

**PLUMAS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PLUMAS WATERSHED FORUM
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**MEETING OF THE PLUMAS WATERSHED FORUM
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HELD IN QUINCY ON JANUARY 27, 2004**

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

None.

**3. PLUMAS WATERSHED FORUM
MAJORITY AND MINORITY PROJECT EXPENDITURES**

Tom Hunter, Director of the Plumas County Flood Control District gives a report and update on approved majority and minority project expenditures to date.

PROGRESS OF APPROVED PROJECTS

Tom Hunter, Director of the Plumas County Flood Control District gives a status report on progress of approved projects. A list of the projects is before the Forum and discussed in detail.

FEATHER RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REPORT

Mark Hill Managing Partner of Ecosystem Sciences is present and addresses the Forum. Mr. Hill presents the Forum with a draft document of the Feather River Watershed Management Strategy. The document is discussed in detail. The Chair receives comments from members of the Forum. Supervisor Pearson finds the document to be disturbing and refers to the cattle industry in Sierra Valley being removed from use of Forest Service land. Mr. Hill clarifies stating that the document is a plan designed to help the cattle ranchers and explains that with the help of the ranching industry in Sierra Valley the benefit to stream restoration and underground water will be substantial. Supervisor Meacher requests more verbiage under Economic and Social Feasibility in regards to the funding process. Various members of the public and representatives of various organizations address the Forum in support of the document. Dwight Russell, representing the Department of Water Resources encourages members of the ranching industry to attend the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings. The members of the Committee will be available to meet with members of the ranching industry to discuss funding needs, etc.

Motion is made by Forum Member Dwight Russell, seconded by Supervisor Pearson and unanimously carried to set a 30-day comment period of the draft strategy document. After the 30-day comment period the document will be reviewed by the TAC for recommendation.

Members of the Forum encourage private property owners and members of the various organizations to submit their comments in regards to the Feather River Watershed Management Strategy draft document.

**CALIFORNIA WATERSHED NETWORK - LEGISLATIVE WATERSHED EDUCATION
DAY, REQUEST FOR \$500**

At the request of Supervisor Meacher, motion is made by Forum Member, Dwight Russell, seconded by Forum Member, Tim Quinn and unanimously carried to approve \$500 for Legislative Watershed Education Day to be held on April 7, 2004 at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

4. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
PLUMAS CORPORATION \$75,000 PROJECT

Motion is made by Forum Member Dwight Russell, seconded by Forum Member, Tim Quinn and unanimously carried to approve the request of Plumas Corporation for \$75,000 for Vegetation Management for Watershed Protection. As recommended by the TAC, the \$75,000 shall come from Majority Funds with a caveat that when the Forum approved an application and approval process, they would need to apply.

5. PLUMAS WATERSHED FORUM
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE FORUM

The next scheduled meeting of the Plumas Watershed Forum shall be determined following the distribution of the Feather River Watershed Management Strategy draft document and a meeting of the TAC.

URGENCY ITEM – PLUMAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH JULIA COLEMAN AS COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The meeting is convened at 10:00 a.m. with Supervisors Robert Meacher, B.J. Pearson, Ole Olsen and Vice Chair, Bill Dennison present. Chairman Kenneth Nelson is absent.

Motion is made by Supervisor Pearson and seconded by Supervisor Meacher to add this item to the agenda as an urgency item because the need for action was not apparent prior to the posting of the agenda. AYES: Supervisors Pearson, Olsen, Dennison and Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: Supervisor Nelson. Carried and so ordered.

Motion is made by Supervisor Pearson, seconded by Supervisor Meacher and unanimously carried, with Supervisor Nelson absent, to approve a contract between Julia Coleman and Plumas County to serve as the County Administrative Officer, effective March 15, 2004, and authorize the Chair to sign.

ADJOURNMENT

The Forum adjourns at 12:05 p.m. to meet again on a date to be determined following a meeting of the TAC.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors