

Summary of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee Name:	Central California Resource Advisory Council
Designated Federal Officer:	Chris Heppe
Chair:	Matt Kingsley
Meeting Dates:	February 28-29, 2024
Meeting Location:	Santa Cruz, CA
Summary of Meeting: <i>(Summarize the meeting, how many members in attendance, topics discussed, any input from members of the public, etc.)</i>	The BLM Central California Resource Advisory Council (RAC) held an in-person public meeting to be briefed on an upcoming Environmental Assessment plan for the Cotoni-Coast Dairies property in Santa Cruz County. The Central Coast FO sought a letter of support from the RAC on the proposed plan that includes a parking area for the northern portion of the property. The RAC also received fee proposals from the USDA Forest Service in their Humboldt Toiyabe and Stanislaus National Forests. All ten current RAC members attended the meeting (one attended virtually and nine attended in person). Six members of the public attended virtually or in person. All field offices and relevant district staff were present both virtually and in person. Members of the USDA Forest Service also attended in person and virtually.
Recommendations: <i>(List any recommendations that resulted from the meeting.)</i>	The council voted unanimously to direct RAC Member Laurie Collom to draft a letter of support upon reading the published EA. Said letter will be circulated amongst RAC for input and concurrence prior to the public comment period coming to an end. The RAC also unanimously approved the permit fee increase proposal for overnight use of the Hoover Wilderness in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The RAC unanimously approved the tiered fee increases for designated campgrounds within the Stanislaus National Forest as proposed as well as the river rafting fee increase for the Tuolumne River permit program. The RAC also approved the fee increases for Christmas Tree permits and Day Use sites, but recommended a tiered approach to the fee increases similar in structure to the campground proposals.
Decisions: <i>(Include decisions to create subcommittees, dates for next meeting, topics for agenda, etc.)</i>	Dates for the RAC meetings are set per the published FRN. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8-9, 2024. Topics will include an update on the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument development, District and Field Office updates, and fee proposals for the Los Padres National Forest, Sierra National Forest, and the Tahoe National Forest.
Comments: <i>(Use this field to add any additional comments or to explain why there were no decisions or recommendations made at the meeting.)</i>	1. The RAC welcomed the Acting BLM California State Director Gordon Toevs. Gordon thanked the RAC for all their work and dedication. He gave an overview of activities occurring within BLM California. The RAC thanked the State Director for attending.

	<p>2. There were questions about items in the September Meeting minutes in relation to rec.gov. The council voted to table the approval of the minutes until staff could work with the RAC member and address questions. Meeting minutes for both the September 2023 meeting and the February 2024 meeting will be discussed at the May 2024 meeting.</p> <p>3. Due to the lengthy member discussions of each agenda item and inclement weather conditions for travel, the RAC Chair tabled the BLM District Updates and the RAC Discussion items from the agenda and instructed staff to include them on the May 2024 agenda.</p>
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