

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY
FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN, FUNDING, AND BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 4, 2025 at 4:30 P.M.
IN PERSON AT THE MCSD OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM – 1656 SUTTER ROAD,
MCKINLEYVILLE, CALIFORNIA
and
TELECONFERENCE Via ZOOM & TELEPHONE:
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AGENDA ITEM A. CALL TO ORDER:

- 1.a Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Patrick Kaspari.
- 1.b Roll Call:** The following members and staff in attendance in person at the MCSD Conference Room:

Patrick Kaspari, MCSD General Manager
Kirsten Messmer, MCSD Parks and Recreation Director
Maya Conrad (arrived at approximately 4:52 p.m.)
Jennifer Ortega
Joel Rink

The following Subcommittee Members were Absent:
Kevin Creed

Public Present included:
Greg Blomstro

Staff in Attendance:
Jess Elm, MCSD Environmental Programs Coordinator

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jess Elm.

3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion by: Jennifer Ortega **Second:** Kirsten Messmer

Roll Call: Ayes: Patrick Kaspari, Kirsten Messmer, Jennifer Ortega, Joel Rink

Nays: None

Absent: Maya Conrad, Kevin Creed

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

5. Public Comment and Written Communications

There was a Public Comment letter submitted from Jacqueline Debets, the President of Redwood Empire Endurance Riders (REER), which purpose gave insight into equestrian wants and needs within the McKinleyville Community Forest. Jennifer Ortega commented about how as there are more user

groups that want to recreate in the McKinleyville Community Forest, it is important to keep forest health in mind.

6. Review and Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2025 Subcommittee Meeting

Motion: It was moved to approve the October 7, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion by: Kirsten Messmer **Second:** Joel Rink

Roll Call: Ayes: Patrick Kaspari, Kirsten Messmer, Jennifer Ortega, Joel Rink

Nays: None

Absent: Maya Conrad, Kevin Creed

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

7. Final Draft California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) Forest Management Plan (FMP) v. 2025_10_31

Item presented by Patrick Kaspari, MCSD General Manager. The Subcommittee reviewed the CFIP FMP being prepared by BBW and Associates. The Subcommittee members suggested edits to Greg Blomstrom of BBW to the CFIP FMP, with the intention of these being resolved before the November 12, 2025 draft CFIP FMP deadline to CAL FIRE.

The Subcommittee commented, discussed and asked clarifying questions.

There was no public comment.

Maya Conrad, Subcommittee Vice Chair, arrived at 4:52 p.m..

Motion: It was moved for the FMP Subcommittee to recommend that the CFIP FMP that goes to CAL FIRE on November 12th, including edits made by staff, goes to the full McKinleyville Community Forest Committee for review and approval to forward on to the MCSD Board.

Motion by: Patrick Kaspari **Second:** Joel Rink

Roll Call: Ayes: Patrick Kaspari, Kirsten Messmer, Maya Conrad, Jennifer Ortega, Joel Rink

Nays: None

Absent: Kevin Creed

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

8. Review of Draft Community Forest Management Plan v. 2025_09_08

This item was tabled until the December 2, 2025 Forest Management Plan, Funding, And Budget Subcommittee meeting.

9. Committee Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items

- Patrick Kaspari announced Assemblymember Chris Rogers Visit
- Kirsten Messmer let the Subcommittee know that the California Conservation Corps are doing more work in the McKinleyville Community Forest
- Patrick Kaspari reported that the Padilla earmark for MCF funding did not make it out of Committee, but that Huffman's did make it out of Committee
- Jennifer Ortega asked for an update on Wright Tree Service
- Next FMP Subcommittee Meeting: December 2, 2025 @ 4:30pm
- Next MCF Committee Meeting: November 18, 2025 @ 5:30pm
- Next TICS Subcommittee Meeting: November 25, 2025 @ 5:15pm

10. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Jess Elm, Environmental Programs Coordinator

