

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY
FOREST TRAILS, INFRASTRUCTURE, SECURITY, AND CLEAN-UPS SUBCOMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025 at 5:15 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. Call to Order & Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. with the following members and staff in attendance in person at the MCSD Conference Room:

James Henry, MCSD Operations Director
Jens Andersen, Recreation Coordinator
Tyler Brown
Kenneth Burton
Justin Brown
Shaun Fyfe
Michele Stephens
Nancy Morelli
Christopher Collier
Nicole West

The following members were absent: Charlie Caldwell, Phil Heidrick.
Nancy Morelli will be acting as a voting member for this meeting in her role as an alternate.

2. Flag Salute: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Henry.

3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

It was recommended to add a presentation by Hank Seemann to the agenda under a new item 7(a). He will present on the McKay Community Forest Trail plan.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Approve agenda with the addition of Hank Seemann presentation.

Motion by: Nicole West Seconded by: Justin Brown

Roll Call: Ayes: Jens Andersen, Justin Brown, Tyler Brown, Ken Burton, Christopher Collier, Shaun Fyfe, James Henry, Michele Stephens, Nicole West, Nancy Morelli Nays: None Absent: Charlie Caldwell, Phil Heidrick

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

5. Public Comment and Written Communications

All public comment was relevant to existing agenda items and was discussed under those topics.

6. Consider Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the TICS Subcommittee on 6/24/25

Motion: It was moved to approve meeting minutes from 6/24/25

Motion by: Shaun Fyfe; Seconded by: Michele Stephens

There were no comments from the subcommittee or public.

Roll Call: Ayes: Jens Andersen, Justin Brown, Tyler Brown, Ken Burton, Christopher Collier, Shaun Fyfe, James Henry, Michele Stephens, Nicole West, Nancy Morelli Nays: None Absent: Charlie Caldwell, Phil Heidrick

Motion Summary: Motion passed.

7. Discussion of Tribal Land Acknowledgement on Trail Plan

Michele Stephens discussed a background of land acknowledgment to continue the discussion of the previous TICS meeting. She said that based on her experience, that getting Tribal approval can be a burden for Tribal Councils who have a lot of demands for their time. Michele suggested using a variation of the existing Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC) land acknowledgement for the trail plan.

Public comment was given by Keoki Burbank from Two Feathers to provide a tribal perspective for the land acknowledgement. He said that speaking frankly, land acknowledgement is often just a lip service and suggested that the McKinleyville Community Forest Committee consider supporting an honor tax as part of the Trail Plan. He suggested as an example that adding a link to honortax.org on trail signs so that those who wished to could support the Wiyot Nation directly. He also suggested that working with Madison Flynn of the Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC) and Sherri Provolt at Cal Poly Humboldt would be a good initial step for writing a land acknowledgment without burdening the Tribal Council.

7 (a). Presentation by Hank Seemann of McKay Trail Plan

Hank presented lessons learned from McKay Trail Plan. He said the timeline for creating and publishing the trail plan was about 2 years. Hank said that the TICS committee was welcome to use as much of the McKay Community Forest Trail Plan as they found useful. Hank said they found that working with the California Conservation Corp was an good use of limited funding for building and maintaining trails. Hank suggested looking for opportunities with the Coastal Conservancy as they may have grants available for development of the McKinleyville Community Forest Trails.

8. Discussion of Trail Map

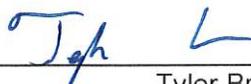
Brief discussion of existing trails and methods for determining what trails should be decommissioned or added to the McKinleyville Community Forest. To be continued during ongoing TICS committee discussions.

9. Committee Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items

Edits to McKay Trail Plan framework due to Jess on August 15th. In September Ken suggests that the Volunteer Trail Stewards report be discussed at the TICS committee. Ethics training forthcoming for TICS committee members – look for an email invite to online training.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.



Tyler Brown, Secretary