

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Flood Control and Water Conservation District Minutes

September 6, 2022

The Honorable Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 6th day of September 2022; there being present Directors Nancy Ogren, Brandon Criss, Ray A. Haupt, Ed Valenzuela and Michael N. Kobseff, County Administrator Angela Davis, District Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Directors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Criss.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

Flood Control / Natural Resources - Discussion, direction and possible action re Memorandum of Understanding between Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the Karuk Tribe outlining coordination and communication plan related to Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development, for a term ending April 20, 2027. Approved.

Natural Resource Policy Specialist Matt Parker provided an overview of the request, advising of the addition of verbiage on page two of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address communication and/or coordination with Native Peoples in conformance with Assembly Bill 52.

Discussion followed between members of the District Board, Mr. Parker and Assistant District Counsel Natalie Reed regarding the request for additional language developed by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) facilitator, the anticipated process to implement SGMA Plans in the Scott and Shasta Valleys, the need to present the updated document to the Karuk Tribe for their review/approval and the ability of Natural Resource staff to outreach to the Quartz Valley and Shasta Indian Tribes regarding comments on the SGMA process and possible development of similar MOUs.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES to approve the MOU to submit to the Karuk Tribe and to reach out to other tribes within SGMA for possible MOU development.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

By: _____
Deputy