

June Lake CAC meeting - March 5, 2025

6:00 Call to order

Members present: Julie Brown, Claire Landowski, John DeCoster, Gary Johansen, Kevin Larsen

Public Comment - none

6:01 - approve minutes from February meeting

John moves to approve, Julie seconds. Passes 5-0

6:02 - Informational/discussion items

SCE updates from Matt Paruolo, government relations liaison - Providing updates on public safety power shutoff (PSPS) protocols as part of wildfire mitigation plan.

- Wildfire mitigation plan is updated every 3 years, primary purpose is to protect public safety. Primarily consists of vegetation management, grid hardening (burying lines), improved situation awareness (fire cams and weather stations)
- Vegetation management ramps up during the summer and is required as part of safety plan - SCE inspects 1.6M trees annually along power lines and removes or trims back those that pose a hazard
- Covered conductor wire - being installed in wildfire prone areas, estimated to be 70% effective at preventing fires.
- Residents will receive letters notifying them of maintenance work in their areas
- Hardening work on Gull Lake and Reversed Peak Circuits have already been completed - covered conductor installed.
- PSPS considered a last resort, but becoming more common because of the increasing fire hazards throughout the state
 - In June Lake, SCE considers which circuits to de-energize during a PSPS and uses a decision-making framework leading up to weather events that may call for a PSPS ("period of concern")
 - Some circuits have higher fire risk than others, and SCE considers danger upstream and downstream along a circuit, and have to turn off entire circuits, so it can appear spotty or arbitrary but isn't actually
 - Reminder that SCE needs to inspect lines before turning power back on to make sure they're safe and clear, so sometimes the PSPS lasts longer than the weather event
- Customers have the option of signing up for email or text alerts instead of a phone call to notify them of possible outages - recommended so that you don't get a robocall in the middle of the night
- SCE offers some programs to support customers that have medical devices that require power or have other needs for battery backup - Matt can connect customers with the appropriate program
- SCE is collaborating with Whitebark Institute on fuel reduction programs and supporting a community directed grant program worth \$1.5M - apply for funding through Whitebark website
- Rush Creek Hydroelectric Relicensing Project - just filed the Final License Application in January. Next community meeting on the project is May 20, 10am-12pm at JL Community Center

6:29 - Supervisor's Report - Paul McFarland

- Board of Sups upheld the Planning Commission's denial of a STR in Williams Tract
- Emergency Preparedness meeting - tentatively April 29, 6pm, will be led by Mono County's Chris Mokracek, Sheriff's Dept. and others

- EV changers in JL at Gull Lake Park still on hold
- Spoke with JLLWC about updates to the community center like new windows, new dishwasher, utensils,
- Spending time with County, USFS, and NPS to help understand what the summer will look like. Seems like we will have staffing to keep the visitor center open throughout the summer thanks to a collaboration ... still looking for volunteers to help staff the

6:33 - Chair report - Julie Brown

USFS attempted to start pile burning at June Mountain yesterday but it wasn't successful because of the wet snow

6:34 - Member reports

John DeCoster - at High Sierra we're in the process of adding apartments and hopefully adding EV as part of that project

Claire - no report

Kevin - no report

Gary - planning to attend March 27 6 pm Towns to Trails meeting that may be a closeout of that program because of lack of funding

6:36 - Planning update

Bear Paw RV Park still no progress

3 STR applications in process, one on Leonard will come to the planning commission on March 20, the rest are further out

6:37 - Women's Club update - Paul (who was at the meeting last night)

Gave \$17k back to the community last month

Working on scholarship disbursement

St Patricks dinner coming up

Ham bingo coming up

6:38 - Chamber of Commerce - Kevin

Going to wait till spring to put up the new signs but should be up before Fishmas

6:39 - future agenda items - none suggested

6:40 - Adjourn