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Special Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2018

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Colusa, State of California meets in Regular Session this 27th day of September 2018 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Present: Supervisors Denise J. Carter, Kent S. Boes, and Gary J. Evans. Absent: John D. Loudon.

Present: Marcos Kropf, County Counsel.
Wendy Tyler, CAO/Clerk of the Board/Risk Manager.
Ann Nordyke, Chief Deputy Clerk.
Brian Pearson, Pioneer Review.
Scott Lanphier, Michael Azevedo, Public Works Department.
Greg Plucker, Director, Community Development
Department.
Arnold Gross, Renee Ross, Assessor's Office.
Christine Hill, Jason Kraling, Troy Bell, USFS.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Evans asks everyone present to introduce themselves.

OPENING COMMENTS

Ms. Hill states the Forest Service has been managing the Ranch fire for the last two months and thanks everyone for their patience.

Mr. Kraling goes over the maps (Mendocino Complex- Ranch Fire/River Fire, Public Information Map; Ranch Fire - Phase 2 Map, and Fire Progression Map) noting that he will be focusing on the Ranch fire and speaks to the fire area, progression of the fire, areas within Colusa County that have burned, how the fire spreads, back burns, how many acres per day were burned and Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) treatment/program. **(Picture of Maps on file in the Board Clerk's office)**

Ms. Hill speaks to future threats such as increased chance of run off, loss of vegetation exposing soil to erosion; runoff may increase and cause flooding, sediments

may move downstream and damage houses or fill reservoirs, and put endangered species and community water supplies at risk. She further states the Forest Service BAER program addresses these situations on Forest Service lands with the goal of guarding the safety of forest visitors, employees, water quality, and natural resources from further damage after the fire is out.

Lengthy discussion is held regarding the BAER program/treatment areas, when will the treatment/program be implemented, County roads being within the treatment area, additional assessments being done, if needed, re-seeding areas, native species, planting regeneration, fuel breaks being kept in place, fire trails versus OHV trails and roads.

Ms. Hill states in most cases, only a portion of the burned area is actually treated. Severely burned areas, very steep slopes, places where water runoff will be excessive, fragile slopes above roads, trails, campgrounds, and other valuable facilities are focus areas. Noting the treatments must be installed as soon as possible, generally before the next storm, time is critical if treatments are to be effective.

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9:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

1. Chair Evans makes time for a driving tour of the affected areas of the Mendocino National Forest within Colusa County damaged by the Ranch Fire. All those in attendance were driven to various areas within the Mendocino National Forest within Colusa County boundaries to see the destruction and devastation left by the Ranch fire.

Discussion is held at various locations throughout the tour regarding reseeding of ground cover with quick-growing or native species, stabilization techniques used, assessing the need to modify road and trail drainage mechanisms, and modifying or removing culverts to allow drainage to flow freely.

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on October 2, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Gary J. Evans, Chair

Attest: Wendy G. Tyler,
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

BY _____
Ann Nordyke, Chief Deputy Clerk