

NOTICE OF MEETING: An open meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mill Creek Summer Home Owners Association will be held at **5:00 PM on Wednesday February 5, 2025** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9169514650?pwd=cVFuVVRkaDhoZk1OYU1dwjVCeFdqQT09>

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MCSHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** Betsy, Kathy, Bill, Sandi (5:04 pm)
2. **Open Forum.** During open forum, each attendee may address the board for up to three minutes. Kate Schumacher, Gayle Rose Wever, Georgene and Terry Neher, Jeff Piatt, Tim Coyne, Ralph Meuter, Dave Kolakowski

Kate Schumacher Cabin 128: Rain in California, any news of landslides? Should she be worried out there in Kansas? Joe says lots of water. Check for roof leaks. Culverts are working. No signs of severe damage to cabins. Gayle Rose Weber: Do we want to have proxies to facilitate quorum? We will check bylaws ... Jeff Piatt has concerns about forest closure around Mill Creek. When will the Forest land be re-opened. Recently closure was extended until 12/31/2025. Concerned that this limits us to our cabins. Betsy will check with USFS on this.

3. **Approval of Minutes** -from January 15, 2025 Sandi M, Bill 2nd, approved unanimously

4. Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report- Mark O' Sullivan
- b. Water Board Report
- c. Committee Reports
 - Architectural Review- Craig F
 - Welcome Committee- Laurie F
 - Common Land- Sandi K ... PG&E will be removing some trees on Common Land. Need to follow up to get PG&E to remove downed trees.
 - Road Maintenance- Preston D
 - Fire Hazard Prevention- Jaydene C
 - Budget Review- Sandi K & Mark O
 - Website Review- Betsy K & Kathy C ... Joe asked about Water Department link on website. Needs updating. Dave Kolakowski has been in contact with Amy Webster about updating this. In process? Kathy Carpenter will ask for access to change website.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Legal Services Contract ... Betsy reminded Board to read contract for future

decision.

6. New Business

- a. USFS Purpose and Need and Proposed Action (PAPN) comment letter (Note: a long and complex discussion ensued, only highlights presented, along with conclusions)

Joe van Meter: West Lassen Highlands project is large, landscape scale project. Strongly recommends that folks read the document. Joe is concerned about use of herbicides in reforestation areas, including those adjacent to Mill Creek. Includes area adjacent to our water source. We should be at the table in discussing potential project effects. Offers to share google document on his concerns and research he has done. **Jeff Piatt** has engaged with the document but finds it overwhelming. Unclear what our experience of the project will be. How will the project affect our experience of Mill Creek?

Dave Kolakoski seconds concerns about use of herbicide close to water source. **Gayle Rose Weber** shares concerns about the water source. Much attention to flowing water (streams) but less discussion of springs. The timing and sequence of actions is not clear. Mill Creek's water source (spring) is not specifically mentioned. **Joe** says we need to be proactive with our concerns. **Sandi** says lack of vegetation control is not an option. She doesn't want a former forest overgrown with brush. **Kathy** suggests a committee to review the situation and report to the Board for proposed action. **Betsy** has consulted some UC-Davis extension folks. **Tim Coyne** has read document has BS in Plant Science. Sonoma County Master Gardner. Would be willing to volunteer to examine concerns. **Joe** volunteers Resort as a place to meet. **Georgene Neher** says we don't need to be experts. Take advantage of existing expertise, like Sierra Institute and others. Georgene: Our spring is important to the community, but so is Mill Creek. Need to protect ecological integrity of the creek: fish, birds other wildlife. **Sandi asks:** Are there folks at Circle S ranch who should be involved? Betsy appreciates discussion. Betsy thinks the plan identifies adequate steps to take to protect water sources. She will draft a letter of concern to USFS for Board Review. Sandi M, Loker, 2nd. That a letter of concern be drafted for submission to local USFS Ranger District (Russell Nickerson, District Ranger). All participants in meeting will receive a copy.

- b. Elections: Who will be inspector of elections? Sandi Moves Business Connections as Inspector. 2nd Loker. Passed. Betsy will create a calendar for various steps toward election for our next meeting.
- c. South Lassen Watershed Group MOU. Large group of stakeholders. Want to update their MOU. Should we be signatories to MOU? Mineral-Mill Creek Firewise Council is a member, represented by Jim Richardson. Betsy recommends that we continue status quo. We will remain engaged as landowners.

7. Information Items

- a. South Lassen Watershed Group meeting: Joe will share minutes from that meeting. There was a quick review of meeting minutes.

8. Next Meeting Date Tuesday, March 11 @ 5 pm