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Blue Ribbon Committee on Restoring Clear Lake to Hold Inaugural Meeting on October 10 in Lake County

Sacramento – A blue ribbon committee tasked with recommending ways to improve water quality at Clear Lake will hold its inaugural meeting October 10, in Lake County, California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird announced today.

The 12-member Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake, created by Assembly Bill 707 (Aguiar-Curry) of 2017, includes representatives from tribes, Lake County, UC Davis and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. It also includes four members appointed by Lake County with expertise in agriculture, economics, environment and public water supplies.

“I am proud to chair the initial meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee,” Laird said. “The Committee has been given the important charge of making recommendations for rehabilitating Clear Lake, which is critical to Lake County’s economy, ecosystem, and heritage. The expertise of these committee members will be invaluable to restoring this precious resource.”

Creation of the committee is part of the State of California’s ongoing investments in Clear Lake, which include a \$2 million multi-year scientific research contract with UC Davis, \$5 million in voter-approved bonds from Proposition 68, and a recent \$15 million bond-funded investment to aid in the Middle Creek Restoration project.

“This committee is a first step towards revitalization of the local economy,” said Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry. “Whether the work of the committee establishes a scientific record that Clear Lake is doing fine or we have work to do to protect and restore it, my goal is to provide proof the ‘anchor’ of Lake County is a healthy, valuable lynchpin in the local economy. I look forward to working with the California Natural Resources Agency, Board of Supervisors, Lake County Tribal Community, and all the stakeholders to ensure Clear Lake is Clear.”

The October 10 meeting is open to the public and will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Running Creek Casino, 635 State Hwy 20, Upper Lake, CA 95485. The agenda and additional information be found [here](#).

Blue Ribbon Committee members include:

Name:	Appointing entity:
Karola Kennedy	Elem Indian Colony
Sarah Ryan	Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Cecilia Guevara Zamora	Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Linda Rosas	Habematol Pomo of Upper Lake
Alix Tyler	Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Jennifer LaBay	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Dr. Paul Dodd	UC Davis
Supervisor Jim Steele	Lake County Supervisor
Wilda Shock	Lake County – Local economic development expert
Brenna Sullivan	Lake County – Agriculture expert
Dr. Harry Lyons	Lake County – Environment expert
Jan Coppinger	Lake County – Public Water supplier

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