

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
February 9, 2023

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California
Board Present: Amanda Barragar, Nicholas Goulette, Andrew Johnson, Michael Rourke
Board Absent: Alex Cousins
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Julie Catanese, Sarah Sheetz, David DeLange, Dale Miller, James Aven and Tony Reed

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

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

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

Ayes: Amanda Barragar, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke
Noes: None
Absent: Alex Cousins
Abstain: None

3. Public Input

None

4. Consent Calendar

Director Barragar made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 8, 2022
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting December 6, 2022
- c. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting January 3, 2023
- d. Validate Bills of December, 2022
- e. Validate Bills of January, 2023
- f. Approve Financial Reports for November, 2022
- g. Approve Financial Reports for December, 2022

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Amanda Barragar, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke
Noes: None
Absent: Alex Cousins
Abstain: None

5. Action Items

a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

None

b. Reaffirm or Redefine existing Ad Hoc Board Committees

Mr. Underwood reviewed the Report with the Board, requesting consideration of whether clarification of the roles and/or duration of existing ad-hoc committees would require them to be redefined or reaffirmed according to the Brown Act. President Rourke reaffirmed continuation of the Forestry ad-Hoc Committee to review items and participate in meetings on relevant forestry topics related to the Wildfire Risk Reduction, Reliability and Asset Protection (WRAP) Project, and dissolved the Communications Committee.

c. Authorize Purchase of Utility Task Vehicle and Trailer

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Following a brief discussion Director Goulette made a motion to Authorize the Purchase of a Utility Task Vehicle from Lee's Honda-Kawasaki-Polaris and one trailer from Norcal for a total cost of \$51,378. Director Barragar seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Amanda Barragar, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke
Noes: None
Absent: Alex Cousins
Abstain: None

d. Approve Declaration of Surplus Vehicles and Authorize Disposal

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Following a discussion, Director Barragar made a motion to declare the listed items as surplus to the District's needs and authorized the General Manager to proceed with disposal of the equipment utilizing J.J. Kane Auctioneers. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Amanda Barragar, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke
Noes: None
Absent: Alex Cousins
Abstain: None

e. Approve Amendment to Agreement with Aspen Environmental Group for the Wildfire Risk Reduction, Reliability and Asset Protection Project

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. The Board discussed many topics, including: Items that are potentially driving the cost up; current requests from the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management; location of visual impact/key observation points; the key vulnerabilities in the project relative to potential litigation; the potential for a Guaranteed Maximum Price and/or how much risk has Aspen Environmental Group (Aspen) built into the price; the status of Western Area Power Administration's financial participation; a breakdown of Aspen's estimate, project invoices and overall project expenses. Director Johnson made a motion to postpone approval of Task Order Number 5 until the March 9, 2023 meeting and requested that Staff schedule a presentation and Q&A Session with Aspen accompanied by a budget forecast and that the Forestry Ad-hoc committee request meetings with the agencies prior to the March 9, 2023 meeting. Director Barragar seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Amanda Barragar, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke
Noes: None
Absent: Alex Cousins
Abstain: None

6. Reports:

a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update

Mr. DeLange reviewed the Reports with the Board. He advised that the District is partnering with Golden State Power Cooperative to engage a consultant for a comprehensive review and re-write of the District's Wildfire Mitigation Plan, which is due to the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board by July 1, 2023. Mr. DeLange stated that Silver Top

Tree Services currently has four crews working throughout the County, specifically in Hyampom, Trinity Center and Douglas City.

b. General Managers Reports:

- Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) – 60kV Transmission Line

Mr. Hauser provided an explanation of the recent outage on the WAPA 60kV Transmission line that serves Weaverville, Douglas City, Lewiston, Hayfork and Junction City. The District is served on a radial line that extends from Trinity Dam, to Lewiston, and to a substation just east of Weaverville. Two wooden poles on that line failed during a wind event that took place in January of 2023, as significant rain storms moved through Northern California. The District has since inspected all 280 poles on the line and has determined that there are 50 poles that need replacement and another 26 are questionable. This data has been shared with WAPA and a meeting to discuss solutions has been scheduled. President Rourke inquired if there was a possibility of connecting to PG&E transmission for maintenance or emergency use. Mr. Hauser advised the District has made the request to PG&E, but understands that PG&E may already have capacity issues on the transmission line that serves the coast.

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Land Exchange maps with the Board, advising that a Phase 2 Environmental Assessment has been completed. The District is now awaiting a legal description of the 100 acre parcel owned by the United States Forest Service in order to proceed with an appraisal.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC)

Mr. Hauser advised that BANC continues consideration of joining the Energy Day Ahead Market

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser advised that the Power Outage Reports were delivered with the Agenda Packets and inquired if the Board had any questions or comments. The Board did not have questions or comments.

- Right-of-Way (ROW) Project Update

Mr. Hauser advised that the update on the ROW Project had largely been provided during the discussion of the Amendment to Aspen's Agreement and that a presentation would be scheduled for the March 9, 2023 Board Meeting to address the Board's concerns.

- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Mr. Hauser advised that there are two public charging stations on the District's system, one is the TESLA Supercharger Station at Holiday Market in Weaverville, and one is a free charging station at the Moon Lim Lee Rest Stop in Douglas City. The average at the Moon Lim Lee Rest Stop Station in year one was 421 kWh/month; average usage in year two was 498 kWh/month; and then the most recent year it is 774 kWh/month. One year of data at the TESLA supercharger station and averaging 7,775 per month. Jim Aven advised that one of the chargers at the Moon Lim Lee Rest Stop was broken for a period of time, which may have affected usage.

- Board Member Photographs – March 9, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.
Ms. Sheetz advised that Board Member Photographs are scheduled for March 9, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.
- Dream Makers Gala and Auction
Mr. Underwood reminded the Board that former Board Member Kelli Gant had been very active in assisting with the planning of the Dream Makers Gala and Auction. Due to COVID-19, there has not been an event since 2019. Many local organizations participate in order to raise funds for Trinity County High School Student scholarships. This year, the event will also raise funds for a Veterans Hall upgrade. Senator Mike McGuire will serve as the auctioneer at the event. The District typically participates as a Signature Sponsor, at a cost of \$1,000. The Board agreed to participate at the same level for 2023.
- WAPA Fiber
Mr. Hauser advised that the connections have been made at the Lewiston Substation and that the redundancy for the District Office should be complete soon.
- Public Benefits Monies
Mr. Hauser advised that Ms. Catanese prepared a Summary of Public Benefit charges and expenditures from 2018 – 2022, attached and incorporated herein, and the Report was distributed per the Board’s previous request related to rebate expenditures.
- Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) Wildfire Conference
Mr. Hauser advised that he had recently served as a speaker at the NWPPA Wildfire Conference in Seattle, WA. He advised that there were many attendees and vendors at the conference, as the issue of wildfire is of big concern in the Pacific Northwest.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee
No report
- Ad-hoc Public Communications Committee
No report

d. Board Member Reports

President Rourke advised that several Board Members and Ms. Sheetz recently attended the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) Capitol Day in Sacramento. The group attended the Conference and then made presentations to Assembly Member Wood and Senator McGuire. All attendees reported positive interaction with representatives as well as with the Edelstein Gilbert Staff and look forward to future work on the topics discussed.

7. Discussion Items

a. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG)

Director Goulette advised that the District has participated in the REDLG program in the past. The program is a unique funding stream to fuel economic development in rural areas. Funds are lent to a qualifying utility, who then distributes funds to a beneficiary for a specific project. While evaluating risk is complex, there are some potential benefits for the District’s service territory. Director Goulette identified the Superior California Economic Development Department (SCEDD) as a potential partner for technical assistance relative

to development of a solicitation, identification of projects, ranking of the quality of proposals, determine collateral, and building the terms to manage the risk.

Director Barragar inquired if the one percent return would be enough to cover the administrative cost of the program? Mr. Hauser advised that in the previous arrangement, the margin on the loan ended up being used to as payment for a letter of credit. Ms. Catanese advised she would speak with the District's Auditors to ensure there are no concerns.

President Rourke appointed Director Cousins and Director Goulette to an ad-hoc committee to explore the potential for USDA Loans for businesses. The goals of the committee are to look at parameters, potential size of loans and coordinating with SCEDD for a screening process.

8. Communications Received

None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. California Municipal Utilities Association Capitol Day
Sheraton Grand, Sacramento, CA
February 6, 2023
- b. American Public Power Association – 2023 Legislative Rally
Mayflower Hotel, Washington DC
February 27 – March 1, 2023
Directors Rourke, Barragar and Johnson will attend along with Ms. Sheetz and Mr. Hauser.
- c. California Municipal Utilities Association Annual Conference
Rancho Bernardo Inn
17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive
San Diego, CA 92128
April 16 – 18, 2023
Mr. Underwood and Mrs. Sheetz will attend.
- d. Northwest Public Power Association – Annual Conference
Anchorage, AK
May 14-17, 2023

The Board took a brief recess at 4:35 p.m., and entered into closed session at 4:38 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 4:44 p.m. and reported the following:

10. Closed Session

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation
Claimant: Jean and Alfred Baldocchi
No Reportable Action

11. Public Input

None

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.



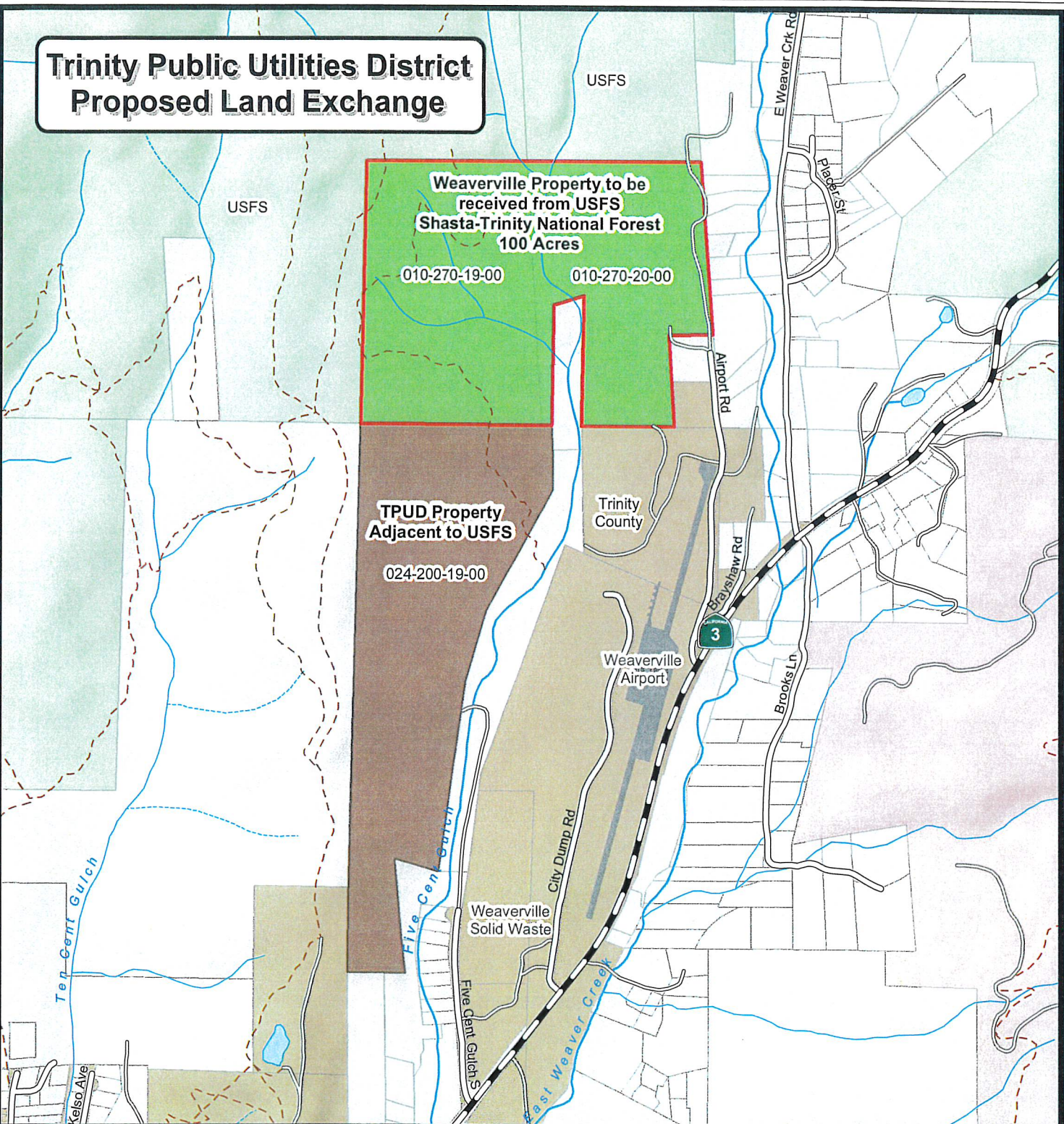
Michael Rourke, President








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Andrew Johnson, Clerk

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Trinity Public Utilities District Proposed Land Exchange

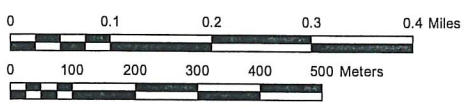


-  **Proposed Exchange**
-  **Current Ownership**
- Ownership**
-  Private / Other
-  Private - Timber (TPZ)
-  County of Trinity
-  Bureau of Land Mgmt.
-  U.S. Forest Service

- Roads**
-  Highway
-  Paved
-  Rocked
-  Native
-  Trail

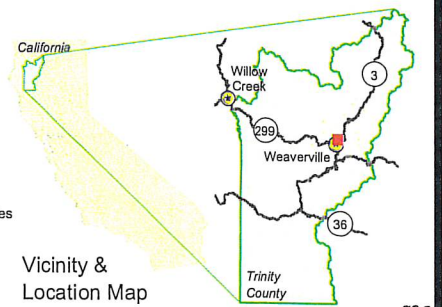


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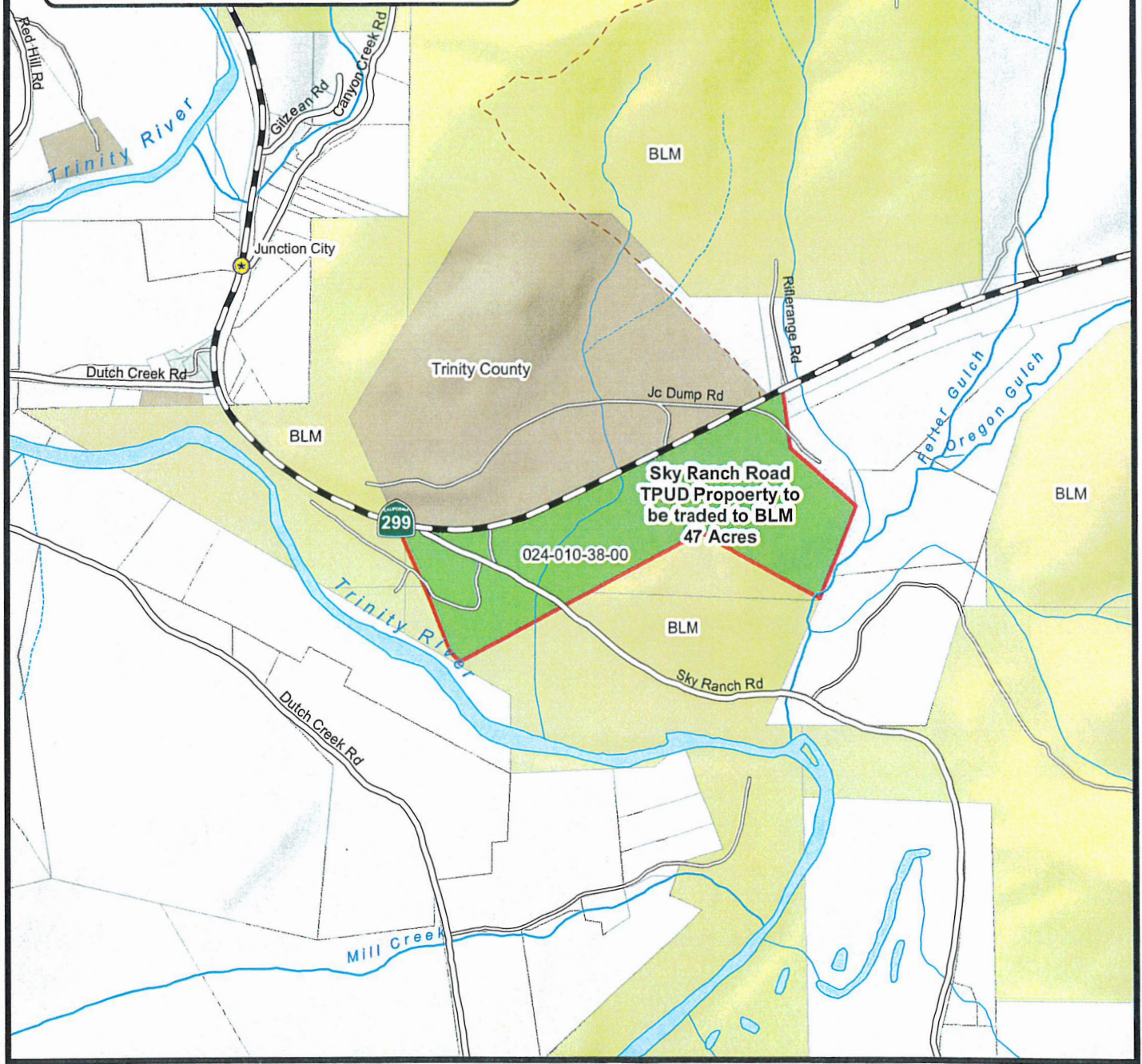


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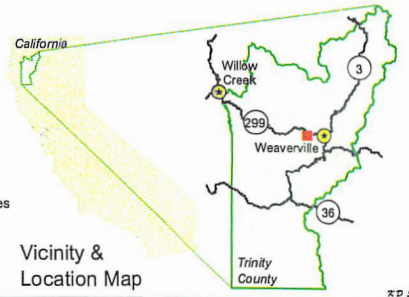
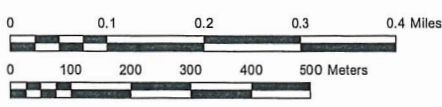


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- Native
- Trail



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*A Community Fundraiser Benefiting
Trinity High School Students, Veterans and Community Projects*

Friday, February 3, 2023

Re: DREAM MAKERS GALA & AUCTION SPONSORSHIPS

Dear Prospective Dream Makers Gala & Fundraiser Sponsor:

The WEAVERVILLE ROTARY CLUB, THE WEAVERVILLE LIONS CLUB, AND SOROPTIMISTS INTERNATIONAL OF TRINITY COUNTY are proud to announce that they are partnering again to present the 2023 Dream Maker's Gala & Fundraiser! It will be an exciting evening of music, fine local food and beverage tasting, and community celebration, that we hope will also be a successful fundraiser for important local community needs.

Gala fundraiser proceeds will be used by the event sponsors to continue to fund their respective Trinity High School (THS) scholarships, and to support local veterans and other community projects. This "denim and diamonds" style event will be held **Saturday April 15, 2023 at the Weaverville Veteran's Memorial Hall, beginning at 6:00 pm.** A special reception with Senator Mike McGuire and major sponsors will also precede the Gala Auction & Fundraiser, at 5 p.m.

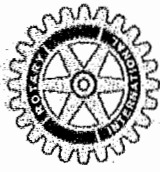
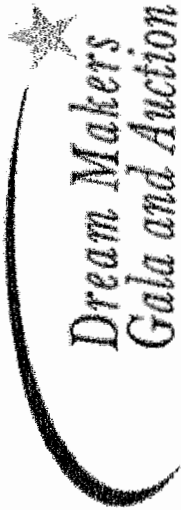
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL YOUTH, VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS, BY BECOMING A GALA SPONSOR. The various levels and types of sponsorship, and associated recognition and other benefits, are outlined on the **attached "2023 Sponsorship Levels Summary."** In order to provide all local businesses, organizations and individuals an opportunity to participate in this event as a sponsor, there are numerous sponsorship options with corresponding underwriting contribution levels. **If you have any questions, please contact any of the following Gala Planning Committee members: Jim Underwood: jim@jmulawoffice.com, or (530) 739-9791; Jim French: jimf@tcoek12.org, or (530) 623-7105; or Devon Adrian: md.adrian4@gmail.com, or (530) 784-0527.**

If you are willing to serve as a sponsor for Gala 2023 please complete and return the attached "2023 Gala Sponsor Registration Form" at the earliest possible time, together with your current logo for Gala sponsor recognition purposes. In order to prepare event promotional materials with proper recognitions by no later than the end of February, **IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOUR COMPLETED SPONSOR APPLICATION AND LOGO BE SUBMITTED BY NO LATER THAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023.**

Thanks for joining us in support of Trinity High School students and local veterans, and to support Gala partner community projects, by being a Gala sponsor this year!

With Gratitude,

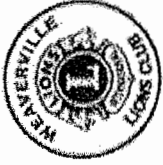
DREAM MAKERS GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE



ROTARY CLUB OF WEAVERVILLE



SOROPTIMIST[®]
Investing in Dreams



A Community Fundraiser Benefiting
Trinity High School Students, Veterans and Community Projects

Sponsorship Levels

Special Benefits include:	Dream Maker \$2,500 (Limit 5)	Signature \$1,000	Gold \$500	Dreamer \$250	Patron \$100	Media In-Kind (Limit 3)	Other In-Kind (Call)
Admission to exclusive Pre-Gala Reception with Senator Mike McGuire	4	2	2	—	—	2	2
A stage area table for eight (8) with a complimentary bottle of wine and signage	Next to the stage						
Complimentary admission tickets to the Gala	8	2	2			2	2
Company logo or family name listed on Gala advertising, when signed by 3-1-2023	•	•	•				
Advertisement in Gala program	1 page**	1 page	1/2 page			•	•
Recognition in Gala program and website	1/2 page	•	•	•	•	•	•
Recognition in all media releases	•	•					
Logo/Name Recognition at Gala event	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Recognition in emails and social media	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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Dream Makers Gala and Auction
Saturday, April 15, 2023
Weaverville, CA

SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

We/I would like to sponsor the Dream Makers Gala and Auction:

- | | | | |
|--|---------|--|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dream Maker Sponsor | \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Sponsor | \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Sponsor | Call Us To Discuss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsor | \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind | Call Us To Discuss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dreamer | \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Donation: | _____ |

Note: The target sponsor registration submission deadline is Monday, February 20, 2023. The final logo submission deadline to ensure maximum media & Gala program recognition will be March 1, 2023.

Contact Name: _____

Company (If Applicable): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Company's website Link: _____

Please make checks payable to the Weaverville Rotary Scholarship Foundation.
Pay by credit card below or by calling Jim Underwood at (530) 739-9791.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard | <input type="checkbox"/> Visa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discover | <input type="checkbox"/> American Express |

Amount: \$ _____ Card Number: _____

Expiration: _____ 3-Digit Security Code (appears on the back of your card): _____

Cardholder's Name (please print): _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Signature: _____

<p>Please return completed form and payment to:</p> <p>Dream Makers Gala c/o Weaverville Rotary Scholarship Foundation P.O. Box 1589 Weaverville, CA 96093</p>	<p>For more information about this event, please contact:</p> <p>Jim Underwood, (530) 739-9791; or by E-mail: Gala@TrinityDreamMakers.com</p>
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TRINITY PUD
PUBLIC BENEFITS DISCOUNT AND CHARGE
HISTORICAL DATA
CALENDAR 2022

	12.31.2018	12.31.2019	12.31.2020	12.31.2021	12.31.2022	TOTALS	G/L acct
PUBLIC BENEFITS CHARGE:							
WEAVERVILLE	\$ 148,230	\$ 148,789	\$ 158,754	\$ 172,884	\$ 184,970		10.311.4171
OUT OF WEAVERVILLE	\$ 147,642	\$ 155,487	\$ 182,433	\$ 217,961	\$ 212,319		10.313.4171
TOTAL PUBLIC BENEFITS CHARGE	\$ 295,872	\$ 304,276	\$ 341,187	\$ 390,845	\$ 397,289	\$ 6,010,797	
PUBLIC BENEFITS DISCOUNT:							
WEAVERVILLE	\$ (136,983)	\$ (137,242)	\$ (92,142)	\$ (93,441)	\$ (96,027)		10.311.4125
OUT OF WEAVERVILLE	\$ (30,663)	\$ (30,117)	\$ (18,603)	\$ (20,596)	\$ (19,149)		10.313.4125
TOTAL PUBLIC BENEFITS DISCOUNT	\$ (167,646)	\$ (167,359)	\$ (110,745)	\$ (114,037)	\$ (115,176)	\$ (3,442,986)	
% of charge used for public benefits discount	57%	55%	32%	29%	29%	49%	
NET PUBLIC BENEFITS CHARGE	\$ 128,226	\$ 136,917	\$ 230,442	\$ 276,808	\$ 282,113	\$ 2,567,811	
LOW INCOME DISCOUNT:							
WEAVERVILLE	\$ (10,995)	\$ (10,756)	\$ (6,896)	\$ (4,919)	\$ (6,781)		10.311.4129
OUT OF WEAVERVILLE	\$ (22,858)	\$ (13,803)	\$ (8,723)	\$ (8,429)	\$ (9,998)		10.313.4129
TOTAL LOW INCOME DISCOUNT	\$ (33,853)	\$ (24,559)	\$ (15,619)	\$ (13,348)	\$ (16,779)	\$ (671,233)	
% of charge used for low income discount	11.44%	8.07%	4.58%	3.42%	4.22%	11.17%	
PROMOTIONAL RATE DISCOUNT						\$ (31,066)	
ALL ELECTRIC DISCOUNT (Title 24 discount)	\$ (27,206)	\$ (4,960)	\$ (14,333)	\$ (18,383)	\$ (6,225)	\$ (386,615)	10.469.0
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER REBATE							
WEAVERVILLE		\$ (500)	\$ (1,000)	\$ (1,000)	\$ (1,500)		10.311.4183
OUT OF WEAVERVILLE		\$ (500)	\$ (1,000)	\$ -	\$ (1,000)		10.313.4183
TOTAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER REBATES	\$ -	\$ (1,000)	\$ (2,000)	\$ (1,000)	\$ (2,500)	\$ (6,500)	
WATER HEATER REBATE:							
WEAVERVILLE	\$ (1,600)	\$ (400)	\$ (2,400)	\$ -	\$ (3,050)		10.311.4182
OUT OF WEAVERVILLE	\$ (400)	\$ (1,150)	\$ (1,400)	\$ (600)	\$ (700)		10.313.4182
TOTAL WATER HEATER REBATES	\$ (2,000)	\$ (1,550)	\$ (3,800)	\$ (600)	\$ (3,750)	\$ (21,350)	
HEAT PUMP REBATE:							
WEAVERVILLE	\$ (87,500)	\$ (82,250)	\$ (48,000)	\$ (84,700)	\$ (115,250)		10.311.4181
OUT OF WEAVERVILLE	\$ (66,200)	\$ (91,700)	\$ (82,565)	\$ (64,400)	\$ (47,600)		10.313.4181
TOTAL HEAT PUMP REBATES	\$ (153,700)	\$ (173,950)	\$ (130,565)	\$ (149,100)	\$ (162,850)	\$ (1,213,615)	
	52%	57%	38%	38%	41%		
COUNTY FAIR ANIMAL AUCTION	\$ (11,994)	\$ (13,965)	\$ (11,896)	\$ (12,962)	\$ (22,655)	\$ (108,520)	10.469.0
RESERVE BALANCE	\$ (100,527)	\$ (83,067)	\$ 52,229	\$ 81,415	\$ 67,354	\$ 128,912	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY TOTALS						\$ (1,628,080)	
Reduction to Reserves since 2012						\$ (55,128)	
HISTORICAL REVENUES:							
RETAIL SALES	\$ 9,684,640	\$ 10,122,344	\$ 11,081,619	\$ 12,165,284	\$ 12,084,355		
RETAIL SALES PLUS SURCHARGES	\$ 10,441,523	\$ 10,727,150	\$ 11,969,918	\$ 13,724,182	\$ 13,913,111		
PBC AS A % OF REVENUE	3.06%	3.01%	3.08%	3.21%	3.29%		
PBC AS A % OF REVENUE PLUS SURCHARGES	2.83%	2.84%	2.85%	2.85%	2.86%		