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El Dorado County
Rubicon Oversight Committee
Headington Road Conference Room
Placerville, CA 95667
January 9, 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT: John Pardi, Jerry Reffner, Richard Hill, Merlin Scott, Dan McLain, John Hultsman, Amy Granat

AGENCY PERSONNEL: Marty Hartzell (CVWQCB), George MacDougall (OHMVR), Richard Thornburg (USFS), Debbie Gaynor (USFS)

COUNTY STAFF: Don Spear (DOT), Vickie Sanders (CAO), Donna Mullens (CAO), Tim Peterson (EDSO)

I CALL TO ORDER: 8:35 a.m.

II AGENDA: Approved

III MINUTES from October 10, 2013: Approved with spelling correction of Spider Lake on Agenda Item - Agency/Organization Updates/New Information

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS/NEW FACES INTRODUCED:
None

V DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Adopt a Trail Program: All fourteen segments of the trail have been adopted. Daystar Industries, an Arizona entity, has adopted one segment and Metal Cloak has adopted two. County staff will conduct a training session on reporting and maintenance for the trail segments later in the spring. Signage at the kiosk will identify each of the segments and the user group volunteering to maintain that segment. Also being considered is a small sign at each of the segments on the trail identifying the adoptive user group. DOT will make spring and fall assessments of the trail. Large” maintenance projects can be done with the help of FOTR and the County, but DOT will not have an extra-help crew on the trail this year. Adoptive groups will complete routine trail maintenance in the spring and fall.

Trail Map and Brochure: Map - Funding was received to create and install a trail map at the kiosk, identifying points of interest. A trail map will be brought to the February 13, 2014 meeting to receive input from ROC. A map identifying the trail points of interest on the Placer County side would also be beneficial for trail users. **Brochure –** The current Rubicon Trail Brochure needs to be updated

Welcome Sign: A “Welcome to Rubicon Trail” sign at the kiosk area has been discussed in previous meetings. A design for the sign had been done by Shannon Chard and Vickie Sanders will contact her to see if she is still interested in creating the artistic signage for the trail head.

Winter Use and Monitoring: Completed the first winter assessment in early December and the results were posted on the County’s website. The results are prepared by Dan Kikkert, Sr. Engineer with DOT and reviewed by the USFS. The protocols for monitoring the trail during the winter and spring are being reviewed to ensure continuous monitoring for consistency.

VI AGENCY/ORGANIZATION UPDATES/NEW INFORMATION

Richard Thornburg: USFS proposed a 3 year phase to fix 18 road in the 42 Route Project. Information regarding this project phase will soon be posted on the USFS website. Information on the Barrett 4wd Trail Reconstruction has recently been posted to the USFS website. A fieldtrip for the Joe Don’t Project was completed in November 2013.

George MacDougall: OHV Grant workshops will be held next week. 2013-14 grant appropriations have been set aside for trail restoration and these funds could be used for restoration due to illegal motorized access. OHV is working with agencies to close out previous grant cycles. OHV staff will be on the Rubicon Trail from the Placer County side this summer.

John Pardi: Rubicon Trail Foundation’s Black Tie and Boots Fundraiser to be held March 11, 2014. Tickets are available.

Merlin Scott: Completed maintenance on the trail toilets – permanent and portable. Installed one façade and the installation of the remaining façades could be a Rubicon Trail Foundation project. The wind storm in December blew one of the portable toilets over. Supplies will be needed to restock the toilets and will get list to Vickie Sanders. Some type of cover should be installed over the vents on the toilets to prevent moisture from blowing in.

Tim Peterson: His presence on the trail this summer is underdetermined at this time. Currently the SHF Jeep is in storage. It was noted that day use on the trail, to date, has been minimal.

VII NEXT MEETING: 8:30 a.m. March 13, 2014 @ El Dorado County DOT – Headington Road Ready Room.

VIII ADJOURN: 10:02 a.m.