**WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS:**

**KRISTA TOMLENSON** -CDFW (chair)

* 18 new jobs due to new funding (job resiliency/fire)
* Need to fill, will send out announcement

**FORESTRY STAFF: Josh, Louie, Adam, and Kayla.**

* Kayla is new to the program and Kent’s replacement
* RC alumni, 10 seasons on experience with the USFS

**Brandon Gilbert (Arbor Metrics)**

* RC alumni
* He has been with the company for 6 years and is a project leader.
* New job openings for those willing to keep an open mind and don’t mind traveling.

**Case Bos (Lead AGNR councilor)**

**Darren Mar (Sierra Forest Products)**

* Timber manager and happy supporter of RC Forestry
* They are hiring for sawmill positions

**Chris Veles (Intermountain Nursery)**

**Diane Dukleth (USFS)**

* Measurements specialist tied into the timber program
* Need more people for timber marking

**Nathan Smith (Adjunct)**

* Need more wardens

**Ryan Cooper (RC Forestry Club)**

**Simon Hellier (Sequoia Lake)**

**Van Arroyo (California OES)**

* Former ROP director, RC alumni

**Elicia Sgambellone**

* Forestry Corps, EOC

**Ian Ashby (Sierra Resource Conservation District)**

* 2 field assistant jobs open (not sure when)
* Upcoming dates to work on Creek fire restoration

**John Cluck (Collin’s Pine Company)**

* Summer job listings open for summer 2022

**John Goss (USFS)**

* FMO, Sierra NF.
* They have jobs but need more applicants. From GS 3-9
* They are done hiring for the upcoming field season but will be having another hiring event for permanent seasonal
* USFS will begin to put together fuels crews. TBD.
* Organized Crew jobs are open for 2 weeks. (close 12/19)

**Kent Kinney (Retired RC Forestry)**

* President of El Rio Reyes Conservation Trust
* Will lead Forest Conservation Days at Sequoia Lake (2022)

**Magdalena Gomez**

* Thankful to Kent Kinney and RC Forestry

**APPROVAL OF 2020 MINUTES:**

2020 Minutes approved: Kent motioned, Josh 2nd, ALL in favor.

**REPORTS:**

**Forestry Club:**

* Successful semester with new advisor (Kayla). They are active in participation and have had a fun semester with good turnout. They held many events such as pumpkin carving, BBQ’s, and participated and won Reedley’s Christmas Parade. They recently elected a new cabinet and look forward to another fun and successful year in 2022.

**SAF:**

* There were action items that needed to be addressed in order to maintain status. Must have 2 dedicated forestry instructors. Accredited through Dec 31st 2021 given the recommended conditions. RC is the only accredited SAF community college in the state. We have addressed the list of recommendations per the review and we have made the adjustments to ensure alignment with the SAF requirements. We are happy to announce that SAF has granted RC accreditation for the next 10 years!

**Dual Enrollment:**

* Tim Garrison is taking over for ROP. They are working on making their program more like RC’s fire academy for an easier transition.

**EOC:**

* EOC is back on campus but they are having enrollment challenges. Covid has played a big part.

**WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE**:

* Lots of program changes and developments since last year. Awarded a grant for the Forestry Corps Program. Acquired lots of new gear and equipment to improve the program. As the program is growing we will outpace essential requirements for the program to move forward unless we address these issues quickly. They have hired a temporary full-time instructor who has taken over the Forestry Corps Grant folks. They have lots of enrollment and have cycled through their first cohort. 34/38 have jobs. They also have a new AS fire degree option along with 3 certifications. They need a new facility going forward as the dental building will eventually be demolished.

**Old Business:**

**Louie:**

* Kent Kinney retired. Kayla has taken his place. She is doing well and a good role model to women in forestry.
* The new technician was granted: Steve Garcia.
* He is very helpful and works well with students.
* Student employment reveals 63% of total NR students. These are self-reported.
* We would like to have a better system in place to track student employment and compare with other schools.
  + Keep tracking throughout the years and why their “why’s”

**SAF:**

Accredited through 2030: thank you for the support!

**New Business:**

**Vegetation Utility Management Certificate:**

* There is a need for this growing field. We have created a subcommittee to help address this need at the college level.
* 6 people were present: 5/6 are RC Forestry graduates.
* We have 3 goals for this committee:
  + ID desired skills
  + Which classes do we already teach these skills
  + What new coursework can we develop to fit the criteria.
* We need to put coursework together over the winter break and submit to be entered into curriculum software

*\*\*\*Ian Ashby motioned on 12/9/21 for the support from the advisory committee to create a Vegetation Utility Management Certificate. Don Dukleth seconds, and all are in favor. Motion passes.*

**RC/CAL POLY SLO collaboration**

* Need more transfers!

**Facility improvement:**

* We have approval to use and improve the nursery at school. It needs to be retrofitted and it has potential to grow seedlings for reforestation at Sequoia Lake.

**Humboldt State University visit:**

* Kayla would like to return to HSU for a visit along with Green Diamond Resource Company and Trinity Lumber in Weaverville. The school has participated in previous years and it would be nice to go again- especially with the high student interest in Humboldt State.

**Closing statement:**

**Dr. Jerry Buckley:** Very excited with the new updates to the program. There is a new “buzz” of excitement and he happy to watch us ride the wave of momentum.

**ADJOURN: @** 2:20 PM on 12/9/21