not believe so but would need to look into it. Mr. Magill told the group that CCP will be producing a Bagley Keene training in the near future. Sarah Ryan suggested the creation of a document describing what efforts are underway as part of Clear Lake management.

Committee Charter

Mr. Magill requested conceptual-level comments on the charter for discussion and asked that more specific edits or comments be e-mailed to CCP by January 31st. The Committee cannot formally approve

the charter until the first meeting of 2019. Mr. Magill then reviewed the structure of the charter. The Charter is available online at <http://resources.ca.gov/clear-lake/clearlake-meeting-materials-2/>.

Ms. Ryan requested additional language in Section 1 of the Charter to describe Clear Lake as essential to the traditional cultural resources and economies of the seven federally recognized tribes of the area. She shared that the condition of the lake affects the safety of traditional ceremonies, as well as fishing and consumption of fish in accordance with tribal customs. A consideration and inclusion of tribal interests is required as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process under AB 52 (Gatto, 2013) and should be reflected in the Charter. Ms. Ryan will send suggested language on cultural uses to CCP and Resources. Committee members expressed support for the additional language; Mr. Magill invited the other Tribal Environmental Directors to submit language.

Ms. Ryan also requested modifications to the Charter to reflect the importance of relying on sound science and existing laws and regulations. Ms. Sullivan reiterated the importance of having a technical subcommittee to evaluate data, and recommended the subcommittee be mentioned in the Charter.

Ms. LaBay asked for clarification on member responsibilities in case of absence, if and how to designate an alternate, and what the protocol is if the alternate is unavailable. She also clarified that in her position with the Water Board, she is not allowed to make recommendations on legislation.

Subcommittees

Mr. Magill introduced a Technical Subcommittee Proposal (Proposal) in the meeting materials, which was created in direct response to a need expressed during the assessment process. He requested any edits to the Proposal; Committee members did not provide specific edits or modifications. He then asked for two volunteers from the Committee to begin chairing the Technical Science Subcommittee, with the understanding that the co-chairs of the subcommittee may change overtime. He explained that it is CCP and Resource's recommendation that only two Committee members serve as co-chairs to avoid any potential conflicts with Bagley-Keene requirements. Mr. Steele and Ms. Kennedy volunteered to serve as the first co-chairs of the Committee.

The Committee discussed whether additional members can attend subcommittee meetings as interested members of the public; Supervisor Steele noted they can without violating Bagley-Keene requirements, but should not participate as active members to avoid any potential conflicts with state law.

Committee members requested modifications to the Charter to specify how often the Subcommittee will meet; they agreed it should meet at least monthly.

Mr. Magill asked for suggestions for potential Subcommittee members, adding the Proposal states that an application process should be used to confirm membership upon an individual's nomination by Committee members. A full roster of Subcommittee members will be developed in advance of the first Subcommittee meeting of 2019. CCP will work with Committee members on suggestions provided on December 20th.

Mr. Steele asked if funds are available to support travel for Subcommittee members, as some prospective members may require travel from outside the Clear Lake area. Ms. Godkin replied funding is not currently available, but the Subcommittee could discuss this, identify what gaps such individuals might fill, and bring a proposal to the Committee. Ms. Rosas-Bill reminded the Committee to avoid nominating Subcommittee members who may have a financial interest in generating contracts for environmental restoration or research in Clear Lake.

Mr. Magill asked that additional suggestions for subcommittee members be sent to CCP staff. CCP will coordinate with Mr. Steele and Ms. Kennedy, and a final membership list for the Subcommittee will be approved at the first Committee meeting in 2019.

Wilda Shock recommended an Economic Subcommittee also be formed, noting the economic development strategy by Dr. Robert Eyer at Sonoma State University would be an important resource for formulating Committee recommendations to revitalize the local economy.

Public Comment

Angela DePalma-Dow, Lake County Water Resources Department, suggested an Outreach Subcommittee to create recommendations for targeted outreach and education of Lake County residents impacted by the Committee's work. Ms. Kennedy commented that an Outreach Subcommittee could be part of a Marketing and Economic Development Subcommittee. Ms. DePalma-Dow added that these new bodies could also coordinate with the new Lake County tourism board.

A member of the public asked if Supervisor Steele will continue serving on the Committee after his term expires. Ms. Godkin replied that he will continue as the Board of Supervisor's designee, and that Supervisor Moke Simon will serve as his alternate.

Adjourn

Ms. Godkin thanked the committee members for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in the Committee; Mr. Magill said CCP will follow up with the committee on the action items and once changes to Resources staffing are made public.

Appendix A: Meeting Participants

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT		
Name	Organization	Title
Caroline Godkin	California Natural Resources Agency	Deputy Secretary for Legislation
Janet Coppinger	Lake County	Special Districts Administrator
Karola Kennedy	Elem Indian Colony	Environmental Director
Jennifer LaBay	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	Nonpoint Source Program Manager
Terre Logsdon	Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians	Environmental Director
Harry Lyons	Lake County Resource Conservation District	President
Linda Rosas-Bill	Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake	Environmental Director
Sarah Ryan	Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians	Environmental Director
Wilda Shock	Lake County Economic Development Corporation	President
Jim Steele	Lake County	Supervisor
Brenna Sullivan	Lake County Farm Bureau	Executive Director
Geoff Schladow (Alternate for member Paul Dodd)	UC Davis	

PUBLIC ATTENDANTS & STAFF	
Name	Organization
Jonathan Howard	Asm Aguiar-Curry's Office
Bernadette Austin	UC Davis
Tracy Treppa	Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake
Victoria Brandon	Sierra Club
Damon Jonas	Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake
Angela DePalma-Dow	Lake County Water Resources
Penny Cleary	Redwood Credit Union
Amanda James	BLM Ukiah
Dean Rogers	Robinson Rancheria
Carolyn Ruttar	Clear Lake Environmental Research Center
David Cowan	Lake County Water Resources
Sam Magill	CCP, Sacramento State
Sophie Carrillo-Mandel	CCP, Sacramento State



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