

Las Posadas Six County Board
September 11, 2023
Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Matt Torrance at 7:06

Secretary's Report

David Putnam moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Bennett reported a balance of \$85,222.64 in the money market account and \$55,032.79 in the checking account.

He reported that all the tax forms regarding our non-profit status have been completed, signed, and sent by the accountant. The engineering fee for the septic system has been paid.

Duncan King moved to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting with Cal Fire

Matt reported that he met with Cal Fire officials and it has been determined that reopening the camp is not a viable option.

Money donated by counties will have to be returned. It is unclear whether Alameda donated \$40,000 or \$50,000. Jim will check his records and clarify this. \$10,000 from Napa County has been paid to Costino's for the ventilation work in the kitchen. No work has been done. Jim will contact them and ask for a refund.

David Putnam asked if we are walking away from camp.

Unit Chief Mike Marcucci explained that ownership of the buildings at camp reverted to Cal Fire when the lease expired. As state property, any work done there must be completed as a public works project. Volunteer labor is not permitted. Camp is a low priority for the state and work might not start for many years. The estimated cost of repair and necessary improvements is \$30,000,000 plus many years to restore the forest to a healthy state.

Belia Ramos added that UCNR would also need to approve any plans from a risk assessment perspective.

Questions from the board were unanswered:

What will happen to the property? Will it be used or left dormant?

How will Cal Fire meet the education provisions of the deed?

Cal Fire asked us to cooperate to build the new station, why are they not honoring the verbal agreement?

Mike Marcucci said he has explored all options through Cal Fire legal and the state office.

Shared Equipment

We discussed what to do with the camp equipment. Some is being stored by Napa and Sonoma Counties in addition to what is still at camp. Matt would like to remove items before the rainy season. He suggests buying a 40-foot container. Mike Marcucci said there is no rush to remove the items left at camp except for the possibility of damage as buildings deteriorate.

David Putnam suggested we do a complete inventory before deciding how to share or divvy up the equipment.

Michelle Machado said Sonoma County has an inventory of the kitchen and first-aid supplies they have stored at the Hopland Research Facility. Suzanne Amaral can also provide an inventory of equipment borrowed by Napa Co.

Glenn has an inventory of equipment also. He suggests board members meet with their own counties, discuss our needs, and explore storage options. He will send the inventory to Matt to distribute to the board. He suggested we meet next month at the regular time.

Belia Ramos will check to see if there is room to park a trailer in Napa County.

Allison Brandenburg suggested we have a meeting at camp to inventory before we decide.

Mike Marcucci said we could have access to the camp to do that.

Glenn reminded us that we will also need to clean out the shed and remove the chemicals from the pool shed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

Submitted by

Margaret Close

Attendance:

Alameda – Jim Bennett, Jim Richards, David Firestone

Contra Costa – Tom Baldocchi, Devon Baldocchi, Kerry Dolphin

Marin – Glenn Parks, Matt Torrance, Denise Parks,

Napa –

Sonoma – Tara Camgros, Michelle Machado, Lisa Bianchi

Guests – Kerri Abreu, William Wagner, Belia Ramos, Dustin King, Lisa Weston, Steven Worker, Scott Brandenburg, Allison Brandenburg, Suzanne Amaral, Brenda Vales, Mike Marcucci, David Putnam, Duncan McAndrews, Margaret Close

