

ALPINE WATERSHED GROUP

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017

I. Meeting Opening

A. Welcome to new AmeriCorps members Marina Vance and Julia Keane (6:30-6:45 pm).

B. **Call the Meeting to Order** - Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm.

Board members and staff in attendance: Richard Harvey, Michael Barton, Dan Kaffer, Bob Twiss, Sarah Green, Gavin Feiger, Marina Vance, Julia Keane

Community participants: Jerry Lloyd, Mark Quillici, Ron Hames, Donald O'Connor

II. Public Comment

- Ron Hames announced that starting January 1, CDFW is going to start charging for being on their land in some places and Hope Valley is one of them, it's called a "Land Pass". If you have a fishing or hunting license, that counts. They will put up signs before they start enforcing. It was proposed that the conveyance mechanism in the HV land purchase/transfer be researched to see if there were any conditions about charging for use. Ron explained that the Board of Supervisors will be getting more information about the issue soon.
- Ron Hames revisited his prior request to use our graphic of Alpine County's watersheds for a t-shirt with the addition of a slogan like "Where does your water come from?"

III. Consent Items

- Approval of September Stakeholder Meeting minutes. Rich moves to approve, Michael 2nd; all in favor

IV. Program Planning

A. Program Updates

- **Goal #1** – to preserve and enhance Alpine County watersheds
 - Monitoring – Gavin presented the draft 2018 Monitoring Plan outlining the various monitoring activities and dates. One clarification was that the bioassessment sampling has changed from an annual basis to every 2-3 years given that the Lahontan Water Quality Control has begun this type of monitoring as well. The fuels reduction work for the Markleevillage Fuels Reduction Project was recently completed and photo monitoring is underway. Gavin also explained that 3 of the 4 Hope Valley stream flow data loggers have been removed as many of the sites were affected by beaver dams, but the Pickett's Junction logger will go in this winter to catch spring runoff.

- Restoration – Gavin and Marina gave an update about our primary restoration projects providing a new version of the Restoration Project list which summarizes each of our current and recently past projects
 - Markleeville Creek Restoration Project
 - The water company did an income survey and found that their service district is considered a Disadvantaged Community (DAC). The MPUD has had the survey data analyzed for their service area identified it as a DAC as well. This can open up funding opportunities for needed projects including the Markleeville Creek Restoration Project.
- **Goal #2** - to increase community awareness and participation in stewardship
 - Education – Sarah and Julia gave an update on the upcoming education programs:
 - There will not be a Trout in the Classroom program at Diamond Valley this year due to lack of teacher engagement, administration support, and the low fish survival rate. Instead, AWG has been working with Principal Scott Smith to assist with an after-school program for the Advanced Learner program. The plan is to provide a different watershed topic/activity once a month. It is scheduled to start in December. There are opportunities for field trips.
 - Another opportunity suggested by Dr. Smith was to participate in the school’s open house at the end of the year where students can present watershed projects.
 - AWG staff is also working with the Alpine Fire Safe Council to bring Smokey Bear to Diamond Valley timed with the annual poster contest.
- **Goal #3** – to build organizational capacity and plan for sustainability
 - Supporter Appreciation Party – Gavin announced that the date for this year’s party will be February 13th – the 2nd Tuesday.
 - The following ideas for recognition gifts were suggested by the group:
 - Shirts (see: public comment)
 - CDFW “Land Passes” (see: public comment)
 - More AWG hats (maybe bucket hats?)
 - License plate frames
 - Gift certificates to local businesses, maybe they would donate them (Sorenson’s, Stonefly, Walley’s, Mad Dog Café, Alps Haus, etc.).

v. **Meeting Wrap-Up**

A. **Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 – 8:00pm**

B. **Calendar of Events** – Supporter Appreciation Party scheduled for February 13th

VI. **Adjourn** – board meeting adjourned at 8:05pm