

ALPINE WATERSHED GROUP
Meeting Minutes
Mad Dog Café in Woodfords
May 8, 2018

The meeting was preceded by a Nature & Wildlife Gallery Open House 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Photographer Karri Smith was available to share information about her work. Jennifer Quillici, Mad Dog Café owner, is donating her commission from gallery sales to Alpine Watershed Group and Alpine County Search and Rescue this year.

I. Meeting Opening

A. Welcome and Introductions - Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

B. Board members and staff in attendance: Lewis Ames, Michael Barton, Marcia Barrie, Sarah Green, Rich Harvey, Dan Kaffer, Julia Keane, Jerry Lloyd, Mark Quillici, Karri Smith, Marina Vance, Alyse Weyman, Janet Wesse.

II. AWG Announcements

A. New Executive Director – Kimra McAfee will be starting officially on June 20

B. Farewell Party Postponed – Date TB

III. Watershed Program Updates

AWG Program Presentation - "Water Quality Objectives Summary"

Marina presented her recent report titled "Water Quality Objectives Summary" that she has written which focuses on the Upper Carson watershed. This report was developed to help to answer the question, "How is the water in our watershed?" She presented the online web story as a source for the public to explore further. The pdf document goes into great depth and can be downloaded from the AWG website. The main goal of the report was to define water quality objectives, identify 303(d) impaired water bodies, highlight AWG's ambient water monitoring program, and assess where our rivers stands within these objectives. Group questions were answered and discussion emerged. Some discussion revolved around the possible trend that water temperatures are increasing. Marina explained that AWG does not have the in-house capacity to determine these changes from the limited amount of data that we have. Future program developments could include the installation of data loggers and further targeted our data collection to answer specific questions.

AWG Education Program Update – Julia reported that the final Advanced Learning Program for Diamond Valley School this year will be a field trip to Taylor Creek in South Lake Tahoe. She also discussed possible plans for working with tribal youth this summer.

AWG Volunteer Opportunities (see Volunteer Opportunities Handout)

- Restoration assistance at Grover & Hope Valley
- New Water Monitors needed; trainings being offered (see calendar below)
- AWG now seeking Project Champions! More info coming soon.

IV. Meeting Wrap-Up

A. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, July 10, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, location TBD

B. Calendar of Events

- Markleevillage Fuels Project Site Visit – **Wednesday, May 23rd 10 am**, meet at the end of Pleasant Valley Road
- AFSC Community Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP) – meet to learn more and discuss: **May 17th 6 pm** at the Markleeville Fire Station on Hot Springs Rd or **May 29th 6pm** at the Woodfords Fire Station on Diamond Valley Rd
- Volunteer Monitoring Training – **Tuesday, May 29th 5:30-7:30 pm**
- Water Monitoring Session – **Sunday, June 10 8:30am-10am**
- Physical Habitat Assessment Training – **July** date TBD

V. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm