



Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake

Socioeconomic Subcommittee

2:30 – 4:30 pm

June 28 , 2022

Meeting Summary #16

Attendees:

Attendees are listed In Attachment A.

Welcome and Introductions

Sam Magill (Facilitator), Sacramento State Consensus and Collaboration Program (CCP), convened by webinar the sixteenth meeting of the Socioeconomic (Subcommittee) of the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake (Committee). A full list of participants is included in Attachment A. He welcomed Co-Chairs Terre Logsdon, Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians, and Wilda Shock, Lake County Economic Development Corporation for opening comments. They both thanked the members for attending and look forward to the discussion. The Facilitator convened a round of introductions. He then reviewed the meeting agenda.

Proposals approved by the Committee in 2022

Sam Magill gave a brief review of the proposals approved by the Committee in 2022. He noted that eight out of the eleven proposals were unanimously approved by fourteen out of the fifteen members that were present at the May 25th meeting. Three of the proposals (**Lake County AEM Survey, Scotts Valley Aquifer Evaluation, and Hypolimnetic Oxygenation Pilot Project**) from the May 25th Committee meeting were modified; those projects were unanimously approved by ten out of the ten members present at the June 22nd Committee meeting. He thanked the proposal presenters for doing their due diligence and addressing the questions asked by Committee members. Sam Magill noted that when projects are being approved by the committee, that the goal is to have it be done in an open public forum.

No discussion was recorded.

Cobb Mountain Watershed Education Program Update

Eliot Hurwitz, SSCRA gave an update on the watershed education program. He mentioned that they are still refining the budget. He noted that there have been great conversations in partnership with Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians and on their suggestion, they have begun

working with Dr. Janine Pfeiffer in developing the curriculum. The next steps will be to refine the curriculum, publicize the information, distribute to the community, and finalize the agreements with the California Natural Resources Agency (Resources). He expects the project to begin in February 2023.

Participants made the following comments:

- Angela DePalma-Dow, Lake County Water Resources Department (WRD) asked where she can direct individuals interested in being more involved with watershed activities. Eliot Hurwitz responded that they can access information via www.cobbareacouncil.org and they can reach out to him directly.

Clear Lake Project Updates

Alyssa Nelson, UC Davis Center for Regional Change (CRC), shared a presentation on the Community and Citizen Science project, Environmental Education Project, and the evaluation of these projects. This project will educate the youth and other residents throughout the Clear Lake community. She clarified that the projects are separate from the work of the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC). A full review of the project can be found on **Appendix B**.

Participants made the following comments:

- Peggy Harte, UC Davis noted that more information can be found at <https://education.ucdavis.edu/center-community-and-citizen-science>
- Brandon Louie, UC Davis, mentioned that feedback and ideas can be sent to Alyssa at anelson@ucdavis.edu.
- Clare Cannon, UC Davis mentioned that they are working with Natural Resources Agency on the proposals. They are hoping to start work on the environmental education project on August 1st. Additionally, the Citizen and Community science project was approved by the UC Davis sponsored projects office which should start September 1st.

Update New Projects/Projects Under Development

Shoreline Stewards Program Development

Angela DePalma-Dow and Emma Belanger, DWR shared a presentation update on the shoreline stewards' program. The goal of the proposal is to engage shoreline communities, share best management practices with community members for the shorezone, and provide resources managers with an inventory of shorezone conditions to target specific restoration activities.

Participants made the following comments:

- Sam Magill asked what the potential role of the Committee in regards to funding. Emma Belanger responded that regarding long term implementation, Committee funding will be important to maintaining and getting the program on the ground and in the minds of the community. Additionally, she welcomes any feedback about outreach and how to best implement it. Additionally, Angela DePalma-Dow responded that they are fully engaged and want it to be a part of the legacy of Clear Lake management. Moving forward, she would like to see some type of collaboration with the other education projects once all the materials/ plans are developed. She noted that the projects are not solely reliant on funding from the Committee but have funding /investments from the County of Lake.
- Sam Magill asked if Angela DePalma-Dow expects an incorporation of the outcomes that may stem from the upcoming public perception survey. Angela DePalma-Dow responded they will be hiring a contractor to develop the survey and have focus groups to test the surveys and make sure everything is written correctly. They then will have the survey presented for review by the Committee and the Subcommittees to make sure all concerns/comments are captured. Ultimately, they want to gauge how individuals interact with water and the water quality programs.

Regional Resource Stewardship Project

Eliot Hurwitz shared a presentation on the Seigler Springs Community Redevelopment Association Regional Resource Stewardship proposal, developed in partnership with the UC Davis CRC. The proposal was initially presented to the Subcommittee in April 2022 and will be refined for Committee consideration over the next year. The goal of the project is to engage stakeholders in Upper Lake and Nice to build “hyper-local” capacity for community resilience and the improvement of lake health.

Participants made the following comments:

- Angela DePalma-Dow asked what the final product will be. Eliot Hurwitz responded that the examples can be found at the www.cobbareacouncil.org. Additionally, he noted the objective is to build local capacity. As a follow-up question, Angela DePalma-Dow referenced the website and asked if the details included in that study will consist of the same details or will it will require more implementation/research funding. Eliot Hurwitz responded that they are developing another level of data capacity that includes the data sources that are available and develop a community dashboard that demonstrates how the shoreline ecology relates to the economy and local culture/health.

Code Enforcement Project

William Fox presented a proposal for code enforcement improvements for environmental violations. He noted the crucial need for additional staffing, consultants, and tools for existing code enforcement relations.

Participants made the following comments:

- Sam Magill noted that other suggestions/feedback were given at the Technical Subcommittee meeting. He noted the suggestion given of making tools like satellite imagery available that can determine/identify heavy disturbances in the watershed and sediment coming in from key areas.

Clear Lake Environmental Education Roundtable (CLEER) Concept and Status Discussion

Sam Magill opened the meeting for further discussion on CLEER.

Participants made the following comments:

- Terre Logsdon mentioned that there needs to be some funding in order to allocate time and resources. She suggested that they conduct a survey on who would have the capacity to work on CLEER without additional funding.
- Sam Magill asked Alyssa Nelson and Peggy Hart if the work they are contracted to do can be used to facilitate a coordination group for environmental education. Alyssa Nelson responded that they have been tasked to identify who is doing environmental education; coordinating a round table such as CLEER could be done simultaneously. Peggy Harte mentioned that the Committee did not approve the funding for an environmental education center.
- Amanda Martin, Lake County Land Trust, stated that the Land Trust is very interested in CLEER, but are also limited by a lack of funding. She suggested if CLEER proceeds, it should be managed by a local agency.

Review of Existing Environmental Education Opportunities

Sam Magill shared a review of existing environmental education opportunities and noted that the goal was to develop an entity that could help coordinate activities and minimize any overlap of work being conducted.

Participants made the following comments:

- Eliot Hurwitz mentioned that it would be beneficial to have quarterly meetings about the projects that people can give updates and present on the opportunities. Wilda Shock suggested allocating time within the standing Subcommittee meetings to report-out.
- Angela DePalma-Dow suggested that someone should be tasked to participate in the outreach events and compile a master list that reviews content and information for each event.
- Emma Belanger provided the following link for more information on CivicSpark: <https://civicspark.lgc.org/>.
- Sam Magill asked if there is a need to continue development of an environmental education center. Two proposals were previously provided by Subcommittee members, but require additional planning and development before consideration by the subcommittees or full Committee. Amanda Martin

responded that CLEER or an environmental education center would be beneficial.

- Sam Magill asked what the timeline is for shoreline asset mapping. Emma Belanger responded that the goal is to get it done by the end of 2022.

Setting Priorities for Next Round of Funding (FY 24/25)

Sam Magill reviewed the purpose and charge of the Committee and the need for an overarching vision statement to guide Committee activities moving forward. In advance of the September 8, 2022 Committee meeting, the Technical and Socioeconomic Subcommittees will be asked to assist in the development of this guiding vision.

After the introduction, participants made the following comments:

- Eliot Hurwitz commented that the interrelated nature of environmental and social and economic concerns in Lake County may make the development of a single vision very complex.
- Alyssa Nelson noted that the timeline depends on how much fire season disruptions might happen.
- Geneva Thompson, Resources, noted the importance of developing criteria that help guide the decision-making process for project proponents and the proposal development process.
- Alyssa Nelson mentioned that all research should be located and accessible in Lake County.
- Terre Logsdon mentioned that it is always important to have a clear vision and mission statement to make sure the work is aligned and consistent with what needs to be done.
- Eliot Hurwitz mentioned that he would like to see some guidance from the initial legislation and work to establish the Committee vision.
- Sam Magill encouraged members to review AB 707 (2017). The legislation initiated the Committee effort and provides initial guidance on its overall purpose and goal.

Closing Comments

Sam Magill noted Susan Parker, Lake County Chief Administrative Officer, will provide a presentation on potential broadband opportunities at the next Socioeconomic Subcommittee meeting. The meeting will be rescheduled from the usual time based on Susan Parker's availability. Wilda Shock added that representatives from the Lake County Office of Education will be invited to participate as well.

Wilda Shock, Terre Logsdon, and GenevaThompson thanked the presenters and the members for their input.

Public Comment

- Angela DePalma-Dow encouraged participants to attend WRD's Water Quality Wednesday events, a series of online forums to discuss the health of the Lake. The next event is scheduled for July 6, 2022 at 6pm. Information on past and future Water Quality Wednesday's is available via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lakecountywater>.

Adjourn

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ATTACHMENT A: Roster of Participants

Meeting Participants		
First	Last	Organization
Emma	Belanger	Lake County WRD CivicSpark Fellow
Clare	Cannon	UC Davis
Angela	DePalma-Dow	Lake County WRD
William	Fox	Lake County WRD
Peggy	Harte	UC Davis
Eliot	Hurwitz	Siegler Springs Community Redevelopment Agency
Tim	Karas	Mendocino College
Robert	Larsen	California Natural Resources Agency
Terre	Logsdon	Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Brandon	Louie	UC Davis
Amanda	Martin	Lake County Land Trust
Alyssa	Nelson	UC Davis
Michelle	Scully	Member of the public
Wilda	Shock	Lake County Economic Development Corporation
Geneva	Thompson	California Natural Resources Agency
Sam	Magill	California State University, Sacramento
Jessica	Walker	California State University, Sacramento