



EEL RUSSIAN RIVER COMMISSION

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APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: Friday, March 29, 2019

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Chambers
825 5th Street, Room #111, First Floor of the Courthouse
Eureka, California 95501

A. Roll Call

The following Commission members were present: Chair - Commissioner Estelle Fennell, Humboldt County Representative; Vice Chair - Commissioner James Gore, Sonoma County Representative; Commissioner Carre Brown, Mendocino County Representative; and Commissioner Eddie Crandell, Lake County Representative.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2018 – **Action Item**

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Gore to approve the November 9, 2018 minutes of the Eel Russian River Commission. This motion was carried unanimously.

C. Update on Transition of Administrative Support for the ERRC from Mendocino to Humboldt County (Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board, Humboldt County) - **Informational Item**

D. ERRC Proposed Meeting Dates for 2019 (Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board, Humboldt County) – **Action Item**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gore, seconded by Commissioner Crandell to approve the ERRC meeting dates for 2019. This motion was carried unanimously.

E. PG&E (Alison Talbot, Public Affairs, PG&E – Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity Counties) Update Regarding Recent Announcements from PG&E Regarding the Potter Valley Project – **Informational Item**

Presentation approved per order of the Chair.

Public Comment – Vivien Helliwell, Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman’s Association

- F. Humboldt County (Hank Seeman, Deputy-Director, Humboldt County Public Works and Craig Tucker, Water Resources Consultant, Suits and Signs Consulting, LLC) Update on Efforts Towards Relicensing Potter Valley Project - **Informational Item****

Public Comment – George from Santa Rosa; Stephanie Tidwell, Executive Director from Friends of the Eel River; Daren Mierau, North Coast Regional Director of California Trout; Devon Jones, Mendocino County Farm Bureau; Kyle Farmer from Potter Valley; Dr. Denver Nelson from Eureka

- G. Wiyot Tribe (Tim Nelson, Natural Resources Director, Wiyot Tribe) Update on Tribe’s Position on the Potter Valley Project – **Informational Item****

- G1. Round Valley Indian Tribes (Doug Hutt Treasurer, Round Valley Indian Tribes) Update on Tribe’s Position on the Potter Valley Project – **Informational Item****

- H. Inland Water and Power Project (Janet Pauli, PhD, Chair of the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission) Update on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Orphan Project for the Potter Valley Project – **Informational Item****

Public Comment – Stephanie Tidwell, Executive Director from Friends of the Eel River

- I. Cal Trout (Darren Mierau, North Coast Director, Redgie Collins, Staff Attorney, and Curtis Knight, Executive Director) – Update on CalTrout’s Efforts Towards Attaining a Two-Basin Solution to the Potter Valley Project FERC License – **Informational Item****

Public Comment – Kyle Farmer from Potter Valley

- J. Consider Sending Letter of Interest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) related to Amending the ERRC Joint Powers Agreement and Scope of Authority – **Action Item****

There was no action taken on this item.

- K. Eel River Restoration Project (Citizen’s Science Project) Update (Pat Higgins, Eel River Restoration Project, Managing Director) – **Informational Item****

L. ERRC Conflict of Interest Code Annual Review and Approval – Action Item

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Gore to adopt the ERRC Conflict of Interest Code. This motion was carried unanimously.

M. Update on ERRC Finances (Treasurer, Carre Brown) – Informational Item

Discussed by the Commissioners to invoice each county \$3,000 per fiscal year for the annual ERRC Membership dues and to work with the Mendocino County Auditor-Controller. Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board of Humboldt County will include the estimated costs with the proposed budget at the next ERRC meeting.

N. Commissioner Reports

O. Other Business

P. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Public Comment - George from Santa Rosa, Supervisor Steve Madrone from Humboldt County, Vivien Helliwell from Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Association

Q. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The next meeting for the Eel Russian River Commission will be held on May 24, 2019 in Lake County.

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