

**LAKE COUNTY RISK REDUCTION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**County of Lake**, represented by: Not present  
**Lake County Watershed Protection District**, represented by:  
Jessica Pyska, District 5 Supervisor  
**Fire Protection District**, represented by:  
Paul Duncan, South Lake Fire Protection District  
**Public Water Systems**, represented by: Not present  
**City of Lakeport**, represented by: Kim Costa  
**City of Clearlake**, represented by: Russ Cremer  
**Native Sovereign Nation**, represented by:  
Tom Jordan, Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians

**Meeting Date: Monday March 20, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Location:** Conference Room B and Zoom Meeting  
**Meeting Minutes By:** Carolyn Purdy

**Attendees:**

Susan Parker-County of Lake  
Stephen Carter-County of Lake  
Terre Logsdon-County of Lake  
Carolyn Purdy-County of Lake  
Matthew Rothstein-County of Lake  
Mireya Turner – County of Lake  
Kevin Ingram-City of Lakeport  
Harry Lyons- Lake County Resource Conservation District (RCD)  
Megan McCluer- Lake County Resource Conservation District (RCD)/ Jaide Conservation Collective, LLC  
Shannon Kimball-Auth-Red Cross  
Kim Cole- Public Attendee  
Frank Aebly- US Forestry Service  
Willie Sapeta – Lake County Fire Protection District  
Paul Bluess-Kelseyville Fire Protection District  
Patrick Reitz-Lakeport Fire Protection District  
Bart Levenson- Public Attendee  
Brad Chatten – Public Attendee  
Betsy Cawn- The Essential Public Information Center  
Tammy Alakszay-North Coast Opportunities, Inc.  
John Hackett-CalTrans  
Magdalena Valderrama-Seigler Springs Community Redevelopment Association  
Francisca Santana- Public Attendee/University of Michigan  
Tim Chiara – Western Region Town Hall (WRTH)  
Philip Gomez- Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians  
Cristian Viveros- Middletown Rancheria  
Mayra Blazerna- Public Attendee

## Meeting Minutes

**1. Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Pyska at 3:08 p.m. (Chair Moke Simon was absent)

**2. Roll call:**

By Vice-Chair Pyska

**Quorum confirmed with the following board members in attendance:**

Director Jessica Pyska, Director Paul Duncan, Director Kim Costa, Director Tom Jordan and Director Russ Cremer.

**3. Moment of Silence:**

In memory of County Employee/Baseball Coach Ed Pepper and the loss at Middletown Rancheria.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance:**

By Russ Cremer

**5. Public Input:**

Francisca Santana introduced herself from the University of Michigan as a researcher on wildfire threats in Lake County.

Frank Aebly, US Forest Service updated the Board about the Elk Mountain Road closure due to a slide out. This information is pertinent as this is an issue with fire and emergency response. Mr. Aebly reached out to Scott DeLeon in Public Works for a meeting. This issue will increase response time for medical emergency, search and rescue and fire. Lake County Chief Climate Resiliency Officer Terre Logsdon reported that she recently attended the Western Region Town Hall meeting and that Public Works Director DeLeon is aware of the issue on Elk Mountain Road.

**6. Consideration of Minutes:**

Vice-Chair Pyska introduced the item to consider the Lake County Risk Reduction Authority meeting minutes from the February 27, 2023 meeting.

Vice-Chair Pyska asked if there was any public comment and Betsy Cawn spoke. She would like to be recognized as The Essential Public Information Center instead of Lake County Resident. There was also clarification on Mr. Widmer's affiliation with the Red Cross and Francisca Santana with the University of Michigan. Secretary Carolyn Purdy will amend the minutes with this information.

**Motioned:** Director Cremer, as amended

**Second:** Director Costa

**Roll Call Vote:** All in favor.

**Motion Passed**

**7. Action Items:**

- **Administrative support services:**

Lake County Chief Climate Resiliency Officer (CCRO) Terre Logsdon introduced the item to the Board. Currently the Lake County Administrative office is providing this support through April 2023. Today's discussion will be how to move forward. Director Costa asked about funding for this purpose. Harry Lyons from the RCD spoke and expressed an interest in helping. The RCD would be willing to make a provisional acceptance to take care of some of these tasks. Megan McCluer from the RCD spoke about temporary administrative support, RCD is not in a position to offer this service indefinitely at no cost. Director Pyska stated there were funds available for this service and asked if the RCD could bring back a proposal next month. Ms. McCluer stated that the RCD is a Special District so can contract directly with the county without competition. Assistant County Administrative Officer Stephen Carter spoke and gave the current balance of \$6,920.52 in the RRA account. Betsy Cawn, the Essential Public Information Center asked about the \$27,000 per year Tobacco Diversion fund. Mr. Lyons confirmed that the RCD is still receiving this fund and utilizes about 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the money. Ms. McCluer said that a proposal could be presented in April with those excess funds in mind.

- **Partner fiscal contribution updates:**

Vice-Chair Pyska presented the item and asked Lake County Assistant County Administrative Officer Stephen Carter to report on the Risk Reduction Authority (RRA) contribution updates. Mr. Carter reported that there is a current balance of \$6,920.52 in the RRA account, pending further invoicing. The City of Lakeport and City of Clearlake are asking to be invoiced for their annual contribution. Ms. Logsdon stated a list would be provided to the county fiscal team of current members for this purpose.

The item of the proposal from RCD was reopened and Shannon Kimball-Auth offered services from the Red Cross to provide support for 2 months while waiting for the proposal, if needed. Director Costa asked if an intern was considered for administrative support. Ms. Logsdon stated someone would have to oversee the intern so not feasible at this time.

- **Discussion regarding climate resiliency grants and projects:**

- **Report & discussion with partners planning to submit a CalFire Grant**

Megan McCluer from RCD reported on the applications submitted. There were a total of three proposals submitted from Lake County; CLERC, RCD and Harbin Hot Springs.

- **Discussion re: RCD/CCRO/RRA grant application to the Adaptation Planning Grant Program of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.**

Lake County Chief Climate Resiliency Officer Terre Logsdon reported on the progress of grant submission and award date. Director Costa asked about additional support needed for this grant from the RRA. Lake County Community

Development Director Mireya Turner and Lakeport City Manager Kevin Ingram spoke. Ms. Logsdon asked for Board approval for the grant application:

**Action: Approve Lake County Chief Climate Resiliency Officer Terre Logsdon and Megan McCluer of RCD to submit the grant to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research under Adaptation Planning Grant Program with County of Lake as lead agency on behalf of the RRA, RCD and the Lake County Firesafe Council.**

**Motioned: Director Costa**

**Second: Director Cremer**

**Roll Call Vote: All in favor.**

**Motion Passed**

- **Update and committee formation:**

This is an update on the CWPP only, the committee has been formed. Lake County Deputy County Administrative Officer Matthew Rothstein reported on progress. Projects added since the public comment period ended would be helpful. Director Pyska asked when the next Fire Chief’s meeting would be. The meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Magdalena Valderrama asked about the CalFire grant, is it possible to get a copy of the grant application that was submitted by the RCD? Megan McCluer said yes, she would provide this information.

- **Discussion on future possibility of meeting at different locations around the County**

This item was added at the request of Director Simon, who is not present. Vice-Chair Pyska asked that we leave this item on the agenda for future consideration.

**8. Newsletter from NCO**

Lake County Chief Climate Resiliency Officer Terre Logsdon shared the RRA Year in Review Newsletter created by Brook from NCO, designed before her departure. Ms. Logsdon will create a PDF of this newsletter to be sent to all Directors. Once long term Admin support is set up, the Board will discuss on whether this Newsletter is a priority. Director Costa asked what the most important messages was to share in the newsletter. Vice-Chair Pyska replied to share our partners work so the public is aware. Betsy Cawn from the Essential Public Information Center spoke about additional outreach and education campaigns by the Office of Emergency Services and the Area on Aging Advisory Council. Frank Aebly from the US Forestry Service spoke about an outreach idea regarding forest restoration work. Shannon Kimbell-Auth from the Red Cross stated if the goal is to reach people that are not on social media, Senior Centers should receive information in their boxes. Public Attendee Brad Chatten mentioned that Water Districts have addresses of most of the county population. Tammy Alakszay from NCO said she had resources to distribute the newsletter, if needed. Tim Chiara from the Western Region Town Hall offered to assist with the newsletter. Mr. Aebly recommends have a copy translated in Spanish. Ms. Cawn suggested County PIO Matthew Rothstein has a large media email list that could be available.

Vice-Chair Pyska asked to bring this item back next month to discuss distribution strategies.

**9. Director Reports (3 minute maximum):**

1. County – Vice-Chair Pyska: FEMA grant for home hardening was funded today.
2. Fire Districts - Chief Duncan: Consider the Hog Back ridge crew for employment opportunities for fuels projects. Copter training to start in April and hiring in April to one engine per station.
3. Lakeport - Kevin Ingram: Special Goals session and Strategic Plan. Cleanup from storm, damage in city parks.
4. Clearlake - Russ Cremer: Public Works Road Crews attending to trees down throughout the city. Lower Lake Cemetery project, removing brush and dead Oak trees for fuel reduction. Additional hazard tree removal project paid for with grant money with Supervisor Simon. Vegetation reduction and hazard mitigation.
5. Native Sovereign Nation – Tom Jordan: Scotts Valley is preparing and submitting a Cal Fire grant for transporting materials out of the forest. Scotts Valley also received a final settlement for the losses at the Red Hills biology facility and would like to reactivate that project for a Biochar facility.

**10. Agenda items to discuss next month: Carry over items**

- Newsletter
- CWPP Update
- Admin Support
- Meetings at different locations around the Lake

**Additional item to consider before the end of fiscal year, June 2023:** Strategic Planning session presentation. Betsy Cawn the Essential Public Information Center added the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clearlake has a professional facilitator named Sam Miguel. It would be worth reaching out to him regarding this presentation.

**11. Brief community announcements and events**

Tammy Alakszay from NCO reported the California Volunteers Neighbor to Neighbor Grant was awarded, this will include ten events over the next nine months. Also, a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training this Saturday 3/25/23 at 11am. A press release will go out this week. Terre Logsdon for Chief Ciancio: Northshore Fire Fund is hosting a Northshore Ready Fest, Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am -2pm in Lucerne.

**12. Next LC RRA meeting**

Vice-Chair Pyska announced the next LC RRA meeting would be held Monday, April 17, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m. at the Lake County Courthouse and will be a hybrid meeting. There will need to be a quorum in person.

**13. Adjournment:**

Vice-Chair Pyska entertained a motion to adjourn.

**Motioned:** Director Cremer

**Second:** Director Costa

**Roll Call Vote:** All in Favor.

**Motion Passed**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**



Moke Simon (Apr 26, 2023 09:37 AKDT)

**Chair, Community Risk Reduction Authority**

**04/26/2023**

**Date**