

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 8, 2020

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California

Board Present: Alex Cousins, Richard Morris, Michael Rourke, Thomas Walz, and Kelli Gant

Board Absent: None

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Andy Lethbridge, Julie Catanese, Sarah Sheetz, and Nick Goulette

Others Present via Audio/Video Teleconference: Jim Aven, Jill Cox, Andy Johnson, Ana Wright, and Laurie Wayburn

1. President Gant called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

Director Morris made a motion to approve the Agenda Order. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Kelli Gant, Richard Morris, Michael Rourke, Thomas Walz

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. Presentation

Nick Goulette, Executive Director of the Watershed Center in Hayfork provided a power point presentation, attached and incorporated herein, on the Proposal for Enhancing and Protecting the Trinity Headwaters. Laurie Wayburn from the Pacific Forest Trust participated remotely, assisting with the presentation.

Mr. Goulette and Ms. Wayburn provided background on the project and established a tie-in to the Central Valley Project, noting that preservation of the watershed that flows in to Trinity Lake would benefit not only the District, but provide value to the entire State of California. Mr. Goulette advised that the land acquisition would require approximately \$11,000,000; he and Ms. Wayburn presented a goal of \$250,000 to begin working on project development and identifying funding sources. The Forestry ad-hoc committee intends to tour the project site on Sunday, October 11, 2020.

4. Consent Calendar

Ms. Sheetz advised that an update to Item 4a was distributed, attached and incorporated herein, noting a correction to the September 10, 2020 meeting minutes Item 8b. Director Rourke made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting September 10, 2020
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting September 8, 2020

- c. Validate Bills of September 2020
- d. Approve Financial Reports for August 2020
- e. Approve Electric Service Contract with Green Beach Ventures, LLC in the amount of \$25,823.38 for a line extension at 324 Frog Pond Lane in Hayfork
- f. Approve two (2) Electric Service Contracts with Jamie Columbo; 1) in the amount of \$30,082.56 for service at 17950 Wildwood Road in Hayfork, and 2) in the amount of \$18,953.51 for service at 1181 Nelson Road in Hayfork.

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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| Ayes: | Alex Cousins, Kelli Gant, Richard Morris, Michael Rourke, Thomas Walz |
| Noes: | None |
| Absent: | None |
| Abstain: | None |

5. Public Input

None

6. Action Items

a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

None

b. Amend the District Investments in Community Activities Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. After a brief discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to Amend the District Investments in Community Activities Policy as presented. Director Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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| Ayes: | Alex Cousins, Kelli Gant, Richard Morris, Michael Rourke, Thomas Walz |
| Noes: | None |
| Absent: | None |
| Abstain: | None |

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported that there is no status change on the land exchange.

- Power Outages

The Power Outage Summary, attached and incorporated herein, was distributed. Mr. Hauser advised that the Forest Glen Substation was de-energized on September 27, 2020, due to the August Complex fire. The substation is still intact, but damage to infrastructure has not yet been determined. The District is in receipt of communication from local residents whose homes survived and are interested in when the power will be restored in the area. The Forestry ad-hoc committee will tour the area on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

President Gant inquired as to how much it costs to re-build a substation destroyed by wildfire, and what the funding source would be. Mr. Hauser

advised that because the District has no fire liability insurance, the District would pay for reconstruction unless the state declares an emergency, in which case public assistance funding may be available. In the case of Forest Glen, the cost to rebuild the substation is estimated at \$1-1.5 million.

Director Morris asked for clarification on how the Forest Glen substation is powered. Mr. Hauser advised it is a 115 kV Pacific Gas and Electric (PG & E) transmission line from Cottonwood to Bridgeville. The substation sits on an easement, the District does not own the land.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC)
Mr. Hauser advised that the go live date for joining the Energy Imbalance Market is the last week of March 2021.
- Right-of-Way Project Update
Mr. Hauser reported that the District has spent approximately \$1.42 million of the \$2.98 million budget on the Right-of-Way project. Aspen Environmental Group anticipates having draft Environmental Impact Reports by Spring of 2021.
- Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Fiber Project
Mr. Hauser reported that District crews have installed the necessary poles and that an agreement was recently executed for installation of the fiber from the WAPA Switchyard east of Weaverville to the District office on Ponderosa Lane, and from the Lewiston Fish Hatchery to the Lewiston Substation. The District will be bidding out construction of a block building on Oregon Mountain to fulfill the contractual obligation to provide space for WAPA radio equipment.
- United States Bureau of Reclamation Non-Governmental Organizations
Mr. Hauser advised that the Northern California Power Association successfully litigated overfunding for the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), noting that power contractors have overpaid for years. Reclamation is now rolling out the results of the funding adjustments.
- Tesla Charging Station
Tesla has inquired about whether or not the District has capacity to provide a 1,000 amp service at a location in Weaverville. Staff plans to meet with representatives on-site October 13, 2020. Director Morris inquired if Tesla had shared how they identified Weaverville as a potential location for charging stations, advising that customer Jim Aven had sent a request to Tesla directly for consideration. Mr. Hauser advised that Tesla did not share that information, but that the District had also contacted Tesla through their website to see if there was any interest in installing charging stations in Weaverville.

- Logs from Swift Creek Bridge Project

Mr. Hauser reported that there are not enough logs being generated by the project to get an interested party to sell them to. Mr. Lethbridge reported that CalTrans will own the logs and they will likely be cut up and left for firewood. The vegetation removal will begin soon. President Gant requested that the work be advertised to the North Lake Community to make residents aware. Director Rourke recommended contacting Trinity High School to see if they would like the logs.

- b. Board Member Reports

Director Walz reported that the Forestry ad hoc committee would be participating in two field trips. On Sunday, October 11, 2020 a tour of the Upper Trinity Watershed Project is scheduled, and on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 a tour of Forest Glen is scheduled.

Director Rourke complimented the District's contractor Silvertop Tree Services, Inc. for the work they are doing to clear rights-of-way near his residence in Hayfork. He advised that they were professional, cleaned up the debris and that it was nice to local graduates working for a local company.

Director Cousins reported on some recent visits to biomass plants, advising that there is the potential for significant biomass as a result of the Right-of-Way Project.

- c. Committee Reports

None

8. Discussion Items

None

9. Communications Received

- a. Correspondence from Debra Mims, Enterprise Mine

Ms. Sheetz reported that the District has received a thank you letter recognizing Kim James, Clerk III; David DeLange, Vegetation Manager; and Mike Garcia, Supervising Foreman for their assistance with providing access to the Enterprise Mine during the Hobo Fire.

10. Meetings and/or Workshops

None

The Board took a brief recess at 3:40 p.m., then convened in Closed Session at 3:46 p.m. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:12 p.m. and reported the following:

11. Closed Session

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9

- Conference with Legal Counsel

Two Potential Cases


No Reportable Action

12. Public Input

None

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Gant adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.



Kelli Gant, President

ATTEST: 

Alex Cousins, Clerk

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A Proposal for Enhancing and Protecting the Trinity Headwaters



Outline

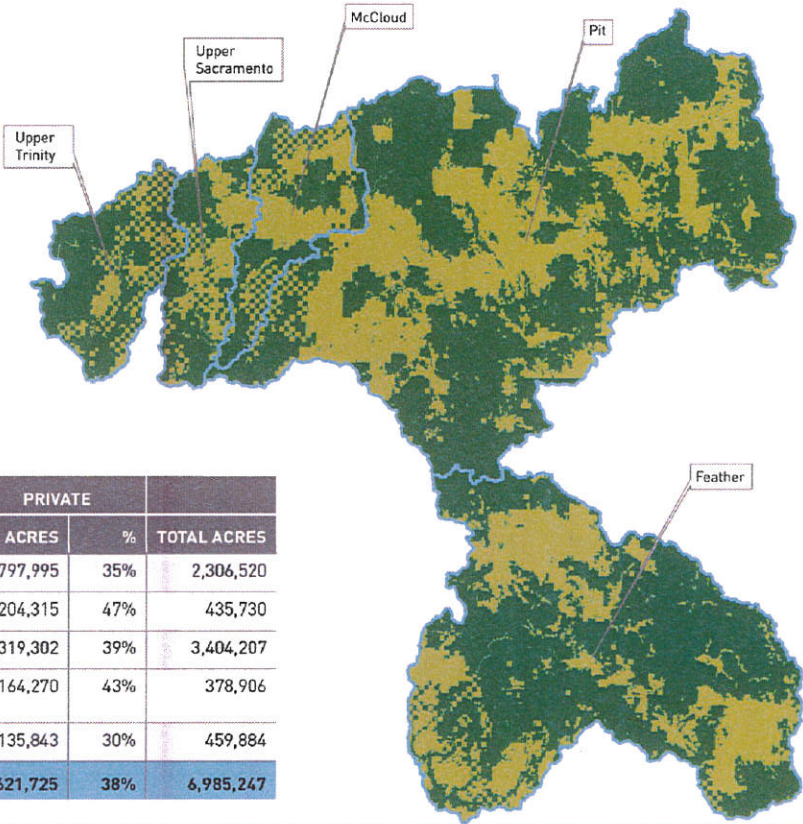
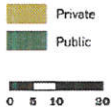
- Introductions and context
- The importance of the Trinity Headwaters Region
- An anchor project – the Trinity Headwaters working forest conservation easement and acquisition





Five Key Watersheds

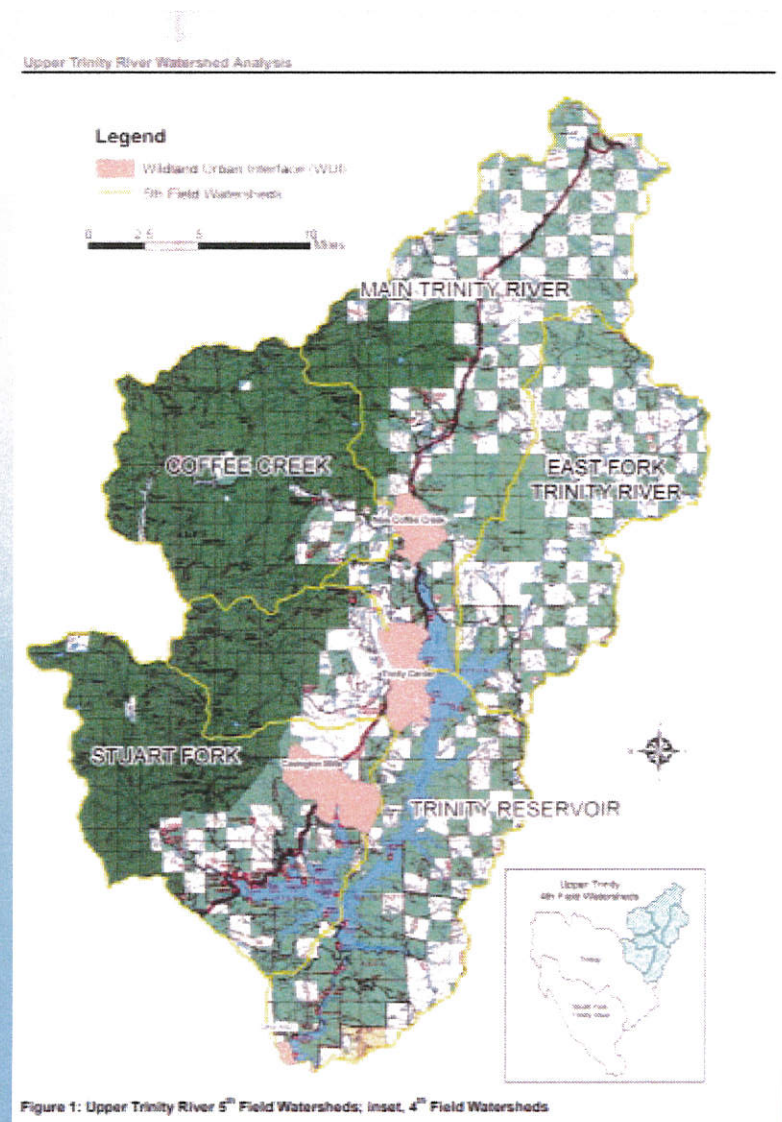
PUBLIC / PRIVATE OWNERSHIP



| WATERSHED | PUBLIC | | PRIVATE | | TOTAL ACRES |
|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| | ACRES | % | ACRES | % | |
| Feather | 1,508,525 | 65% | 797,995 | 35% | 2,306,520 |
| McCloud | 231,415 | 53% | 204,315 | 47% | 435,730 |
| Pit | 2,084,905 | 61% | 1,319,302 | 39% | 3,404,207 |
| Upper Sacramento | 214,636 | 57% | 164,270 | 43% | 378,906 |
| Upper Trinity | 324,041 | 70% | 135,843 | 30% | 459,884 |
| Total | 4,363,522 | 62% | 2,621,725 | 38% | 6,985,247 |

A critical landscape at risk from wildfire

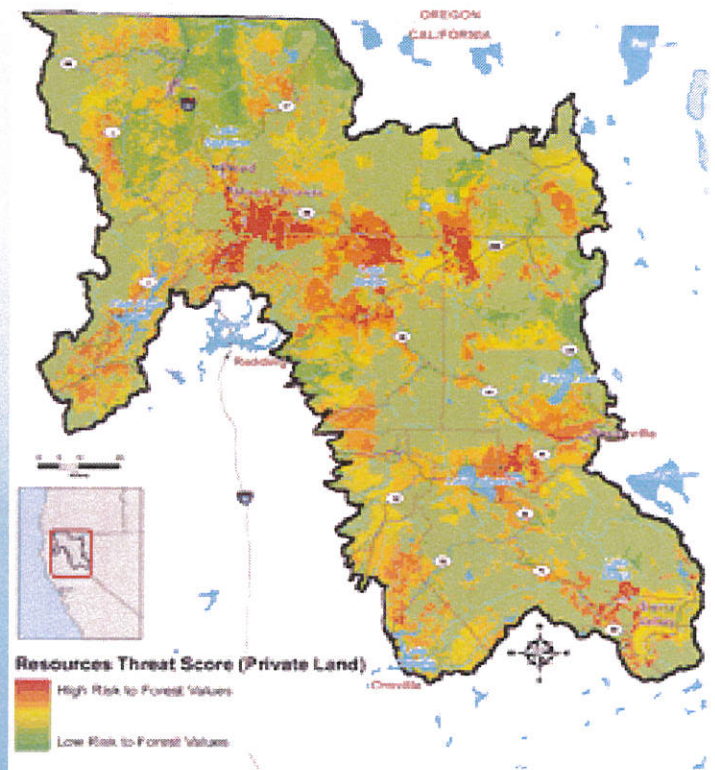
- Wildfire poses extreme risks to:
 - Communities – life and property
 - Recreation and amenity economy
 - Ecological values
 - Timber resources
 - Water resources
 - Power production
- The scope and scale of our current land management is insufficient:



Trinity Headwaters in context

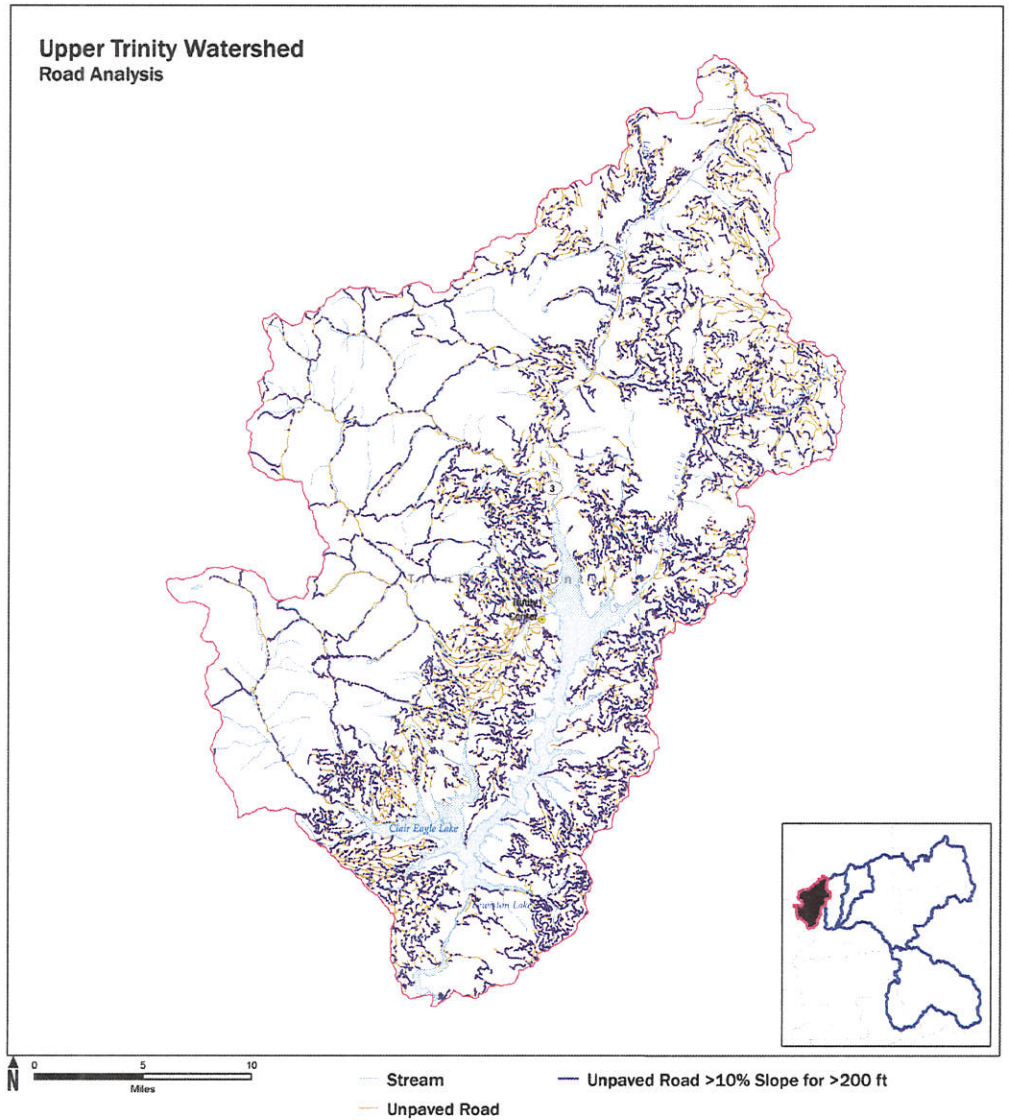
- Part of the essential water infrastructure for the state of CA
- Working forests are key to landscape and water resilience
- Prioritizing, funding and implementing interventions is our pathway to resilience

PRIVATE FOREST RISK ASSESSMENT IN THE KLAMATH-CASCADE



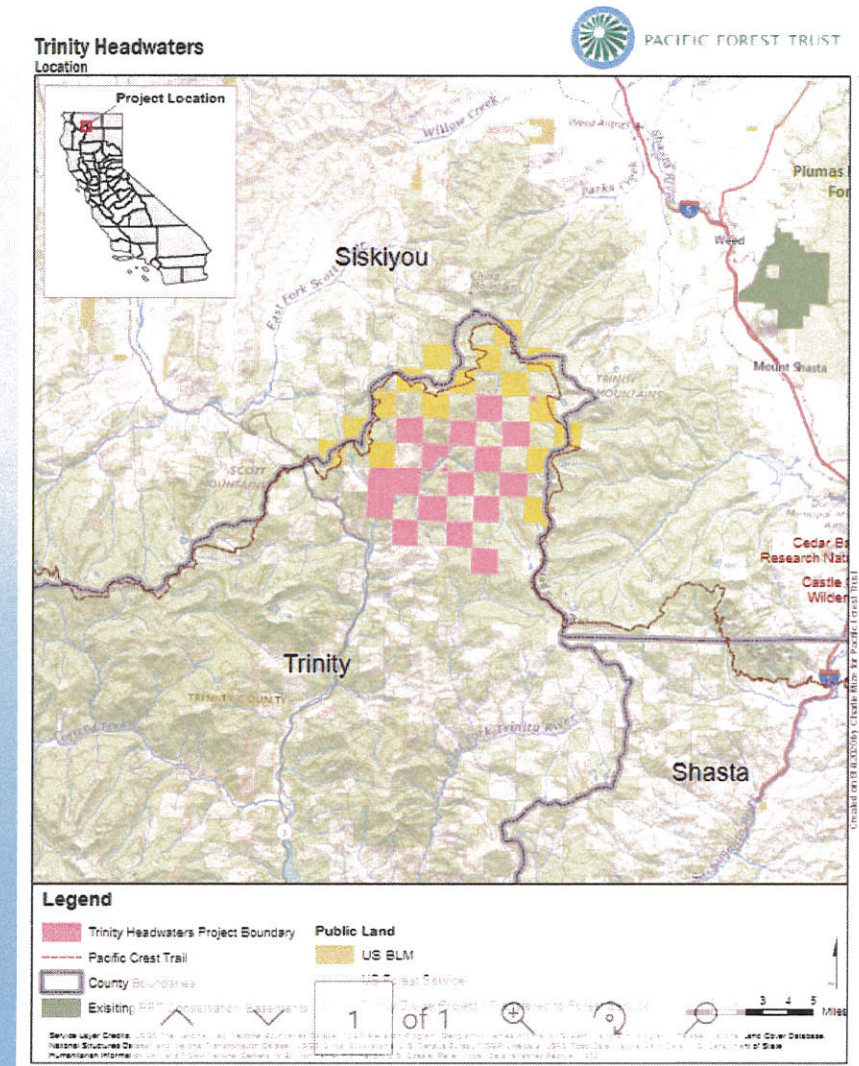
This analysis illustrates the intensity of threats to key watersheds in the Region, using a color scale from red to green, red denoting the highest degree of threat to the highest value resources. The area around Mt. Shasta, with its invaluable water sources, high development demand, easy access from Interstate 5, and a declining forest industry infrastructure, ranks as most highly threatened and critical to conserve.

Trinity Road Analysis

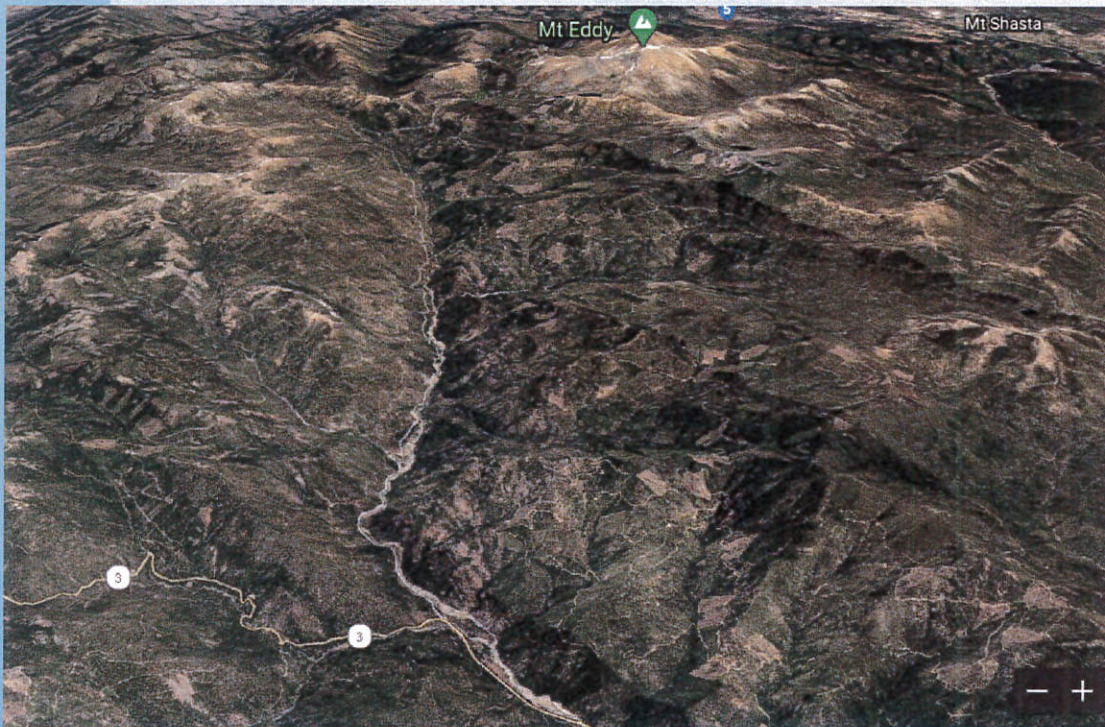


An anchor project – Trinity Headwaters Easement and Land Acquisition

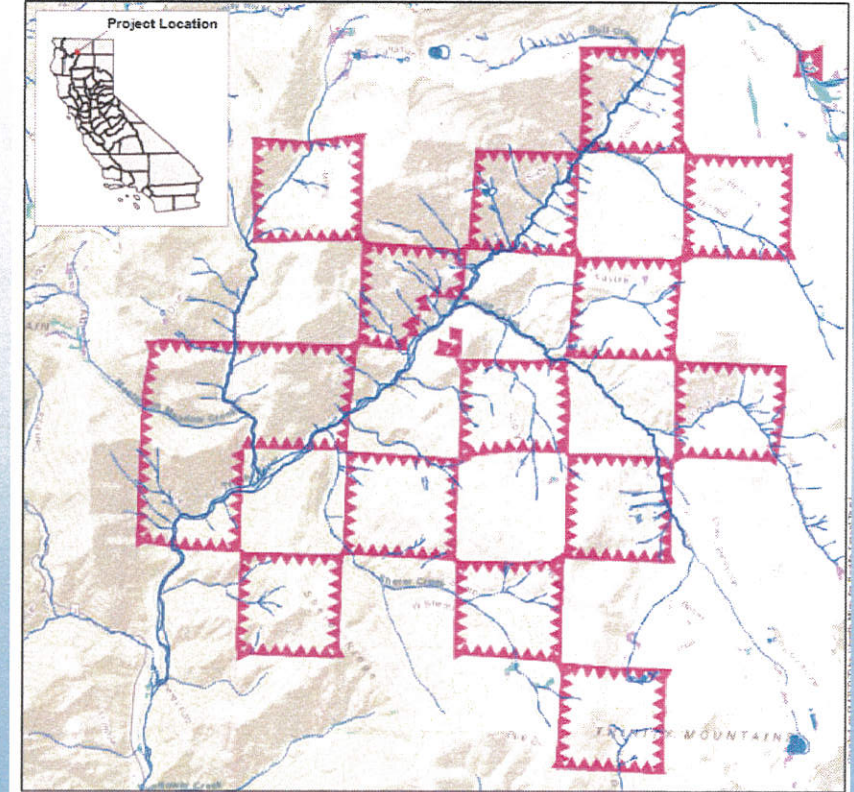
- Acquire approx. 10,000 acres of private timberland to be managed as community forest asset
- Establish permanent working forest conservation easement
- Leverage partnerships and funding to establish 20-year stewardship agreement with USFS
- Manage watershed for resilience and community-benefits, at-scale and across boundaries



Trinity Headwaters Community Forest – significance and benefits



Trinity Headwaters
Water Resources



| CLASS | WETLAND_TYPE | Project Boundary |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| — Class I | ■ Freshwater Emergent Wetland | ■ Project Boundary |
| — Class II; Class II-L; Class II-S | ■ Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland | |
| — Class II' | | |
| — Unclassified | | |

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2 Miles

A critical role for TPUD to lead



- Provide seed-funding for Trinity Headwaters easement and acquisition development
- Leverage TPUD relationships and standing to garner additional funding support
 - Trinity water users
 - Foundations
 - USFS and BOR
 - Community support

2. Right-of-Way Project - discussed whether it is in the District's interest to hire a contractor to determine the volume of timber on the District's rights-of-way on federal lands.
3. Joint Powerline strategy with Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) – considered a potential safety measure implementing the utility exemption for rights-of-way on SPI owned property utilizing the utility exemption.
4. Upper Trinity Watershed Project – One of the project goals is to utilize forest management to maintain and increase the water yield going into Trinity Lake. Director Cousins requested that Nick Goulette be invited to the October Board meeting to discuss the project.

The Forestry Ad Hoc Committee will continue to meet and report back to the Board.

- f. Committee Reports
None

7. Discussion Items

a. Draft Updated Vision and Mission Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the submissions for the updated Mission Statement. Vice-President Rourke, who chaired the meeting, appointed President Gant and Director Morris to an ad hoc committee to consider the suggested statements and revamp the mission encompassing why the District was created, its history, uniqueness and future.

The Committee will report back at a future meeting.

8. Communications Received

a. Correspondence from Weaverville Elementary School/Trinity Preparatory Academy dated August 11, 2020.

Thank you letter for Community Investment.

b. Correspondence from the Trinity County Fair dated August 20, 2020

Thank you letter for Trinity PUD's participation in the Jr. Livestock Auction.

c. Correspondence from the Dream Makers Gala and Auction dated June 25, 2020

Thank you letter from the Dream Makers Gala for contribution towards local scholarships.

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

None

11. Public Input (Moved to allow Public Comment prior to Closed Session)

Jim Aven clarified that the CHADEMO vehicle chargers installed at the Moon Lim Lee Rest Area do not have the proper attachment for a Tesla vehicle. The cost of the attachment is approximately \$400. He advised many Tesla owners may not have the attachment, as it is not necessary for charging at home, and in more

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OUTAGE SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 - OCTOBER 6, 2020

| Outage | Time Off | Time On | Sub | # Out | Duration | Map Location | Cause Desc | Equip Desc |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 201995 | 9/23/2020 8:00 | 9/23/2020 13:43 | WAPA Trinity | 15 | 5:43 | Lake Forest Drive - Primary Relocate | Maintenance | OH Conductor |
| 201996 | 9/28/2020 8:00 | 9/28/2020 12:59 | Lewiston | 32 | 4:59 | Goose Ranch Road/Salt Flat Road | Maintenance | Pole |
| 201999 | 9/22/2020 17:15 | 9/22/2020 19:30 | Lewiston | 3 | 2:14 | Goose Ranch Road | Material or Equipment Fault/Failure | Power Transformer |
| 202000 | 9/24/2020 8:00 | 9/24/2020 12:52 | Mill Street | 32 | 4:52 | Canyon Creek | Maintenance | Pole Maintenance |
| 202012 | 9/24/2020 13:34 | 9/24/2020 16:37 | Mill Street | 32 | 3:03 | Canyon Creek | Tree - Pine | Cross Arm or Crossarm Brace |
| 202071 | 9/27/2020 17:52 | | Forest Glen | 21 | | Forest Glen De-Energization | Fire | Substation |
| 202047 | 9/27/2020 16:46 | 9/27/2020 19:05 | Hayfork | 16 | 2:19 | Wild Things Way/Wildwood Road | Wind | OH Conductor |
| 202053 | 9/27/2020 17:36 | 9/27/2020 22:00 | Hayfork | 28 | 4:24 | Reservoir Road | Wind | Fuse |
| 202061 | 9/27/2020 18:08 | 9/28/2020 0:53 | Lewiston | 18 | 6:45 | Buckhorn Tap | Tree - Pine | OH Conductor |
| 202070 | 9/28/2020 9:08 | 9/28/2020 11:22 | Lewiston | 18 | 2:14 | Buckhorn Tap | Material or Equipment Fault/Failure | Pole |
| 202072 | 9/29/2020 15:17 | 9/29/2020 15:30 | Mill Street | 18 | 0:12 | Dutch Creek Road | Maintenance | Maintenance |
| 202123 | 10/1/2020 13:23 | 10/1/2020 16:25 | WAPA Trinity | 105 | 3:01 | Lake Forest Drive | Maintenance | Maintenance |