

**Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
Ruth Lake Community Services District**

**Joint Agency Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting: December 9, 2008, Eureka City Council Chambers

Attendees: Barbara Hecathorn, Aldaron Laird and Carol Rische from HBMWD; Ric Jeans and Tom Felt from Ruth Lake CSD; Dennis Bermers and Dave Saunderson from the Leaseholders Association; Dan Dill from the US Forest Service.

Topics Discussed:

Minutes

Aldaron Laird asked if there were any changes to the minutes and if not, suggested the minutes be accepted. The committee concurred and accepted the minutes as submitted.

Prevention Plan

Ms. Rische reported the HBMWD Board approved the final committee draft of the proposed Prevention Plan (dated November 13) in concept and asked if the RLCSD Board had done the same. The RLCSD Board had approved the Plan in concept as well.

Aldaron Laird introduced estimated costs to implement the plan that Carol Rische and Tom Felt developed. Several line items were discussed. Ric Jeans summarized the proposed barrier gates to be installed. Two would be at the Marina and another at Ruth Rec. Entry would be via a card system, similar to that of a hotel key card.

Ruth Lake CSD proposed that both the check-in and inspection process be moved to Ruth Rec instead of at the Marina as previously suggested. Ric Jeans added that all boats would have to check in at Ruth Rec before launching. He indicated that this change was proposed to reduce the costs of implementation.

Options to fund implementation of the Plan were discussed. Aldaron Laird indicated that the implementation costs, as well as how to fund them need to be finalized prior to going to the respective Boards. Ric Jeans suggested that HBMWD pay the one-time costs and that RLCSD pay the ongoing costs, conditioned on RLCSD keeping the revenues derived from the program (e.g. inspection fees, launch fees). He added that RLCSD does not have much money, but that they have people.

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Aldaron Laird shared his thoughts regarding “beneficiaries pay” and handed out a list of who he thought the beneficiaries were. Several members commented that some of them (such as Trinity County) might be beneficiaries, however, it was not realistic that they would help pay to fund the plan.

Next steps in the process were discussed.

Next Meeting- January 6, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m. in Eureka