

MEETING REPORT  
DITCH COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023  
8:00 A.M.

Chair: Director Balen  
Member: Director Ringen

Rick Lind, President, EN2 Resources, Inc.

Staff: Don Perkins  
Eric Hall  
Erik Johnson  
Kurt Bayers  
Melissa McMullen  
Emily Long  
Trevor Larsson

**Members of the public were able to provide oral comments in-person or telephonically using Zoom during the meeting.**

**1. PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Community Wildfire Grant – Funded Proposals by Rick Lind, President, EN2 Resources, Inc.**

Rick Lind presented: Raw Water Ditch Planning Update; USFS Wildfire Defense Plan Grant.

- Recap of Recent Planning Activities
- Scope of Wildfire Defense plan
  - o Wildfire Risk Mitigation Plan for TUD Infrastructure
  - o Wildfire Protection Draft Points Plan for Raw Water Ditch
- Next steps

Director Ringen mentioned the importance of community education regarding vegetation management and fire protection along the system.

Director Balen stated that she would like to see an Educational component added to the Wildfire Risk Mitigation Plan. Director Balen also stated that there may be an opportunity to partner with the Tribes as the Tuolumne Band received a Land Management Grant from the California Conservation Corp.

**Contracts to Prepare:**

U.S. Forest Service Total Grant Award to TUD: \$249,927

Project Management Services Agreement with TUD  
EN2 Resources, Inc. (Prime Agreement): \$125,934  
Conservation Biology Institute (Subconsultant to EN2): \$123,993

TUD Match: \$32,096

**Total Project Cost: \$282,023**

**Looking Ahead:**

- Prioritize TUD Management Actions Identified in Plans based on risk assessment, lessons learned by others, avoided costs, grant opportunities, etc.
- Integrate Plans into County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- Pursue Funding to Implement Prioritized Management Actions
  - Integrated resource management grants
  - Infrastructure grants
  - Tribal grants

**Committee Recommendation:** This item was informational only.