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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Good morning. I want to
2 welcome you all to the Northern California Grants and
3 Cooperative Agreements Review. And rather than roll
4 call I'd just like to introduce to my left, Commissioner
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5 Michael Pri zmi ch.

6 COMMI SSIONER PRI ZMI CH: I thi nk thi s was a
7 mi stake. I shoul d be to your ri ght, ri ght?

8 Wel l, but you're to my ri ght, that's okay.

9 CHAI RMAN BRI SSENDEN: For today you're to my
10 l eft.

11 We have Gary Wi llard, Bear Val ley and San
12 Franci sco Peni nsul a.

13 And Mark McCormi ck.

14 COMMI SSIONER McMI LLIN: McMi llin.

15 CHAI RMAN BRI SSENDEN: McMi llin. You are new,
16 I'm sorry.

17 And so, I wel come them al l to thi s fi rst ti me
18 for you two, and certai nly as you have questi ons l et's
19 get them out and go forward and -- and educate al l of
20 oursel ves to the i mportance of these grants and what
21 they do on the ground.

22 So that is -- di spenses wi th our rol l cal l,
23 whi ch i s i tem B. And we do have a tradi ti onal pl ege of
24 al l egi ance to -- we do have a fl ag.

25 (Pl ege the fl ag.)

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1 CHAI RMAN BRI SSENDEN: Usual ly when there's
2 Money i nvol ved we have qui te a packed audi ence. I t's
3 ki nd of ni ce to see that there's a few empty chai rs,
4 whi ch l eads me to thi nk that we won't be here tomorow.

5 So, I woul d l ike to acknowl edge that Deputy

6 Greene is -- Daphne -- Director Daphne Greene is not here
7 with us today because her mother is in the hospital. We
8 wish her well.

9 I'm looking to the Chief of the Division, Phil
10 Jenkins. Are you -- where are you, Phil?

11 MARDI STALLCOP: Right over here.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Wait a minute. If you
13 could introduce your staff to those in the audience and
14 the rest of us.

15 PHIL JENKINS: Thank you. We have a member of
16 the staff here today, and also an ex-staff member --
17 we'll get to the grant staff in just a moment, but up in
18 the front, Mardi Stallcop is going to be helping.

19 Mardi.

20 MARDI STALLCOP: I just want to say hello to
21 everyone.

22 PHIL JENKINS: I have a number of the
23 Superintendents here, a couple of them. We've got John
24 Horn. John Horn is here from Hollister. And one of his
25 new staff members, Trish, is there with him. Just hired

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1 this last week, I believe, to do some of the
2 administrative functions. So, thank you, guys, for
3 coming.

4 We have got Bob Williamson, Twin Cities
5 Superintendent, back in the back. So, thank you for
6 coming, Bob.

7 We also have Dave Quijada, who
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8 actually recently retired. But, Dave, it's good to see
9 your face hiding there in the back. Can't stay away.
10 So, it's nice to have him here.

11 Who else here in the audience? Oh, Vicki Perez
12 of course is over there helping with the recording. And
13 Joanna Parra is hiding around here somewhere, also.
14 Hiding over there in the back table. So, some of the
15 administrative staff over there.

16 And then I know Jeff Herman, one of our
17 Superintendents from the Division is back here. Thanks
18 for spending the time. I think that's most of the --
19 oh, Jennifer Buckingham over here. She has done a lot
20 of work on the grants program.

21 Who -- Ed Navarro is here. Where is Ed? There
22 you are. Ed Navarro here, who also was here last night
23 during the whole route designation meeting. So, he's
24 getting involved in the Division.

25 Janelle, why don't I turn it over to you to

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1 introduce -- turn it over to you to introduce your
2 staff, as well.

3 JANELLE MILLER: Tim LaFranchi, our Legal
4 Counsel.

5 MARDI STALLCOP: Mike.

6 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Yes, Janelle.

7 JANELLE MILLER: To my left is Martha Ibarra,
8 Grant Administrator.

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9 Barbara Greenwood. John Peloni o. Kelley
10 Roach. Next to her is Larry Bellucci. And Kenney
11 Glaspie on the end of the table there. And Kenny --
12 Kenney is actually helping us out with this round of
13 grants and is actually -- has kind of a double job that
14 works with the Recreational Trails program on that side
15 of the grant program, and then is part Maintenance.
16 He's working with Terry Harper, so he's helping us out
17 today since Dave recently retired. And thanks, Kenney.

18 Okay. And then the last point, just Daphne
19 Greene of course really wanted to be here. She's very
20 invested in the success of the program statewide, but
21 she had an illness in the family and could not make it.
22 But she sends her best wishes to everybody and really
23 hopes that we all -- she couldn't be here today.

24 So, --

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you all for being

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1 here. Thanks to the staff for getting us here.

2 A couple of housekeeping items. Did somebody
3 have anything to do with the wind tunnel running up
4 here?

5 MARDI STALLCOP: You want me --

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yes, if you could, that
7 would be great. My paper is flying around. I'm not
8 certain where I'm going as it is.

9 And, you know, we have a number of grants to
10 consider today. There's 113 of them. And we as a

11 Commission will be considering all of those during this
12 meeting. Although we must use our time wisely, we
13 encourage your input on any item so that our decision
14 will be based on the most available information.

15 If you wish to speak on an item, please submit
16 a blue card or blue sheet to Mardi on my right so that
17 we can call upon you at the appropriate time.

18 There will be a public forum at 11 o'clock for
19 those items that you wish to address that are not on
20 the -- the grant list. So, please keep your comments
21 concise and to the point.

22 I would also like to ask everyone to treat
23 everyone with respect. This includes Board Members,
24 Board staff, Commission, your fellow citizens. This
25 means no personal attacks. No violent, contemptuous or

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1 disruptive behavior.

2 And, again, in the interest of everyone's time
3 here, please be concise and to the point. And in light
4 of the huge task of hearing all of these, I'm asking
5 that the applicants forego their presentation and time
6 unless asked to comment or respond to questions from
7 either Commission or staff.

8 So that we can move forward in a -- in an
9 efficient manner since we have now a nice-sized box of
10 comments and applications from the applicants, I don't
11 think we need to go there at this point unless there are

12 particular items that we need clarified. I do want --
13 having pointed out that small box, I do want to commend
14 the staff for consolidating the three big boxes of past
15 years into one smaller box. Still overwhelming at times
16 as I've heard from other Commissioners.

17 So, with -- with that said what I would like
18 for Janelle to do is to go over how we got here today
19 and -- and the steps that were required to get these
20 applications to us for consideration.

21 JANELLE MILLER: Thank you.

22 Thank you, Commissioner Brisenden. Everyone
23 hear me okay?

24 I think what I'd like to do first is just to
25 begin with a very brief kind of road map or orientation

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1 to some of the documents that you Commissioners have in
2 front of you that I think will help facilitate your ease
3 in understanding and following along with the grants
4 that we're reviewing today.

5 First of all, you all received a rather large
6 box of Volumes 1 through 10, which contained summaries
7 of all the grants that we'll be reviewing today and then
8 down south, as well.

9 In addition to that, you received a handout on
10 the -- containing the Criteria, the specific project
11 Criteria, that is contained in our regulations in
12 Chapter 2. But this is what the applicants had to
13 specifically address in their analyses of needs and

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14 benefits and general project description. And from this
15 is what the staff read, reviewed and scored upon.

16 So, you have that handout there in front of
17 you, as well. And then this ties in next to the -- the
18 book that you received on the project scores and factual
19 findings. So, this contains all of the scoring and all
20 of the factual findings that were pulled from each of
21 the applications and from which were scored upon.

22 In addition to that you all received an errata
23 binder which contained some late submissions. There is
24 letters of opinion support in here that we received --
25 they weren't in electronic form, so we put those in

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1 there, and it's divided up by volume so you can tell
2 easily, you know, which volume these relate to as well
3 as some project cost deliverable sheets that needed to
4 be revised, or there was a mistake on them, some things
5 that came in late.

6 So, I just wanted to bring that to your
7 attention, as well. And with that I'll go over a brief
8 overview of the grants and the scoring process that we
9 used.

10 The grant workshops were held in the north and
11 the south for all interested applicants the first week
12 in June. All aspects of the application process were
13 covered in an audiovisual presentation, and each
14 participant received a Grants and Cooperative Agreements

15 Manual containing the application instructions with the
16 2006 emergency regulations.

17 Applicants had two months to fill out their
18 grant applications -- Grants and Cooperative Agreements
19 applications and submit to the Division by the deadline
20 of August 1, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

21 During the application period anyone with a
22 question could contact one of the Grant Administrators
23 to discuss any issue. A Frequently Asked Question
24 section was also posted on our web site for all
25 applicants to refer to and any question -- any call-in

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1 questions were also posted with the corresponding
2 answers on the web site so that everyone had the same
3 information.

4 The applications were processed for
5 completeness once they arrived at the Division using the
6 corresponding project checklist provided in the
7 regulations for each on project type. Some applicants
8 were asked for clarifications for inconsequential
9 defects which we define as those that did not get a
10 competitive advantage by -- through that clarification.
11 Projects were then evaluated and scored by a five-member
12 panel.

13 There were common members among the various
14 scoring teams with subject matter experts on each team.
15 Scoring was done by group consensus. There were 58
16 applicants with 204 projects requesting over \$40

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17 million. One applicant was eliminated from moving
18 further through the process right up front. One project
19 was withdrawn. And one applicant did not make the
20 postmark deadline.

21 Results of the grant scores and factual
22 findings were posted 30 days prior to today's meeting.
23 CDs of the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Volumes 1
24 through 10 were made available to the public upon
25 request to the Division.

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1 And then I already talked about the errata
2 binders which I explained in my initial orientation. So
3 that is the -- kind of a brief summary of the steps that
4 we've taken over the last couple of months.

5 That leads us to the spreadsheets of the grants
6 that you have in front of you. And I'd like to point
7 out a few things. For ease of simplification at today's
8 meeting as well as upcoming meetings, we decided to go
9 with a color coding system because there seemed to be so
10 many spreadsheets at times. And so, I want you to know
11 that the spreadsheets in front of you which are
12 buff-colored are pretty much what you already received
13 in the mail. There were a couple of very minor
14 revisions that really didn't have any significant impact
15 to the existing spreadsheets.

16 If you look at your spreadsheet you'll see that
17 there's some in bold and some in sort of a lightened

18 gray. The bolded is the Northern California grants
19 which we will be reviewing today, and we will be going
20 through them by funding category beginning with
21 conservation, into law enforcement, restoration and then
22 non-CESA.

23 So, unless there are any questions --

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Commissioners?

25 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Yes, I have a question.

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1 Last year I think this was our first effort on this --
2 this process. And -- and if I -- the comments that I
3 recall are correct, the -- the part that's different
4 this year -- one of the main parts that are different
5 this year is that the applicants are allowed to call in
6 with questions whereas last year I think there was a
7 prohibition on the part of the applicants from calling
8 in and clarifying things or asking questions. Did that
9 seem to work better this year, from your perspective?

10 JANELLE MILLER: Well, I believe it did work
11 better. I wasn't here last year when that was going on,
12 but just from what I understand and what I heard from
13 Division staff that did work there, I think it just
14 helped provide a much better exchange and dialogue
15 between applicant and the staff and getting things
16 answered. And I think it was very helpful.

17 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: In any way did the fact
18 that questions were being asked this time versus no
19 questions being asked last time -- was it your

20 impression that -- that anyone as a result of asking
21 questions was given an undue advantage in the
22 application process?

23 JANELLE MILLER: No, I don't believe so.

24 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Okay. So, this is --
25 this is probably going to be a continued effort to allow

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1 applicants in the competitive grant process to continue
2 to ask questions?

3 JANELLE MILLER: Yes, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Any other comments or
6 thoughts on the process? I think as we go forward each
7 year it seems to improve and -- I commend the staff for
8 their efforts to get here.

9 JANELLE MILLER: Thank you. Thanks.

10 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: If I may, Mr. Chairman,
11 what is our purpose here today? Are we voting on -- on
12 those grants or are we just listening to input?

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: At this time we'll be
14 listening to public testimony, as the outline of the
15 agenda points out. We may suggest or recommend ones for
16 the Consent agenda, but I think that that might be
17 premature given the Southern California meeting has
18 close to half of these grants, and it would be difficult
19 to -- to make recommendations without that input, as
20 well.

21 So, perhaps at the end of that meeting there
22 might be a -- a proper place and time. There is a
23 suggestion as Consent agendas, as you may know, having
24 been around a while --

25 COMMISSIONER PRIZMIC: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- you could pull
2 anything you want off or even at the request of a public
3 member a Commissioner can offer a courtesy to pull them
4 off. So, I think that we'll try and get as much onto
5 the Consent Calendar for the December meeting as
6 possible, but probably not today.

7 COMMISSIONER PRIZMIC: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Does that make sense to
9 you?

10 COMMISSIONER PRIZMIC: No, that makes complete
11 sense. But the process to get it -- get what appear to
12 be non-controversial grants onto the Consent, would that
13 be the Chairman's role?

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: That is the Chairman's
15 role in concert with the Vice-Chair, most likely, who's
16 going to be -- since I can't make the Southern
17 California meeting I will ask her to assist me in that.

18 COMMISSIONER PRIZMIC: I understand. But will
19 the Division have any input into that?

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER PRIZMIC: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I'm just curious, why we
25 cannot put some of the northern grants on the Consent

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1 Calendar at this hearing, why we would have to wait for
2 the southern.

3 I mean, it seems like we're hearing the
4 northern today. If there's -- they seem very clear that
5 they could go to the Consent Calendar, could we just do
6 that?

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I would certainly
8 entertain those suggestions to the Consent Calendar. We
9 can do that in an informal fashion and pass that on.

10 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: So, we do that as we go
11 through them one by one or do we go back?

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I would say that we
13 probably want to sort that through -- by the end of the
14 day we can make some suggestions as to what goes on
15 Consent. It will be better sort of -- rather than one
16 at a time, I think at the end we'll have a gut sense --

17 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: As the process works
18 itself out we should have, I think, a feeling whether
19 the grants themselves were controversial or not, and
20 make a recommendation at the end, I think, to the Chair
21 for consideration.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Right. Obviously with
23 the three members missing it can always go a different

24 direction in December, but --

25 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I have one more

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1 question. How are we going to know if they're
2 controversial or not if the people who submitted them
3 are not allowed to comment on them unless we ask a
4 question about them? Because I'm --

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Well, the com -- the
6 public is going to be making comment on each one of
7 these.

8 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: If they have -- that's
10 where the controversy will come from or not come from.

11 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: So, the applicant and
12 the public can be the same?

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: In the effort to try and
14 make this a little more efficient, in past years the
15 applicant has stood by to make comments. But I think
16 that it would be inappropriate for all of them to come
17 up and -- unless there were questions addressed to them,
18 specifically.

19 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: As I -- my experience
20 in the past is sometimes the applicants in their
21 enthusiasm to get as much money as they can go on for a
22 bit, and we have a large number of applicants --
23 applications here, and I think they -- they are I think
24 pretty close to their -- the people that will be
25 talking, so I think one way or another we are going to

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1 get a sense --

2 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I think it's been a much
4 more open process with the question and answer process
5 through the staff. I think that most of the questions
6 were addressed.

7 Now, obviously, I don't want to squelch any
8 concern or justifiable comments or information that we
9 need to make good decisions. So, with that, unless
10 there's further comment from staff we'll go forward,
11 starting with conservation.

12 JANELLE MILLER: Okay. We'll be starting with
13 the conservation grants. And for this I'm going to turn
14 this section over to Barbara Greenwood who will be
15 taking you through this section.

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1 CONSERVATION GRANTS

2 BARBARA GREENWOOD: I am Barbara Greenwood,
3 Grant Administrator.

4 Excuse me, I am not used to talking in a mike.

5 With the conservation grants we've received
6 requests totalling \$1,883,788. And with that we only
7 have -- I shouldn't say "only," we have \$1 million
8 available for conservation grants.

9 The first one for the north is U. S. Forest
10 Service - Six Rivers. They've requested \$24,371. They
11 received a score of 78. With the 70 percent funding
12 determination the amount is \$17,060.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Mardi, you took all the
14 blue cards away. Anybody that wants to comment from the
15 public on that particular grant?

16 So, I'm going to -- in the order that Mardi's
17 presented them to me I'm going to go through the names
18 that wish to speak on these and you can say "pass" from
19 the audience or come to the front. We have a number of
20 seats right in front so you can actually line up. So,
21 Bruce Brazil.

22 BRUCE BRAZIL: Pass.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Ed Waldheim.

24 ED WALDHEIM: Pass.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Scott Mahs.

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1 SCOTT MAHS: Here.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: No, this is not a roll
3 call.

4 And right behind Scott would be Judith Spencer.

5 And Karen Schambach.

6 KAREN SCHAMBACH: I'll pass.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And David Rice.

8 SCOTT MAHS: Good morning. My name is Scott
9 Mahs. I'm Legislative Officer for the Lassen Motorcycle
10 Club. I've been appointed by the Reagan Administration
11 to the District Advisory Council and by the Clinton
12 Administration to the Resource Advisory Council. Been
13 working with BLM since 1975. My comments on the \$35,000
14 grant application for Fort Sage, it's the Eagle Lake
15 Field Office --

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Talking -- Scott may not
17 have been -- you might have been here, but you weren't
18 present.

19 SCOTT MAHS: Okay.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: We're on the Six Rivers.

21 SCOTT MAHS: Oh, I'm sorry.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: That's fine.

23 SCOTT MAHS: I'll wait till that.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I will try and make it
25 clear. Mark.

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1 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I'm confused enough.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And he called time out.

3 So, that's good. So, we now have -- thanks, Scott --

4 Judith Spencer.

5 JUDITH SPENCER: Actually, I didn't sign up for

6 that. But pass, anyway.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Karen Schambach.

8 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Pass.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: David Ri ce. Am I

10 spelling that -- or spelling, am I saying that

11 correctly?

12 DAVID REECE: Reece.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Reece, sorry.

14 DAVID REECE: I -- I was hoping I could come up

15 when you're addressing restoration grants.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Seems like we are kind of

17 disjointed here. I think we're starting with

18 conservation at this time.

19 We -- Janelle said that we would be starting

20 with -- but I -- I do have restoration. I'm sorry I

21 called you up. So, we'll bring you in at that time.

22 DAVID REECE: Thank you very much.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, having no other blue

24 cards, we'll -- unless the Commissioners have some

25 comments or questions on this particular grant.

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1 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: I do have one question

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2 for Janelle. What was the threshold to get the 100
3 percent of the grant? What was that threshold line?

4 This -- the scoring I think on this one was 78
5 out of 100.

6 JANELLE MILLER: Correct.

7 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: And as I recall last
8 year there was a threshold by which the score, if it
9 went above a certain score they got 100 percent of the
10 grant. If it went below they -- there was a sliding
11 scale. Can you describe that or can someone?

12 JANELLE MILLER: Are you -- just for
13 clarification, because I am not -- I am not quite sure
14 if I understand your question, are you talking about the
15 funding -- kind of the formula that -- that was the
16 procedure for establishing the funding determination?

17 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Right. And that was
18 based upon the scoring of the committee.

19 JANELLE MILLER: Right. And actually if you
20 look at the -- the back of the handout that you received
21 on the Criteria, there is a one-page handout that has
22 this on there.

23 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Okay. Could you --
24 could you perhaps just give us a rundown on just --

25 JANELLE MILLER: Sure.

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1 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: I don't think the
2 public has -- has that, or do they?

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3 JANELLE MILLER: I don't think -- they do. It
4 is available. Okay, yes, it is available.

5 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: If you start -- it
6 would be helpful just run it down --

7 JANELLE MILLER: Sure. Scores from 95 to 100
8 receive full funding.

9 Scores from 90 to 94 receive 90 percent of full
10 funding.

11 Scores from 80 to 89 receive 80 percent of full
12 funding.

13 Scores from 70 to 79 receive 70 percent of full
14 funding.

15 Scores from 60 to 69 receive 60 percent of full
16 funding.

17 Scores from 50 to 59 receive 50 percent of full
18 funding.

19 Scores from 40 to 49 receive 40 percent of full
20 funding.

21 And all projects receiving a score of 39 or
22 less will not receive funding.

23 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Thank you.

24 JANELLE MILLER: Does that answer your
25 question?

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1 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Yes, thanks.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Going
3 forward, Barbara.

4 BARBARA GREENWOOD: Next conservation grant in
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5 the north is for the BLM - California State Office -
6 Woodland. Requested amount is \$78,181. They received a
7 score of 76, or 70 percent. And the funding
8 determination is \$54,727.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Bruce Brazil, you've
10 mentioned several grants. Is this one of them?

11 BRUCE BRAZIL: No.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Ed Waldheim.

13 ED WALDHEIM: Yes, pass.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Judith Spencer, you have
15 an evaluation process and then several things underneath
16 that.

17 JUDITH SPENCER: That's supposed to be for the
18 non-agenda items.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: The public forum?

20 JUDITH SPENCER: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I think the problem is we
22 didn't have greens and blues today, so I'm confused,
23 too.

24 JUDITH SPENCER: Me, too.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Karen Schambach.

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1 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Pass.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So --

3 DON KLUSMAN: Don --

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Don Klusman.

5 DON KLUSMAN: Pass.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Good to see you, Don.
7 So, we'll move on to the Tahoe National Forest,
8 conservation.

9 BARBARA GREENWOOD: Next one is for the U. S.
10 Forest Service - Tahoe. The requested amount is
11 \$80,588. Score is 76, percent is 70. Funding
12 determination is \$56,412.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Don Klusman. And after
14 that would be Ed Waldheim.

15 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
16 Four-Wheel Drive Association. In looking through the
17 scoring on all grants, there seems to be a little
18 disconnect sometimes.

19 And when -- for me when I'm not in the audience
20 saying "pass" that means that I agree with staff
21 recommendation.

22 Here, on the Tahoe grant, I think after reading
23 the grant -- reading the explanation, I think a couple
24 points were missed in their past evaluations of their
25 grants that they have done, and I personally would like

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1 to see a couple of points added to that score because of
2 how great they've done in the past. Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Karen
4 Schambach will be next.

5 ED WALDHEIM: Mr. Chairman, Ed Waldheim. As a
6 suggestion to the Chair, I don't think you need to go
7 through those sheets and go crazy all day long. Just

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8 ask anybody has any comment on the specific grants, they
9 can come up and stand and you're done with it. It will
10 go real quick for you that way.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: From the alumni, I
12 appreciate that.

13 Okay. So, having said that, Ed, I'll move
14 right to your suggestion. Anybody have any comments on
15 this particular grant?

16 Moving right along, California State Office.

17 BARBARA GREENWOOD: California State office -
18 Survey Mine Closure, conservation. Requested amount is
19 \$60,000. The score is 70. The percentage is 70
20 percent. The finding determination of \$42,000.

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Any comments?

22 Please state your name for the record.

23 BRENT SCHORADT: Brent Schoradt. I'm here with
24 the California Wilderness Coalition. And something that
25 came up in a lot of the -- the evaluation done by the

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1 Division was that the Criteria would say "project must
2 address one or more of the following," and then the
3 applicant would address three out of the five, four out
4 of the five, two out of the five. They're still doing
5 more than one or the -- one or more. Two is more than
6 one. Actually, one is more than one.

7 And they deduct for not -- they're deducted for
8 not doing the rest of them. And I think in this case

9 they did do just about every one and I think they do
10 deserve 35 out of the 35. It's number 2.

11 And that would give them an additional six
12 points there. And I think also the -- the third portion
13 where they get into the history of successfully
14 implementing projects, I think that B and D deserve full
15 points, which they both got three out of five. And A,
16 they did answer the question sufficiently. So, I think
17 they should at least get 3 out of 5, which would get
18 them 11 new points and a new score of 81.

19 So, that's our recommendation. Thanks.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Any others
21 wishing to comment? I'm assuming hearing nothing from
22 the Commissioners you're fine going forward.

23 So, the Hollister Field Office, Conservation.

24 BARBARA GREENWOOD: The BLM - Hollister Field
25 Office requested \$114,850. A score of 68. Percentage

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1 is 60. The funding determination is \$68,910.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Any comments from the
3 public on this one? Commissioners?

4 Plumas National Forest.

5 BARBARA GREENWOOD: U. S. Forest Service -
6 Plumas National Forest. Requested amount is \$89,000.
7 Score is 68. The percentage is 60. The funding
8 determination is \$53,000 -- or \$53,400, excuse me.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Any public comments?

10 FRED KRUEGER: Good morning, Commissioners.

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11 Can you hear me okay? I guess -- good morning. My name
12 is Fred Krueger. I'm the Public Services Staff Forest
13 Officer for the Plumas National Forest.

14 Thank you very much for your continued support
15 of Plumas National Forest. We've enjoyed working with
16 you folks in the past number of years that I've been
17 here. And we really appreciate --

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Before you go on, only --
19 only applicants are coming forward if we have questions
20 or concerns at this time.

21 FRED KRUEGER: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I'm not sure you heard
23 that at the front.

24 FRED KRUEGER: I heard that, but I thought also
25 that -- that we could make a comment from the agency.

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1 So, I misunderstood because we did have some points we
2 wanted to --

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: If the Commissioners want
4 him to go forward, that's fine.

5 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Out of fairness, I want
7 to --

8 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: No, I understand. I'll
9 ask if he could make his comments brief and --

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

11 So, go forward.

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12 FRED KRUEGER: I appreciate that, Chairman
13 Brissenden, very much. For our general conservation
14 grant, we felt that we did answer more than the -- the
15 number that was required for the grant and we are not
16 sure that that was understood. So, we just wanted to
17 provide some clarification. We also handed out some
18 pictures of work that we've done in the picture -- in
19 the booklet that we've handed out.

20 So we want to address some concerns we have
21 with the different types of grants in here. The
22 conservation grant deals with soil and water
23 conservation and -- applied on the ground religiously.
24 Vegetation maintenance, and we've done this through
25 blockage of areas so that we maintain the OHV

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1 opportunities and keep folks out of the -- out of areas
2 they're not supposed to be.

3 We've used contracted Federal labor getting the
4 job done and we've also had volunteers that have helped
5 us and our past performance has been very, very
6 successful. We would like to request that our score be
7 increased, the 68 percent to an 80 percent level, and we
8 would appreciate that very much.

9 Is there any questions?

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I don't have a question,
12 but would it be appropriate -- I guess it is a question.
13 Would it be appropriate for the applicant to submit that

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14 commentary in writing for the December meeting? Would
15 that be --

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: That would be helpful to
17 submit that to staff for their rationale.

18 FRED KRUEGER: We'll do that specifically in
19 Redding, and we appreciate that.

20 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Through the Chair.

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Well, to the staff for
22 the -- consideration and calendaring for the December
23 meeting.

24 TIM LA FRANCHI: Mr. Chair, I would just like
25 to -- maybe you want to clarify how the comments from

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1 the applicants will be handled during the process. What
2 I understood was that they wouldn't be addressed today,
3 that you would be looking for comments from the public,
4 but that the applicants would have an opportunity to
5 make their comments known. They would have an
6 opportunity to take their application off the Consent
7 Calendar for discussion at the December meeting when the
8 entire Commission is reviewing. I think that's going to
9 be an important issue in terms of providing the public,
10 including the applicants, an opportunity to comment on
11 their application and provide any additional information
12 that the full Commission should consider.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: This might be a good
14 time to ask counsel whether an applicant or a member of

15 the public can actually pull an item off Consent. I
16 thought it was a Commissioner or staff.

17 TIM LA FRANCHI: The process would be if all
18 members of the public have an opportunity to comment
19 today, that would include applicants, then the open
20 meeting law does not require additional opportunity to
21 comment at the full Commission meeting in December.

22 However, if members of the public are not given
23 an opportunity -- any particular members are not given
24 an opportunity to comment during this review
25 subcommittee meeting, then they would need to be given

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1 an opportunity to comment during the full meeting in
2 December, in which case any of those items that an
3 applicant or anybody else from the public wishes to
4 comment on would need to be pulled off of Consent at the
5 December meeting.

6 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Maybe I should just
7 withdraw my suggestion and we can proceed. Sorry to
8 slow things up.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: In light of your counsel
10 then they get to speak even though they have spoken
11 volumes?

12 TIM LA FRANCHI: Yes. The -- the problem at
13 this point is they have -- they've addressed in the --
14 in their applications and they've addressed questions to
15 the staff, but those questions have not -- and answers
16 have not been made available to the Commission. So, the

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17 Commission would not as a part of the record have the
18 benefit of those comments at this -- at this point, as I
19 understand it.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. Unless maybe -- do
21 you have any enlightening comments to make at this
22 point?

23 FRED KRUEGER: I didn't want to be out of
24 order, so I guess the way the process is that I'd have
25 to speak in terms of the Plumas, because it's not public

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1 comments, and there wasn't an opportunity to comment on
2 the process after the Commissioners discussed it.

3 So, in regard to the Plumas, not to be out of
4 order, I believe the regulations state, and I don't have
5 a copy with me but perhaps the staff does -- that the
6 subcommittee process is supposed to include comment from
7 the public and applicants, and I believe it states that
8 clearly in the regulations.

9 So, if -- if that's not going to occur,
10 speaking for the region, we don't have a problem with
11 that as long as we have an opportunity to address
12 information and concerns that we have at the full
13 committee -- at the full Commission meeting in December.

14 If that's not going to be allowed then we would
15 prefer to do that today. But I'm not quite certain
16 right now what the process is and it seems that there is
17 a little bit of confusion. I didn't want to add to any

18 confusion but at the same time --

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Right.

20 FRED KRUEGER: -- at least I can only speak for
21 our agency -- we do not want to be locked out of the
22 ability to participate in a process that by regulation
23 we are allowed to do so.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Understood. And my
25 comments earlier and direction to the applicants was

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1 that we would call you up if we had questions. And what
2 I've just been advised by counsel is that that's not
3 exactly how we can perform our duty. So, --

4 FRED KRUEGER: With all due respect, Chair, the
5 agenda says the public including applicants will be
6 given an opportunity to comment on the grant and
7 cooperative agreement applications being considered.
8 That's what the agenda says.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I know.

10 FRED KRUEGER: So, with all due respect I would
11 just like a bit of clarity on this issue so -- because I
12 don't feel that it's fair to any of the applicants in
13 the room to be locked out. And I can only speak for the
14 Forest Service.

15 But I believe if you gave the other applicants
16 opportunity to address you on this issue that they may
17 have the same concern, and I don't -- I'm not trying to
18 be disrespectful in any way, I'm just looking for
19 clarity.

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20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Understood. Given that
21 counsel's advice, obviously we are going to have to open
22 it up and I will have to leave at 3:00. And so, if
23 anybody wants to continue the hearing --

24 FRED KRUEGER: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Given what you've said, I

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1 would definitely suggest the applicants know that we'll
2 have volumes of information. If they have nothing in
3 addition to say about the application then I would
4 suggest they not say it.

5 JUDITH SPENCER: I believe that our folks came
6 prepared to hand copies of their concerns and comments
7 to the Division staff and the Commission. I believe
8 they came with the required 13 copies; four to go to the
9 staff and the rest to go to the Commissioners that are
10 here. I'm not sure where the other copies go.

11 And if that suffices, where they may hand you
12 that information and say for -- for a particular
13 application we were scored this, we believe it should be
14 this, here's your information, that would suffice at
15 this time.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. I'm going to bring
17 it back to the Commission for discussion as to
18 direction. I sense my need for some efficiency may have
19 got in the way of public process, so I apologize for
20 that.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I'd like a little bit of
22 clarification on what we're trying to -- how we're going
23 to conclude this process today. You know, obviously
24 public comment is -- is paramount. There's a lot to go
25 through, but I think we need to make an attempt to go

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1 through it. And we certainly can't put it off until
2 the -- the full Commission hearing to then have public
3 comment because we'll have a two- or three-day meeting.

4 So, I think that's part of the reason for
5 having these subcommittee hearings, is what I thought
6 was to then have public comments on the north and then
7 the south and then we alleviated a lot of that pressure
8 on -- on that one meeting in December.

9 But I'd like to get some clarification on
10 what -- what is fair, reasonable, what -- you know, if
11 an applicant submits a grant and then also has the
12 opportunity to submit further information to staff
13 during that process, can they now at this point in time
14 submit further information?

15 TIM LA FRANCHI: If I might comment,
16 Commissioner, through the Chair.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Please.

18 TIM LA FRANCHI: The applicants do not have an
19 opportunity to present additional information that was
20 not in their application when they submitted it on the
21 due date. What they have an opportunity to do is ask
22 questions prior to the due date, and also the staff had

23 the opportunity if an applicant has submitted some
24 information and it's unclear -- staff can go back and
25 ask for some clarification.

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1 But the applicants do not have an opportunity
2 to actually augment or supplement their applications
3 during the staff's review process. That was why we
4 provided the opportunity -- or that's why the
5 Commissioners -- the Commission has the opportunity to
6 take additional testimony during its deliberation in the
7 event it wishes to re-score or review and re-score
8 grants.

9 So am I answering your question?

10 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Well, okay. Using this
11 as an example, unless there was a question from staff
12 this then could not be submitted?

13 TIM LA FRANCHI: I didn't -- I'm not familiar
14 with that. Was that submitted today?

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: It was just handed to us
16 a moment ago.

17 TIM LA FRANCHI: That may have been material
18 that was submitted today for Commission -- the
19 subcommittee consideration. I have three additional
20 pieces of information here that were submitted. But
21 these -- this was not information that was submitted and
22 considered during the staff's review, nor could it be
23 under our process. It could be considered -- submitted

24 and considered by the Commission during its process.

25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: So, this is -- it's fair

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1 and reasonable to have this submitted today during the
2 subcommittee hearing?

3 TIM LA FRANCHI: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: And we could ask
5 questions on some of the specifics in their grant
6 application and the scoring?

7 TIM LA FRANCHI: Yes. Absolutely.

8 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I encourage you to do
10 that --

11 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- through this process.

13 TIM LA FRANCHI: I would just like to add, the
14 way the process is set up the Commission need not --
15 let's say the Commission at the end of today decides --
16 or the subcommittee decides "x" number of grants are
17 going on a tentative Consent Calendar pending the
18 southern meeting with full opportunity by the public --
19 which would include the applicants today -- to provide
20 testimony, comments, there would be no need at the
21 Commission meeting in December to take additional public
22 testimony unless one of the Commissioners or Commission
23 wished to take an item off and hear additional
24 testimony.

25 So, the public should know if you go down this

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1 path that their opportunity today and at the southern
2 meeting is their final opportunity if something goes on
3 the Consent Calendar to comment.

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. If I -- just to
5 get further clarification by using an example on -- I
6 believe it's the Plumas grant, they did not address item
7 3A, completion of prior projects within the timeframes
8 provided. And that was worth five points. They got --
9 received zero.

10 So, is it fair to us for me to ask them whether
11 or not they have completed any prior projects within the
12 timeframes? And if the answer is -- is "yes, and here's
13 the information," do they then get re-scored?

14 TIM LA FRANCHI: Then it would be up to the --

15 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Commission.

16 TIM LA FRANCHI: -- subcommittee today to
17 decide what recommendation it wants to make vis-a-vis
18 that issue to the full Commission, and then the full
19 Commission would decide whether they want to re-score
20 based on the subcommittee's recommendation based on what
21 additional information you were -- you elicited today
22 during the comments.

23 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Thank you. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You're welcome. Thanks
25 for clarifying, and thanks for reminding me that this is

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1 an open process.

2 Having said that, we'll go back to -- do you
3 have questions of -- we were on the --

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Plumas. I think I would
5 like to ask that question and see if there's an answer.

6 Back to Fred.

7 FRED KRUEGER: Thank you. I appreciate the
8 counsel, as well.

9 For the conservation grant we noted in the
10 grant where -- I should say that we've used -- we
11 employed stewardship and volunteers where Plumas -- CCC
12 crews, the California Conservation Corp. -- and we have
13 noted that where the Plumas has been acknowledged by
14 members of the public and the Division staffs for our
15 high levels of professionalism and accomplishments and
16 accountability, with our OHV funded programs and
17 projects where we've utilized very efficiently these
18 funds in the past; block areas, provide conservation and
19 prevent soil and water erosion -- that has been noted in
20 the grant in the section in our writeup.

21 We just don't think it was specifically scored
22 correctly.

23 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Further question from
24 the Chair.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Certainly.

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1 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I don't have the
2 application in front of me.

3 FRED KRUEGER: I understand.

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I don't want to take a
5 moment to dig it out. Please help me. In your grant
6 application did you use specificity as to the exact
7 project, the date and the timeframes? Like from, you
8 know, October 2004 through, you know, April 2005 this
9 project was completed.

10 I think that's the type of specificity that's
11 very helpful to staff in them seeing that, yes, you have
12 completed prior projects and you've done it in a timely
13 manner. That's what this 3A is all about, and that's
14 how you get the five points, my understanding of it.

15 And so, my question to you is have you done
16 that? Was that -- did they just miss that? Was that
17 not -- that specificity, was that not in your
18 application?

19 FRED KRUEGER: What we noted was that -- the
20 methods that we said we're going to utilize, which was
21 barriers, log barriers, rock barriers and things like
22 that -- these methods of user control had been
23 successfully implemented using OHV funds at Lake Davis,
24 which is true, and Frenchman Lake and -- as well, and
25 the major district. And that's where we specifically

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1 noted what occurred. It's been -- in the past grants it
2 was recognized.

3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: So, those were prior
4 grant applications?

5 FRED KRUEGER: Yes, sir. We've been
6 successfully funded and we successfully implemented it
7 to the effect, and they've seen it on the ground where
8 we put that in.

9 We have a lot of those examples. To list every
10 one of them would be -- we'd be over the number of pages
11 that we could put in. But we did look at Lake Davis
12 Ranger, other conservation projects in Meadow Valley, on
13 the Mount Huff Ranger District -- we have three Ranger
14 Districts -- and the South Fork of the Feather River, in
15 the fourth ranger district -- have also been
16 successfully implemented and those all have been done
17 with OHV funds as well as our own dollars with Plumas.

18 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Not to be nitpicky, but
19 within the timeframes that were provided in that grant?

20 FRED KRUEGER: Yes, sir.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Thank you.

22 FRED KRUEGER: Yes, sir. And built correctly,
23 as well.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: If I may, I see some body
25 language at the staff level that might need some comment

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2 understood from the scoring perspective.

3 BARBARA GREENWOOD: He did have a lot of
4 discussion about this. I think in general we were
5 looking specifically for timeframes. I mean -- and
6 examples. Because we did ask for examples. And I feel
7 it wasn't clear to us in what was submitted by those
8 examples and the timeframes because I -- I would want to
9 have seen dates perhaps. You know, when it was started,
10 when it was completed and if it was completed prior to
11 the actual completion date. I think that's more along
12 the lines of what we were looking for.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSSENDEN: That's --

14 BARBARA GREENWOOD: In general.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSSENDEN: Some of --

16 BARBARA GREENWOOD: A little more.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSSENDEN: They didn't supply the
18 information in a way that we -- could be scored?

19 BARBARA GREENWOOD: We did not see it.

20 FRED KRUEGER: I mean, we had the specific
21 projects mentioned. And, again, from our audits, et
22 cetera, and billings we've done that within the
23 timeframes. That's all I can say.

24 I do appreciate the questions but --

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSSENDEN: We need the applicants to

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1 follow the Criteria in the way the application is put
2 out. It's pretty clear.

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3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: If I can just make a
4 general comment. You know, this is -- we have a lot of
5 requests for money and we've come up with a method that
6 we think is fair, it's competitive, and it really boils
7 down to how well you prepare your grant application
8 relative to others that prepare theirs.

9 And so, I think you have to dig down into these
10 types of details and -- you know, you can see right here
11 where you probably would have got five points if you
12 just would have put in a couple of timeframes. And it
13 would have been real easy just to have a couple of lines
14 with the name of the project and the date completed and
15 that probably would have satisfied staff and you would
16 have got five points and maybe moved up a bracket.

17 I know it seems it's nitpicking and a small
18 minor point but, you know, it's just the way it's set
19 up.

20 FRED KRUEGER: Thank you very much.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

23 Moving on, Barbara.

24 Oh, sorry Sylvia.

25 There was some comments -- public comments that

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1 I didn't open it completely up after Fred was speaking.
2 So, please state your name.

3 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: I'm Sylvia Milligan. I'm
4 with Recreation Outdoors Coalition. And coming from the

5 public's point of view, the Plumas is one of the best
6 forests to work with for the public. They are very in
7 tune to recreation, are very in tune to users' needs.

8 While I realize the competition for funds is
9 incredible and they probably didn't do the very best job
10 they should have done on writing their grants, I would
11 certainly appreciate it if you would consider the
12 possibility of raising this to maybe 80 percent.

13 This area that they're working on is where
14 illegal use is happening. And when illegal use happens
15 it affects those of us that are good people. And so, we
16 would -- you know, we're definitely for anything we can
17 to keep that class of people out, to keep the
18 opportunities open for us.

19 So, -- and we -- the Plumas is doing an
20 excellent job in using -- utilizing volunteers, and that
21 puts ownership with the public.

22 So, I -- I would really appreciate it if you
23 could reconsider some on this.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

1 JANELLE MILLER: Commissioner Brissenden, when
2 you're done with the public comment on this particular
3 grant, I think it would maybe help us in the balance of
4 the time, the kind of questions that are coming, if we
5 took a -- just a little bit more in-depth explanation of

6 the scoring process.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

8 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
9 Four-Wheel Drive Association.

10 I have some of the same sentiments that Sylvia
11 does. The Plumas has done an excellent job. Yeah, this
12 is really hard for us old-timers out here, in this
13 competitive scoring. I understand the reason. I fully
14 agree with it. But if I'm an agency and I don't care
15 which one, I'm going to try to get more points because
16 I'm going to try to get my score up there as far as I
17 can, because -- because we're at a cut line maybe or may
18 not be.

19 Because it's -- if the north one is done and we
20 know where the cut line is, then the south one, if they
21 happen to get a bunch of scores that go up, the cut
22 line's going to change.

23 So, I understand the real concern here. It's
24 very frustrating to us out here in the audience to -- we
25 get up and take your time on each one of these grants.

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1 I mean that's why I said if I pass I agree with what the
2 staff has done.

3 And -- and the Plumas -- I've read -- read what
4 they put in. I understand why staff did what they did,
5 but I also know what's happening out there on the
6 ground, and that should count for something.

7 I mean, paper is great. The -- the

8 applications are great. I'm not trying to discredit
9 those. But what I'm trying to say is what happens on
10 the ground affects the recreation and affects the
11 environment. If they don't get the money to put some of
12 these barriers and so forth up, there's going to be
13 resource damage. We are going to get blamed for it.
14 And because they didn't put -- dot every "i" or cross
15 every "t" or put a specific date in it, do we punish a
16 forest that's done a great job?

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Any other
19 comments?

20 ED WALDHEIM: Mr. Ed Waldheim, CORVA and
21 District 37. I appreciate counsel going through the
22 process a little bit better. And, Mr. Willard, thank
23 you for getting them to bring the issue out.

24 This is a public hearing after all and we want
25 to hear from the agencies. But having said that, I

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1 think everybody in the audience needs to be very clear,
2 and I made that very clear to everybody in the south who
3 we hope will get through this quicker, they need to give
4 you the number. You rated 5 instead of 35. Why did I
5 rate 5 instead of 35?

6 The public has to give you the number real
7 quick, concise, boom, boom, boom, so that you can make
8 the decision on why things are going on. We all want to

9 get more money. You need to make sure that you get the
10 very specific number.

11 As Mr. Klusman stated, what happens out on the
12 ground and what happens in the office when you make
13 these decisions is a whole two different worlds. We
14 cannot expect staff to know everything that's going on
15 on the ground. It just doesn't happen.

16 So, it's very incumbent on the users and the
17 agencies to give you exactly, "I scored 5. I'm sorry, I
18 should have scored 20," for this reason, period, and end
19 of discussion.

20 So, if everybody out there gets that point real
21 quick to you that way you'll be able to go through the
22 process and then reconfigure it later on when you do the
23 final recommendation for the -- for the Commission
24 meeting in December.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Any other

1 comments?

2 Janelle, you wanted a couple minutes to just go
3 over the scoring.

4 JANELLE MILLER: Well, I want to say something
5 briefly and turn it over to John Pelonio to go into, you
6 know, that more in-depth explanation.

7 I just want to say on behalf of the staff, they
8 worked incredibly hard at really trying to find anything
9 that they could give scores to the applicants. I mean,
10 it's a very competitive process with 18 million to give

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11 out and \$40 million in requests.

12 So, you know, with that said, I think I'll just
13 turn it over to John and he can explain in a little bit
14 more detail what the teams went through.

15 JOHN PELONIO: John -- good morning. John
16 Pelonio, OHV Division staff.

17 Chapter 2 of the regulations asks the
18 applicants to describe their project with sufficient
19 clarity such that those not familiar with your agency or
20 project can understand what you intend to do.

21 So, they -- we can't use our personal knowledge
22 when we're evaluating these projects to adjust the
23 scores. It has to be based on what's explained in the
24 application. Anything else would taint the competitive
25 process, because I may know -- I may be familiar with a

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1 variety of the projects or the applicants but not all of
2 them, and so it wouldn't be fair for me to use my
3 personal knowledge.

4 The Chapter 2 also states that the applicant
5 must provide an analysis of project needs and benefits
6 that addresses each of the Criteria for each individual
7 project type. The analysis must be based on documented
8 factual conditions or statistics. Unsubstantiated
9 conclusions, general or summary statements will not
10 receive points.

11 So, we were looking for specific facts. In

12 that particular Criterion with the time frame, we wanted
13 to see a time frame which would be starting point -- the
14 name of the project, the starting point, the ending
15 point of the contract and what time they actually
16 finished the work, so we could tell from that
17 information that they completed the project within the
18 timeframe provided.

19 And it wouldn't have to be pages -- it can just
20 be two or three projects just to show an example of them
21 having completed the projects within the timeframe
22 provided.

23 So, we were looking for specific factual
24 information. We searched through the application to try
25 to find that information in order to be able to award

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1 points. Thanks for --

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: A little deeper
3 explanation, and thanks again to the staff. And I just
4 have to underscore what Janelle just said, we had over
5 \$40 million in grants requests and actually our -- grant
6 funds went up a little bit this last year so we actually
7 had more to give out. But it's still 18 million and we
8 had to make some decisions by considerable in-depth
9 analysis by our staff.

10 So, thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Mr. Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Mr. Willard

13 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Given, I'm sorry, a

14 little more clarification, we've gone through a number
15 of grants and, you know, they don't seem to be very
16 controversial. So, those I would assume might be
17 candidates to move up to the Consent Calendar.

18 Now, with Plumas we've heard a number of
19 speakers on that. I could see some -- some reasons for
20 maybe changing one of the scores.

21 Is that something that we would consider now or
22 we would just remove that from the Consent Calendar and
23 take that up at the larger hearing in December?

24 TIM LA FRANCHI: I think it's up to the way the
25 subcommittee -- you all want to operate. The -- the way

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1 we drafted the regulation package is what benefits the
2 subcommittee, the opportunity to do that, do a
3 reevaluation, make a recommendation to the full
4 Commission. Or you could decide to leave it for the --
5 leave it off Consent for consideration and then you
6 could make your recommendation at the full Commission.

7 So, there's -- you have a little flexibility as
8 to what you think is the most efficient best way to do
9 that.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I would like to remind
11 Commissioner Willard at any time you make one up, one
12 goes down. You want to wait till the end of the day --

13 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I know, I'm fully aware
14 of that.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- unless, of course, you
16 have a piece of real estate on it.

17 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I think we all need to
18 just be earmarking these things ourselves Consent,
19 Consent. At the end of today we can make a motion that
20 we'll maybe get 80 percent to the Consent Calendar and
21 then we can readjust the scores.

22 I've never done this before but I would
23 readjust the scores at the December meeting. But I
24 suggest we -- knowing all the rules so far we pick up
25 the tempo and we start going through these.

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1 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I agree. I think Mr.
2 Waldheim made an excellent suggestion to the -- to the
3 audience, that if you do make comments, if you can be
4 kind of concise. You know, specifying which -- which
5 number and letter you feel you were wronged on and
6 specifically why, as opposed to coming up and make
7 general comments about, you know, "our usage is such and
8 such and we're doing a great job."

9 That's all well and good, but I think to help
10 us get through this quicker, the more concise and
11 targeted your comments can be to your application, why
12 you think you didn't score as well as you should have
13 and the rationale as to why we should consider changing
14 that very concisely stated, I think would be really
15 appreciated.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Janelle, you

17 had a comment?

18 JANELLE MILLER: I just wanted to let everyone
19 know that we have 113 grants to go through today and I
20 think when we talked that was about three and a half
21 minutes per grant on just a normal eight-hour day. So,
22 just to keep that in mind.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, anybody wants to
24 contribute their three and a half minutes to other
25 applicants, let us know.

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1 Tim, I need a little counsel here in terms of
2 half a dozen that we have already gone through, given my
3 insistence, on the applicants not saying something
4 unless questioned. Do we need to go back and open that
5 back up?

6 TIM LA FRANCHI: I think that would be helpful.
7 That way the record would be clear that you've given
8 that opportunity and if anybody wants to add any
9 comments then they can get that done. And I should
10 remind you that you can establish a time limit, and I
11 think the machine is there. You know, you could say,
12 "I've given you a 30-second time limit" or, you know,
13 something that's reasonable under the circumstances.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, we can adjust our
15 two - and four- minute --

16 TIM LA FRANCHI: Yes. Yes, you can do that.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Because so far no one has

18 violated the yellow or red light. So, -- but I would
19 encourage you and anyone and everyone as Ed has and I
20 have earlier, to be concise.

21 So, with that, counsel, I would suggest if
22 there's anyone on the Six Rivers that wants to
23 comment -- and make certain that this is additional to
24 what we've already heard or clarification.

25 Thank you.

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1 RAY MC CRAY: Raymond McCray, Six Rivers
2 National Forest. What I did was I did recommend some
3 scoring changes on the conservation cooperative
4 agreement. I submitted them --

5 VICKI PEREZ: Can you speak up.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You need to lean into the
7 microphone.

8 RAY MC CRAY: And -- anyway, for speed here, I
9 did not over-expand on anything. I just pointed out
10 some things that was in the grant, itself, for your
11 consideration.

12 And the justifications. I mean, I could give a
13 quick example. There was one on Item 2B, and it says
14 the applicant refers to 9,000 agency contribution to the
15 project cost, and the deliverable shows an agency
16 contribution of \$4,300, primarily.

17 And to me reading that it sounded like there
18 was a question about that or some kind of
19 misunderstanding. And in the grant I was saying that

20 last year we did not receive any conservation funding
21 for monitoring and that was the \$6,000 of agency
22 contribution, and then the 4350 was in this year's.

23 So, it's just little things like that that I
24 didn't know if that hurt my funding -- or my scoring,
25 and if not.

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1 So, primarily, I just submitted something for
2 you guys to -- for your consideration.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: If you had that question,
4 you had the opportunity to query the staff. Did you?

5 RAY MC CRAY: My understanding was we were able
6 to ask questions prior to us submitting these things --
7 these applications. So, I was expecting to be able to
8 come to you today or the applicable Commission meeting
9 for clarifications.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: That is the case. I am
11 just hearing that there were questions back and forth.

12 JANELLE MILLER: To clarify that, there were
13 questions back and forth between the applicants and
14 staff on -- you know, during the process up to the point
15 of submitting the application.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

17 RAY MC CRAY: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Any other comments on Six
19 Rivers?

20 ED WALDHEIM: Mr. Chairman, again I would like

21 to -- Ed Waldheim. I'd like to clarify again so the
22 Commission will know what I've been doing in the
23 background, I've asked every agency to go through their
24 numbers and if they find something that's really bad or
25 an error, not to come to you with these errors, but let

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1 staff know ahead of time so you don't have to waste your
2 time with that.

3 So, if anybody out there in the field didn't do
4 that job, I apologize for them, but they were supposed
5 to get to staff so they could make the corrections so we
6 don't have to deal with it up in this area.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

8 KATHLEEN MICK: One question -- it's not the
9 process -- this is Kathleen Mick stating here -- if
10 there's a blatant error in the calculation, it is our
11 responsibility to make sure that the staff knows where
12 this error is. And we are not breaking any regulation
13 or doing anything, it's just working prior to the
14 hearing so they can -- so they can take care of
15 something that's an error.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

17 Please make your comments to yourselves out
18 there rather than shouting out. It doesn't help us at
19 all here.

20 California State Office -- Woodland,
21 conservation grant. Any comments?

22 I should caution that if you have a high score
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23 I would n' t suggest coming up here.

24 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Please.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Tahoe National Forest

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4 Pl umas.

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6 conservati on.

7 So, we're now starting afresh. Do we have
8 comments from the public?

9 Well, you're public according to our notice,
10 so --

11 JIM KEELER: Jim Keeler, BLM, Cal i forni a State
12 Offi ce. In my li st of handouts whi ch i s the 16-pager,
13 we di d have a coupl e of suggested revi si ons on thi s one.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: It's page?

15 JIM KEELER: It's page 1 and 2 on the handout
16 that I gave you. I'll turn it over to the public from
17 there.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

19 JIM KEELER: Thank you. Cal i forni a State
20 Archeol ogi cal Si te conservati on. It's number -- page
21 13. You see it there?

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

23 BETH PADEN: Okay, thank you, Jim. My name is

24 Beth Paden. I'm with the Society for Archeology here in
25 California.

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1 And, again, I just want to thank the
2 Commission. You've supported our site stewardship
3 program now since 2000 and we're just really pleased to
4 be back here again and have the opportunity to continue
5 this fine program.

6 And I just wanted to comment, too, on the score
7 and maybe explain that in our archeology and our site
8 stewardship program we really don't disturb the soil.
9 So, under the scoring about conservation and soil
10 erosion we're trying hard with our site protection, you
11 know, to work with maintaining what's out there on the
12 ground.

13 So, I just wanted to clarify that and that was
14 why we were thinking maybe the score on that could be,
15 you know, changed for us. And that is 1A on the
16 reduction of erosion.

17 And also on 3 -- would be 3B we realize we
18 probably should have made a list of our successes in the
19 program by years and things like that, but just to let
20 you know, I'm going to give everybody a copy of our
21 magazine Society for California Archeology, and in there
22 there's a little article about California's success and
23 our program and hopefully that will address some of that
24 issue, too -- our programs and what we're doing and the
25 success.

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1 We've worked both with the Forest Service, now
2 I'm just very pleased the program has expanded. And,
3 again, I take this opportunity to thank the OHV
4 Commission for your support. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

6 BETH PADEN: And I'll give the magazines to
7 Mardi.

8 BRENT SCHORADT: Good morning. I'm Brent
9 Schoradt with the California Wilderness Coalition. I
10 think if you look at number 2, the second Criteria, it
11 says one -- they must address one or more of the
12 following.

13 In fact, they addressed every single of the --
14 each one of the items, very sufficiently. And there
15 isn't a single negative remark from the staff where they
16 did the evaluation. So, there's really no justification
17 for docking them anything on this section.

18 They were given 27. I would recommend at least
19 boosting that up to a perfect score, 35. Which would
20 give them six points, a total score of 70. I think at
21 the very least they should get full credit for number 2.

22 Thanks.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Janelle, you
24 want to comment on --

25 JANELLE MILLER: Yeah, just two things. Since

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1 we had moved, kind of backtracked and then came up to
2 Hollister for the record, I think we need to go back and
3 kind of introduce it the way Barbara was -- we get all
4 that information on the record, you know, how we were
5 going -- read the name and the amount and all of that.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

7 JANELLE MILLER: And one other comment because
8 this -- the issue which the last gentleman just
9 addressed about where applicants address every comment
10 then they should get full funding, I just want to
11 reiterate that you may -- you may have addressed every
12 A, B, C, D, but it's how you address it and how much
13 specificity and detail.

14 And so, once again, that's how it was scored
15 because that seems to be coming up.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. I'll -- Barbara,
17 you can --; I apologize, Barbara. You can kick it off
18 for the next one, please.

19 BARBARA GREENWOOD: Thank you. We are going to
20 the next one?

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yes.

22 Actually, I don't see any others.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Were there questions --
24 comments from the Commission on the last?

25 JANELLE MILLER: For the record, though, I

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1 think she needs to go back and give the specifics on
2 Hollister.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

4 BARBARA GREENWOOD: BLM - California State
5 Office Archeological Site. The requested amount was
6 \$88,000. The score was 64. The percentage 60, and the
7 funding determination \$52,800.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You want to continue?

9 BARBARA GREENWOOD: Certainly. The next one
10 is U. S. Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region. The
11 requested amount is 210,000 -- 210,200. Start over.
12 \$210,200. Score 64. Percent is 60. The funding
13 determination 126,120.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: If you're wanting to
15 comment I would suggest you get closer to the podium so
16 that 22 seconds aren't used up in --

17 DIANA CRAIG: This is Diana Craig from the
18 U. S. Forest Service Regional Office. I appreciate your
19 time this morning.

20 Just a real quick question -- real quick
21 comment. Number 2 Criteria, as mentioned before, the --
22 I think the project addressed more than one as required
23 by the Criterion in sufficient detail, specifically page
24 162 of 402. I think that the point value should be
25 raised to 35 out of 35, which is an additional 12

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1 points.

2 Thank you very much.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Next.

4 JAY WATSON: Thank you. I'll keep it brief.

5 My name is Jay Watson. I'm the Regional Director for
6 the Student Conservation Association and we would like
7 to express our strong support for this particular grant
8 proposal to the extent that the Region was continuing
9 working with SCA on some of their projects. The greater
10 level of funding allows us the chance to go out and
11 leverage -- leverage that money and bring in additional
12 private funding from individual donors to SCA and
13 foundation grants.

14 So it's just a critically important part of
15 that whole -- our funding strategy. I'll just leave it
16 at that. And thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

18 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
19 Riders Association. And the general program is supposed
20 to be generally fairly balanced between on the ground,
21 studies, et cetera, et cetera. For the conservation
22 grant for the U. S. Forest Service - Pacific Southwest
23 region it's all for study. There's no on-the-ground
24 work being done.

25 Personally, I'd like to see a little bit more

1 balance in their operation. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Barbara.

3 BARBARA GREENWOOD: The next conservation grant
4 is for the U. S. Forest Service - Sierra National
5 Forest. The requested amount is \$101,201. The score is
6 64. The percent is 60. The funding determination
7 60,721.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Barbara.

9 If I see no motion toward the podium I assume
10 no comments are coming, so we go on. Thank you.

11 BARBARA GREENWOOD: The next one is for BLM -
12 Eagle Lake Field Office. The requested amount is
13 \$35,000. The score is 59. The percent is 50. The
14 funding determination \$17,500.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Comments.

16 SCOTT MAHS: Scott Mahs, Legislative Officer
17 for the Lassen Motorcycle Club.

18 The BLM - Eagle Lake Field Office recently
19 completed a three-year intent bird study for \$180,000.
20 The results of that study were there were no significant
21 impacts to bird wildlife.

22 The staff's now intent is to do followup
23 studies every three years. The Lassen MC feels that
24 it's -- we believe in conservation, but we thought that
25 the money should go to on the ground, which we did

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1 submit a letter regarding that.

2 And in further discussions we actually

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3 recommended that the Eagle Lake Field Office sit down
4 with the California Department of Fish and Game and work
5 on some wildlife habitat where we could put that money
6 on the ground.

7 There is adjacent California Fish and Game
8 property for the sake of off-highway projects and we
9 thought this would be a better use of the funds. So,
10 Lassen is recommending that you do not fund the bird
11 study.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: What portion is that of
14 the grant, Barbara?

15 BARBARA GREENWOOD: I'm sorry?

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: What portion of that is
17 the grant? Is it 17-5? Funding that.

18 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Probably the whole
19 thing.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: My understanding, you're
21 right, you're actually giving this money back, am I
22 misreading you?

23 SCOTT MAHS: That's correct. And the 17-5 was
24 entirely for the bird study.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I'm going to vote to

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1 double this guy's -- no.

2 BARBARA GREENWOOD: On the protocol
3 deliverables there was \$30,000 for the point raised,
4 bird observatory survey and monitoring study. So,

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5 that's the full -- he doesn't want the money.

6 They had additional monies for supplies and

7 Wildlife Specialist, additional \$5,000.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I am still not clear.

9 BARBARA GREENWOOD: The total grant was for
10 35,000. 30,000 of that was for the survey and
11 monitoring.

12 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: He's not with the BLM,
13 correct? You're just suggesting as a public --

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay, that --

15 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: -- that you suggest or
16 you're suggesting they don't get their money?

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I misheard your -- I
18 misheard your introduction earlier on. So, I wasn't
19 present. Sorry. Thank you.

20 Jim, did you want to comment on that?

21 JIM KEELER: That was a clarification I was
22 going to make.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. So, moving
24 forward.

25 BARBARA GREENWOOD: The last conservation for

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1 the north is U. S. Forest Service - Stanislaus National
2 Forest. The requested amount is \$72,000. I'm just not
3 speaking correctly this morning. \$72,193. The score is
4 35. The percent is zero. The funding determination is
5 zero.

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6 MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: Council, Mike, U. S.
7 Forest Service Regional Trail Specialist. The
8 representative from the Stanislaus had an emergency this
9 morning and was trying to make it here after that
10 emergency. They haven't arrived yet, so I would ask
11 that perhaps they not be put on Consent and be allowed
12 to address their application in December.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Any other public
14 comments?

15 Okay. So, we've completed the conservation
16 review. We are at 10:20.

17 Shall we move on to the law enforcement
18 project, if I'm following this correctly?

19 Oh, Janelle, you want to introduce the staff
20 member that will be introducing these?

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1 LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS

2 JANELLE MILLER: For law enforcement that will
3 be Kelly Roach.

4 KELLY ROACH: Good morning. My name is Kelly
5 Roach. I'm a Grant Administrator for USA. We will be
6 representing the scoring panel today for law enforcement
7 projects that made its way through the process, and

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8 there will be 26 that we'll be hearing about this
9 morning.

10 Our total request for our law enforcement
11 funding budget of \$4 million equalled approximately 10.1
12 million. Of the 26, their total request was up to
13 approximately 3.7 million for today.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Ready again.

15 KELLY ROACH: To begin, the first project is
16 U. S. Forest Service - Mendocino National Forest, with
17 a requested amount of \$259,992. Score of 94, with a
18 funding determination of 90 percent at \$233,993.

19 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
20 Four-Wheel Drive Association. Here we go nipping. I
21 love that they got scored 94, but I'm going to ask them
22 to go to 99. I'm going to ask for that five points.
23 The points that were docked from them was what -- their
24 past accomplishments. The staff's own analysis of that
25 on Item C, it says "model of a successful and innovative

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1 management."

2 And I mean, I am not going to read all the
3 others things. I mean, I think the Forest has submitted
4 to you as Commissioners what their feeling is. But I
5 mean if -- they have done an excellent job of -- of
6 doing law enforcement and documenting it, yet they did
7 not get the perfect score.

8 I don't know what it takes to get the perfect

9 score. So, I'm arguing for five points to make it 99
10 percent. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Kelly.

12 KELLY ROACH: Did you want me to --

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: On to Plumas County.

14 KELLY ROACH: Okay.

15 Next project is Plumas County Sheriff. For --
16 with a requested amount for \$46,419. A scoring
17 determination of 94; 90 percent equals the amount of
18 \$41,777.

19 MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: Good morning,
20 Commissioners. I would just ask that you consider
21 putting this grant on the Consent agenda.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Commissioner
24 Willard, you had a question?

25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Just looking at this

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1 Mendocino law enforcement grant, I was just looking at
2 the map and it looks like they got -- they did get
3 scored perfectly. 35 out of 35. 30 out of 30, and 20
4 out of 20. But yet it's 94 out of 100. So maybe I'm
5 not understanding how the math works.

6 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Next page is --

7 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Oh, yeah, I got it. I'm
8 sorry. Thank you.

9 KELLY ROACH: Moving on.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Moving on to the Tahoe.

11 KELLY ROACH: U. S. Forest Service - Tahoe
12 National Forest Law Enforcement. Requested amount of
13 \$225,460. Scoring determination of 92. 90 percent
14 recommended at \$202,914.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Fresno County Sheriff.

16 KELLY ROACH: Fresno County Sheriff, Law
17 Enforcement. Requested amount of \$70,367. Score of 88.
18 Determination of 80 percent, with an amount of \$56,294.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Yes.

20 STEVE WILKINS: Good morning. Steve Wilkins,
21 Fresno County Sheriffs Department. We are pleased with
22 the allocation. We'd also request to be put on the
23 Consent agenda.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

25 STEVE WILKINS: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Stanislaus.

2 KELLY ROACH: U. S. Forest Service - Stanislaus
3 National Forest, with a requested amount of 277,758.
4 Scoring determination of 84. 80 percent at 222,206.

5 JUDITH SPENCER: My name is Judith Spencer.
6 I'm with CORE. I'm very happy that the -- that the
7 staff has seen fit to give the Stanislaus the score as
8 high as it did. I would like to boost it by ten points
9 for the second Criterion. It's one of those that --
10 about the emergency response and the public safety
11 issues.

12 d forest does do search and rescue and has escape
13 trails, et cetera. And they lost points there which
14 was -- I think there ought to be their five points for
15 that.

16 And then for Criterion 3, the efficient use of
17 funds and addressing one or more of the following, and
18 they didn't address -- address them all but they
19 addressed what they did very well. Their appropriated
20 dollars being used for trail maintenance, et cetera, as
21 part of their enforcement.

22 So, I'd like to see another five points there.

23 However, we're delighted with the 222,000, for
24 that really means about enforcement.

25 And thank you very much.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

2 Calaveras County.

3 KELLY ROACH: Calaveras County Sheriff with
4 requested amount of \$66,045. Scoring determination of
5 81. 80 percent equals \$52,836.

6 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Mr. Chairman, it was my
7 understanding Calaveras had something in writing to
8 submit, that that would be -- so if that would be
9 appropriate.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: We'll accept written
11 submissions. If they just want to give them to Janelle
12 or the staff they can distribute those. And Ms.
13 Spencer, you have further comments?

14 JUDITH SPENCER: I have further comments.
15 There are two grants for enforcement for the
16 Stanislaus -- I mean the Calaveras County. And I think
17 you mentioned only one of them. And for some reason
18 this was divided into two grants; one for full time and
19 one for part time,

20 And, basically, the information is pretty much
21 the same, and yet these grants were scored quite
22 differently. The full-time grant I would like to see
23 increased by ten points. It's one of those other "must
24 address one," and yet they addressed all of those in
25 that section and yet were docked five points for the

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1 third Criterion.

2 And by being split into two grants they're
3 dealing with the fiscal and timeframe accountability
4 was considered real well in the full-time grant. Scored
5 quite differently because it wasn't covered again when
6 they broke it out into the part-time grant as a separate
7 grant.

8 So, I would especially like to see the
9 part-time grant boosted to at least 80 points. They've
10 done a great job. This grant is about the interface
11 area that has been so contentious in that area. It is
12 doing incredibly well, primarily really because of the
13 Sheriff's Department. Their cooperation with the --
14 Let's see, Forest Service, their cooperation with

15 adjoining Sheriffs Department, and their use of
16 volunteers in subtle but very effective ways.

17 We have a whole community that knows the phone
18 number to call when they're seeing illegal use and so
19 that they can, you know, plan to be in the right place
20 at the right time.

21 And so, I really hate not to get enough funding
22 to make that part-time position work or we will lose

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1 what we worked for how -- for nearly ten years.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Mr. Chairman, if I
5 could comment, what's handed out is on -- primarily OR
6 775 for the Calaveras County Sheriff and I'd just like
7 to note that Sheriff Denny's down from Calaveras here
8 today, and I'm sure he appreciates his comments from his
9 constituency.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Any questions from the
11 Commissioners on that one? Okay.

12 KELLY ROACH: The next project?

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Please.

14 KELLY ROACH: Is U. S. Forest project - Six
15 Rivers National Forest. 17,567. Scoring determination
16 of 78, at 70 percent for \$12,297.

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17 The next project is U. S. Forest Service - El
18 Dorado National Forest, with a requested amount of
19 407,743. A scoring determination of 75, at 70 percent
20 for \$285,420.

21 LESTER LUBETKIN: Good morning, Lester
22 Lubetkin, Resource -- Recreational Officer on the El
23 Dorado National Forest.

24 I just wanted to point out in our application
25 we had identified as part of our law enforcement that

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1 we're making significant progress on our route
2 designation effort, and that continued implementation is
3 going to be essential in actually seeing that effort to
4 fruition.

5 And in particular it will affect, you know, law
6 enforcement and ongoing management of the OHV use across
7 the forest.

8 And we identified that position as part of
9 the -- it will be a Route Designation/Implementation
10 Manager where we would consolidate the effort to try and
11 get the maps, the -- all of the signing, working with
12 volunteers and all the various efforts to actually
13 implement the route designation.

14 We expect a decision hopefully by Spring of
15 this year. And so, this funding would be used to then
16 start implementing over the summer of 2007.

17 So, our recommendation was for a full score of

18 35 points in Item 1, and a full score of 20 points in
19 Item 3, efficient use of OHV trust funds.

20 And that's -- the description I've given is on
21 page 11 of the application.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Other
24 comments?

25 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach, Center for

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1 Sierra Nevada Conservati on.

2 As Mr. Lubetkin can explain, this -- this
3 forest is moving ahead with route designati on. It's
4 doing a -- I think a very good job of trying to
5 implement the -- the existing management as well as move
6 forward in the hiring of someone to follow up once route
7 designati on is complete. It's very, very important.

8 Specifically to this grant, I think on --
9 Criteria 3, which says, "Project must include one or
10 more of the following," they actually answered A, B, C
11 and E. And I think did a good job of it and should get
12 full points which would be another 14 points, bringing
13 their score to 89.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Hollister
16 Field Office.

17 KELLY ROACH: BLM - Hollister Field Office with
18 a requested amount of \$284,050. Scoring determinati on
19 of 75, at 70 percent, \$198,835.

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20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: San Joaquin.

21 KELLY ROACH: San Joaquin County Sheriffs, with
22 a requested amount of \$165,848. Scoring determination
23 of 75, at 70 percent \$116,094.

24 Alpine --

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Alpine County.

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1 KELLY ROACH: Alpine County Sheriff, with a
2 requested amount of 47,771. Score of 72 at 70 percent
3 funding would be 33,000 -- \$33,440.

4 U. S. Forest Service - Toiyabe National Forest,
5 with a requested amount of 155,323. Score and
6 determination of 71, at 70 percent, would be 108,726.

7 DAVID RETS: Good morning, Commissioners. My
8 name is David Rets. I'm the Landscape Architect on the
9 Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

10 I would like to bring to your attention on the
11 application Criteria for the Humboldt-Toiyabe projects,
12 Items 1, 2 and 3, I feel we're shortchanged in points.

13 If I may, I'd like to just go over a few of
14 those questions and give you our -- our rating from the
15 State, please.

16 Item number 1, the project demonstrates law
17 enforcement efforts to sustain long-term OHV recreation.
18 We've clearly stated in our written application that
19 we've reduced resource damage by and from the assistance
20 from engineering, soils, fishery specialists,

21 determining the timing and season of use.

22 Item B, reducing the intrusion into wilderness,
23 closed areas or private property, we do annual
24 overflights of joint partnerships with volunteers in
25 interagency groups.

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1 For Item 1, we were scored a 21 out of the
2 possible 35. We feel it should be readjusted --
3 readjusted to 30 points out of 35.

4 For Item number 2, Item A, enforced laws and
5 regulations, we've reduced the violations and warnings.
6 We have a figure here of 105 person days. We've hired
7 additional law enforcement officers -- just one.

8 And we were rated on Item number 2 a 21 out of
9 30. We feel that we deserve for our written response a
10 25.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Can you wrap up your
12 comments, please?

13 DAVID RETS: I'm sorry?

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Your -- your four minutes
15 is up so you need to wrap up --

16 DAVID RETS: Okay.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- please.

18 DAVID RETS: Item number 3, recommended
19 changing out of -- saving dollars out of appropriated
20 funds.

21 We have an OHV Coordinator full time. I
22 mentioned our one L.E. Officer full time. And we were

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23 rated a 16 out of 20 on Item number 3. We feel that we
24 deserve a -- 20 out of 20 for number 3.

25 Thank you very much.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

2 Pacific Southwest region.

3 Oh, you need to get up here closer to the
4 podium, please.

5 SGT. TIM MINDER: I'm Tim Minder, a Sergeant
6 with the Mono County Sheriffs Department. I live, work
7 and play in the Humboldt-Toiyabe area. I think they do
8 a great program -- winter OHV program. And I hope you
9 support and continue to fund the program.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thanks for coming down.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you say your name
13 one more time.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Can -- your name and
15 affiliation.

16 SGT. TIM MINDER: My name is Tim Minder. I'm a
17 Sergeant with the Mono County Sheriffs Department.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

19 KELLY ROACH: Next project -- oh.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Pacific Southwest Region.
21 We need --

22 KATHLEEN MICK: Go ahead and announce --

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Kelly is going to

24 announce it first and then --

25 All right.

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1 KELLY ROACH: U. S. Forest Service - Pacific
2 Southeast Region, with a requested amount of \$723,600 and
3 a scoring determination of 69, at 60 percent equals
4 \$434,160.

5 KATHLEEN MICK: Good morning. Kathleen Mick,
6 U. S. Forest Service, Regional Trail Specialist.

7 To begin I'd like to remove some items from the
8 application. The first would be within the -- within
9 the beginning category, the law enforcement NEPA for
10 \$350,000. I'd like to have that struck. The equipment
11 that we're requesting, I'd like to have that struck.

12 So, the original grant was for 723,600, which
13 would reduce the total amount requested to 361,800.

14 Criteria 2F was answered but does not seem to
15 be included in the Division score. Based on the
16 response that we provided we believe that would add an
17 extra five points to that particular Criteria, bringing
18 our score to 74. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So your request is now
20 361,800 which is less than what was allocated, but
21 you're suggesting the score would be higher.

22 KATHLEEN MICK: The score would be higher and
23 the formula does the same.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: So, that -- that's a

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1 significant change in -- in the amount of dollars left
2 for this category then?

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Right. So, if staff
4 could adjust that so we can look at other possible
5 shifts --

6 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah. It will move the
7 cut line.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: But I don't know if you
9 can do that by early afternoon or not.

10 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: A major move on the cut
11 line.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: John's nodding. Kelly's
13 not nodding.

14 KELLY ROACH: I'm sure we'll work it out.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. All right.

16 I don't think we want to base any, necessarily,
17 recommendations, but we can certainly adjust this one
18 and -- and move it forward to the full Commission, so --

19 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I'm -- I'm sorry, what
20 was the applicant's request on the addition of points?

21 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: 74.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: 74.

23 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: 74.

24 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: 74 points of 361,800.

25 KELLY ROACH: The next project?

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Please.

2 KELLY ROACH: Santa Clara County Parks and
3 Recreation with a requested amount of 170,527. A score
4 of 66, at 60 percent would be 102,316.

5 MIKE RUHSTORFER: Good morning, Commissioners
6 and staff. How are you guys doing today?

7 I've got some questions on project 1A, reducing
8 resource damage, potential damage and proactive
9 measures. I believe we answered that on page 27, number
10 6 on there pretty sufficiently.

11 And then also reduce -- reduction of intrusion
12 into wild -- wilderness and closed areas, private
13 property, I think we answered that on page 17, number 1.

14 Do you have any questions on any of that?

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Your -- your name and
16 affiliation.

17 MIKE RUHSTORFER: Oh, Mike Ruhstorfer,
18 Santa Clara Parks and Rec., Park Ranger.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Other
20 comments.

21 MICHAEL BACON: Yes. Michael Bacon, Senior
22 Park Ranger.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: A little closer to the
24 mike, please.

25 MICHAEL BACON: I'm sorry. Michael Bacon,

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1 Senior Park Ranger, Motorcycle Park, Santa Clara Parks
2 Department.

3 Please review our answers that Ranger Rusofer
4 gave for additional information and -- the Department
5 does approve the -- the Commission's recommendations.

6 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Based on your review,
7 what would you like your score to be?

8 MICHAEL BACON: I would like to -- I would like
9 to see an increase in the score. We do spend a lot of
10 time with -- in the enforcement and education of our
11 riders.

12 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay, we need a number.

13 MICHAEL BACON: Oh, please increase it by five
14 percent -- or five points, excuse me.

15 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, if I may add a
17 comment, I -- I happened to be -- to visit the park a
18 couple weeks ago, and I was very impressed by the whole
19 program and the -- the education that they have for --
20 for younger riders, and just the whole operation seemed
21 to be really well run.

22 MICHAEL BACON: Thank you.

23 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
24 Riders Association. And I'm also a Bay Area resident --
25 some -- been down to the park a few times.

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1 Something to take into consideration here on
2 the law enforcement grant, there's no request from the
3 Santa Clara County Sheriffs or any of the other agencies
4 around there. So, this park has been doing a good job
5 bringing the off-road community in and giving them a
6 place to operate.

7 So, if they're requesting a little additional
8 points and they can justify it, by all means, please do
9 it. You're saving money there instead of sending it
10 out -- to the outside of the park.

11 Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Yeah, if I may just add
13 an additional comment. I'm sorry, but this -- this is
14 one of the only parks that's really in an urban setting.
15 It's approximately 15 miles from downtown San Jose. And
16 so, it's -- it's really a -- a very easily accessible
17 close-at-hand recreational opportunity.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: In the South Bay, you're
19 saying?

20 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Yeah, San -- San Jose.

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. There are a number
22 of urban areas elsewhere, but that's -- yeah, in that
23 area. So -- any other comments?

24 RYAN CHAMBERLAIN: My name is Ryan Chamberlain.
25 I'm here in support of Metcalf Motorcycle Park.

2 and education in the park.

3 Mike Rustofer's been putting on a Junior Ranger
4 program, teaching kids how to ride in the environment
5 that they live in. Showing them the impact that bikes
6 have on what they're doing out there. And also enjoying
7 it in a safe manner.

8 Basically, kids are the future of OHV. If we
9 don't teach them now, it's not going to be there in the
10 future.

11 Also, I'm an instructor for ASI, for ATC Safety
12 Institute. I'm going to be starting a program out there
13 for teaching kids and adults on quads.

14 And like Gary said, it's a very highly
15 rider-density area for the San Jose greater area. And
16 look to see if you'd re-evaluate the Safety and
17 Education Department and show an increase in like ten
18 points.

19 And thank you for your time.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

21 ED WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim for CORVA and
22 District 37. Santa Clara County and a ditto for all the
23 other areas and counties, is these areas are the places
24 that we really need to support fully. It's -- it's
25 somewhere in the sheet in the format, probably for next

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1 year we need to work on trying to come up, how many
2 users are in the -- in the particular park, itself?

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3 We don't give credit for the amount of
4 opportunity and amount of visitors who are coming in
5 there.

6 If I got 500,000 people showing up and you give
7 me \$20,000 something is wrong with this picture. And
8 somebody else who's got 5,000 people and you give him
9 \$100,000. We don't get any credit for the amount of use
10 taking place in these areas.

11 So next year we need to figure out how to
12 include the amount of opportunity and the number of
13 people that are taking place in there.

14 But Santa Clara, they need to make sure they do
15 it. But I'm trying to figure out how to change the --
16 the scoring and not to break my own rule.

17 It is very difficult -- it's very difficult --
18 I can see where staff got into it. It's very difficult.

19 We need -- I think we need to come up and I
20 think Ms. Greene has talked about that, we need to
21 correlate the opportunity and the number of -- of
22 visitors that we have. That would be very specific for
23 us to help.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: It's a good suggestion.
25 Ed, can you note that? I see Janelle is taking --

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1 taking good notes.

2 Thank you.

3 Calaveras County.

4 KELLY ROACH: Next project, Calaveras County

5 Law Enforcement interface, with a requested amount of
6 17,475. A score of 65, at 60 percent would be \$10,485.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You got to speak on this
8 one last time.

9 JUDITH SPENCER: Judith Spencer for -- I know,
10 and what I came up here to say was ditto, and that how
11 proud I am that we have a Sheriff who appeared himself
12 here today. They're really committed. They're really
13 on the ground doing the work.

14 And the other thing I didn't get to say then,
15 and I want to say now, is that we are close to the Bay
16 Area. We get a huge number of visitors and lots of use.
17 And we cannot let our vigilance down.

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: The commentary that the
21 Sergeant handed out from Calaveras is related to this --
22 this grant here.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. We'll include that
24 in our recommendations and suggestions.

25 KELLY ROACH: Next project.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Lassen.

2 KELLY ROACH: U. S. Forest Service - Lassen
3 National Forest, with a requested amount of 53,834. A
4 score of 60, at 60 percent would be 32,300.

5 ELIZABETH NORTON: Good morning, Commissioners.

6 I'm Elizabeth Norton. I'm the Public Services Staff
7 Officer with the Lassen National Forest. And we looked
8 at the scores from the evaluation panel. We are going
9 to be suggesting some changes to those scores.

10 What I would like to do is to have our staff
11 meet with the Division staff sometime prior to the
12 December meeting so we can have a better understanding
13 of how the -- all three of our applications were scored,
14 because we do have some differences of opinion as to the
15 weight that was given to each of the Criteria.

16 An example would be our -- our law enforcement
17 Criteria, where we did address each of the ones under
18 Criteria 2, and yet we received less than the full score
19 for that particular Criteria.

20 If we have a better understanding of how they
21 rate it, we'll do a better job next year. But it will
22 also provide us with some information to suggest to you
23 at your December meeting. If we do request revision of
24 those scores upward, then we will have that important
25 discussion with the State prior to provide the

1 justification that we think is warranted to change those
2 scores in December.

3 So, what we'd like to do not only with this law
4 enforcement application, but with our other two that
5 you're going to be considering later today, is that we
6 pull those off of the Consent Calendar.

7 What we're particularly concerned with the law
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8 enforcement application is that we are going to be going
9 out very shortly with a temporary forest order to
10 prohibit cross-country travel in conjunction with the
11 five-step route designation process.

12 If we and some other forests that are currently
13 falling below the funding cutoff in law enforcement are
14 not able to have supplemental OHV trust funds in order
15 to enforce that temporary forest order, it really is
16 just a paper exercise and I think we're going to be in a
17 world of hurt next summer if we don't have some
18 supplemental OHV funds to help us out with that very
19 important effort.

20 So, my recommendation again would be to pull
21 this application as well as our other two coming up off
22 the Consent Calendar and we'll hopefully be able to meet
23 with the staff if they have the time and -- and see why
24 the scores were rated the way they were.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I wouldn't want to burden

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1 the staff with 54 agencies and 204 projects or 201 now,
2 having time with you prior to December's meeting. So, I
3 would suggest you learn from this process and -- and
4 we'll certainly look at that at the December meeting and
5 see if there's some way that we can adjust that.

6 But --

7 ELIZABETH NORTON: Yeah.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I don't know if you want

9 to be sitting down with all the applicants prior to
10 December.

11 ELIZABETH NORTON: Otherwise our option would
12 be to present with you the scores that we think are a
13 better reflection of the contents of our applications.
14 For law enforcement that score would be an 83 versus a
15 65.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. If you can do that
17 in writing and with your rationale, that would be good.

18 ELIZABETH NORTON: We'd be happy to.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Any other comments on
21 that particular application?

22 BRENT SCHORADT: My name is Brent Schoradt,
23 where with the California Wilderness Coalition.

24 Yeah, I just want to second the recommendation
25 that the -- the National Forest Service law enforcement

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1 grants that are on the Consent Calendar for December be
2 removed from the Consent Calendar so they could be fully
3 considered, because I think this route designation
4 process, which the Commission has been championing --
5 championing over the years is -- is really critical.
6 And it's critical that we have the law enforcement
7 necessary to enforce designated routes once they're on
8 the ground. And really to start enforcing a system
9 of -- of keeping vehicles where they should be on -- on
10 motorized routes.

11 Thanks.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. So, Mono
13 County.

14 KELLY ROACH: Next project, Mono County Sheriff
15 with a requested amount of 25,941. Score of 65, at 60
16 percent would be 15,565.

17 DON HARRIS: Don Harris. I'm a Law Enforcement
18 Officer with the United States Forest Service, stationed
19 at Bridgeport.

20 I'd like to see Mono County's score raised a
21 little bit. Last year they operated with no funding
22 from the -- from the Commission. This year we had an
23 outstanding -- this past season we had an outstanding
24 wilderness protection. We didn't have -- only a few
25 intrusions.

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1 Under Part 2, Mono -- Mono County also does all
2 of the search and rescue. The Forest Service doesn't
3 have the manpower to address that. We assist them with
4 whatever we can. They're -- they've also implemented a
5 new educational program where they go into the schools.

6 And as I stated earlier, I am the only LEO in
7 the area. So, I would like to see Mono County increased
8 a total of 15 points. Ten in Part 1, and five in Part
9 2.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

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12 I'm going to suggest about an eight-minute
13 break during which I would ask the Commissioners to put
14 in their lunch order so we can keep working. I think
15 there's a lunch buffet that's being put together, or
16 sandwiches, if I can recall our discussion on Monday.

17 MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: There's concurrence on
19 that. So, if we can be back about three after 11:00
20 and then we'll have public forum and then continue the
21 law enforcement review.

22 Thank you.

23 (Whereupon a short recess was taken.)

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1 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: For public forum we
3 have -- going with Judith Spencer.

4 JUDITH SPENCER: Thank you. My name is Judith
5 Spencer I'm with CORE. And I do want to commend the
6 staff, as we move to perfecting and making better a -- a
7 process that's to be objective.

8 And now that said, I want to yell at you a
9 little bit. First of all, when I hear the word
10 "factual" -- I guess it's two words, "factual finding,"
11 I'm already suspect. A fact is something that can be
12 observed by a number of people and it will be the same.
13 That's what fact is.

14 I think it would be more accurate to call these
15 Division observations or just findings. But I'm really
16 sensitive to language. Believe it or not I'm a writer
17 and I notice these things. And if we have to defend
18 this as factual, it probably isn't.

19 So, I think it would be more reasonable to say
20 what it is. It's staff findings. Division findings.

21 And the other thing is there -- for all the
22 years that I have been involved, which is now nine, the
23 Commission makes the determinations for funding. But
24 last year "staff determinations," began to appear, that
25 term is -- and I think it is confusing to the public,

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1 because it suggests that staff determines where the
2 money goes and to whom.

3 And so, I just want to share that with you. To
4 think about the language you're using and does it really
5 represent in truth what it's -- what it's meant to.

6 My second -- second issue is the Criteria. And
7 while they're improved for sure, there's a great deal of
8 confusion, especially with the Criteria that say "must
9 do one or more."

10 And if you -- as an applicant or a person
11 involved with the applicants, the assumption is that you
12 just need to address one of those. And if you address
13 that, well, you get all the points.

14 But in fact that doesn't -- looking at a lot of

15 the evaluations, that doesn't appear to be so.

16 And that takes me to my third comment, and
17 that's about -- this is the people's program. The
18 people -- taxpayers in California create this program,
19 fund this program, and I really appreciate the fact that
20 today -- it seems kind of special because the public got
21 first dibs. But in the Criteria in that evaluation
22 process, there's nothing that acknowledges the public's
23 input, and it could because the -- the applicants are
24 required to have public meetings or make public
25 contacts. Their -- public write comments or the -- or

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1 the applicants are supposed to keep records of those.
2 That is available and comes in with their grant
3 application.

4 You know, not a single Criterion deals with
5 whether there's public support or public opposition and
6 I see the red light.

7 And that leads me to say if in the Criteria
8 we're missing real valuable projects that the process is
9 taking up so much attention that as Don Klusman said
10 earlier, that sometimes there's a really good Forest or
11 Sheriff's Department or other agency that is doing a
12 really good job and it's a really important project, and
13 do the Criteria really reflect that.

14 Thank you and I'm sorry I ran over time.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSSENDEN: Thank you. I'm going to
16 read out Scott Mahs. Brent Short -- Schoradt. Ed

17 Waldheim. Karen Schambach.

18 SCOTT MAHS: Scott Mahs, Legislative Officer
19 for Lassen Motorcycle Club, Susanville, California,
20 working with the Bureau of Land Management - Eagle Lake
21 Field Office since -- personally, myself, since 1975.
22 And here are some of my observations I've done during the
23 last ten years.

24 The Eagle Lake Field Office received \$9,000 for
25 a brochure. It took ten years and we finally got a

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1 brochure off a copy machine. And not a very good one.

2 They've received \$80,000 for trail maintenance
3 over the last ten years, approximately; less than five
4 miles of trail actually maintained.

5 Last year Lassen MC did 15 miles of trail
6 maintenance. We received \$2500. The Eagle Lake Field
7 Office received \$110,000 for land acquisition. When
8 they received that fund the Commission told them they
9 need to get done in one year. It took them 13 months to
10 do the Preliminary Title Report, which normally takes
11 less than a week. The only property that was acquired
12 was the one that Lassen MC held their hand through the
13 entire process.

14 There are two more landowners that need to be
15 purchased. Now they say they're going to drop one of
16 them and not even do it.

17 There is a problem with accountability. The --

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18 part of the problem is, is that the funding up to BLM is
19 up front. There's no quarterly reports. There's no
20 annual report. There's no end of the year -- end of the
21 project report. There's no audits.

22 And so, I'm asking for the Commission to
23 consider looking into and proving accountability of the
24 OHV grant funds that go to these agencies. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Brent.

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1 BRENT SCHORADT: Good morning. I'm Brent
2 Schoradt with the California Wilderness Coalition. And
3 one problem we saw with the restoration evaluations
4 that -- that the Division did was that a few of the
5 grants were actually restoration planning grants. And
6 the regulations clearly state that one of the eligible
7 categories of restoration is to -- for the agencies to
8 plan for future -- future restoration to see what needs
9 to be done and go out in the field and -- and assess
10 sort of where exactly the problems are and what
11 resources are at stake before they just dive into
12 actually breaking ground and -- and, you know, getting
13 out their heavy machinery.

14 And in the evaluation, unfortunately, at least
15 two grants, the Eldorado restoration and the Mendocino
16 grants which I'll speak to when they come up, were
17 basically zeroed out because they were planning and not
18 actually going out and -- and conducting the
19 restoration.

20 But if you look at the regulations, it clearly
21 says that they can do the planning underneath -- the
22 grants.

23 So, I'd just like to call your attention to
24 that.

25 And the second thing I'd like to point out is

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1 the "one or more" Criteria that you've heard several
2 times when the evaluation says "list one" -- "list one
3 or more of the following." The applicants list three
4 and they're docked for not mentioning numbers 4 and 5,
5 which they didn't really have to.

6 So, I think what that underscores is the need
7 for this Commission to listen to public comment and --
8 and really make the final determinations based on
9 what -- what the priorities are of the public. And
10 that's why we have a Commission.

11 And -- and I think it's -- it's just paramount
12 that -- that we not just look specifically at the
13 numbers given by the Division, but also take into
14 account the importance of the projects and what's
15 actually going to be taking place on the ground.

16 Thank you very much.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Ed Waldheim.

18 ED WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, District 37 and
19 CORVA. We need to make sure that anything in -- the
20 Commission is going to have to make that vote -- is

21 anything that has to do with restoration, be it NEPA
22 work or planning work, that it comes out of the
23 restoration funds.

24 Later on you will find out some -- some NEPA
25 work that's under the non-CESA. I don't want it coming

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1 out of that because that's stuff we do on the ground.
2 So, you will have to make a motion or start talking
3 about that for the next meeting and make sure it goes
4 out of the restoration, not out of here.

5 As far as these criterias are concerned, again,
6 as I stated before, we are not given any credit for the
7 stuff that shows up at the PAR report. I'm trying to go
8 through here, and I don't -- I was not part of this when
9 we were putting it together because we never -- they
10 never called us back up there again.

11 But we need to make sure that we have the
12 numbers of opportunities -- do you have a -- put in a
13 threshold. You got 10,000 people and I got 100,000
14 people, the guy gets 100,000 should have more money to
15 maintain the area.

16 In the businesses I do, I -- I get the staffing
17 to clean a Home Depot when they have millions of dollars
18 of sales versus only a couple hundred thousand dollars
19 of sales. There's a direct relationship between the use
20 and the visitors and what you're going to staff it with.
21 And we're not doing anything about that.

22 And also in the criterias here, we should start
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23 putting numbers on these sections. A, B, C, D. Put a
24 5, 10, 15, 20 whatever it is to come up to the 40.
25 Because it's very subjective. It's -- it's the reader's

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1 choice how he interprets the grant. There's no way of
2 putting your finger on it, why did I score so low on
3 this particular thing?

4 So, sometimes we do have numbers on -- on
5 specific line items. So, let's give everything on line
6 numbers -- it's a numbers game we're playing, so let's
7 make sure we take care of that.

8 The other -- last issue I have is you as the
9 Commissioners are going to have to make a decision on
10 the amount of money that we put into the different
11 categories. Law enforcement and non-CESA is the most
12 important thing for us to maintain our off-highway
13 vehicle opportunity, yet those are the least ones we are
14 funding.

15 So, we have it totally upside down. So, you as
16 Commissioners are going to have to change that formula.
17 It cannot continue the way it is because we're losing
18 it. And that's -- that's not good.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Good timing, Ed.

20 Just a reminder, please turn your cell phones
21 off. It's rather distracting.

22 Karen Schambach.

23 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach, Center for

24 Sierra Nevada Conservation. And I want to echo what
25 some of the earlier speakers have said about a couple of

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1 things.

2 One, the -- the classifications -- well, first
3 of all, I want to thank staff. I know -- I don't want
4 you to feel beat up. This is -- we've come a long way
5 and -- and I know staff's worked very hard on these.
6 And so these are just, you know -- my desire is that
7 this is constructive, not -- not criticism.

8 But it should be clear that if -- if one -- if
9 the Criteria says address at least one, that -- that
10 they can get full points for it. And if -- if somebody
11 doesn't get full points -- in some of the grants I
12 noticed that staff did put an explanation of what the
13 deficiency was. I think that it would be helpful for
14 everybody, both the applicants and the public, to
15 understand why a certain score was received if -- if you
16 just put a couple of lines in there to explain.
17 Because, obviously, you discussed it and it wouldn't
18 take that much more time to -- to put it in there.

19 Planning for restoration should definitely be
20 under restoration. We keep hearing how we can't spend
21 the restoration funds and yet I know that applicants
22 were encouraged to put applications for restoration
23 under planning grants. And they belong in restoration.

24 And one other thing that would be really
25 helpful in reviewing the grants and the evaluations,

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1 they're on different CDs. So, if -- if you're looking
2 at an evaluation on the -- the second CD that came out,
3 in order to look at what it's addressing on the grant,
4 you got to pop the CDs out, put in the CDs with the
5 grant.

6 So, if -- if it was possible to put -- to link
7 the two so -- so that you had the grant with the
8 evaluation, and maybe you would have two CDs but at
9 least they would -- you would have the -- the evaluation
10 with the corresponding grant. It would make it a lot
11 easier to review these.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

14 Kathy Mick and then I have Don Klusman and Dave
15 Pickett.

16 KATHLEEN MICK: Good morning. Kathy Mick,
17 U. S. Forest Service, Regional Trail Specialist. Again,
18 I'd like to commend the staff on doing the best that
19 they -- that they can. I think they have a -- a
20 daunting task and that they're doing the best they can
21 given the -- the experience that they have.

22 But I also believe that the -- the scores
23 reflect problems in the Criteria, because some of the
24 prob -- the Criteria are geared to projects. Most of
25 the -- most of the Criteria are geared to projects. A

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1 lot of the applications are projects, but others are
2 programs.

3 And I think there's a disconnect there and that
4 needs to be worked out.

5 I also think -- excuse me -- that there needs
6 to be transparency in the whole complete process up
7 front. And that includes the Division's methodology for
8 scoring and the way they'll conduct their scoring panel.
9 And that should be put in the regulatory scheme.

10 Last year there were scores individually
11 average high and low thrown out.

12 This year it was a different process. And I
13 just believe that the applicants deserve the ability to
14 know how it will be done and that it will be done
15 consistency -- consist from year to year. If it's not
16 working, that's great, change it. But just let us know
17 up front how it will be -- how it will be -- how it will
18 be conducted.

19 And that -- the other thing is that factual
20 information comes in all forms and -- and factual
21 information can indeed be pictures. And pictures
22 sometimes are worth a thousand words. And I don't think
23 any Judge would throw out a case if he saw the gun in
24 Joe's hand as he's murdering the suspect, but there were
25 no words in the report to contain it, but maybe I'm

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2 So, I think we need to remember to give all --
3 consideration to all the application and the components
4 that are requested.

5 And then just as we go into the Southern
6 California meeting, to provide a little bit of
7 sensitivity to the County and the Forest Service folks
8 that will be presenting in front of you due to the
9 deaths that occurred.

10 Thanks.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Don Klusman.

12 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
13 Four-Wheel Drive Association.

14 I want to also commend the staff for a job well
15 done. Much better than in previous years. And mine are
16 also constructive criticisms.

17 One of the things that you don't see, and I
18 brought this up earlier, is what happens out there on
19 the ground. And we can't expect every one of these
20 grant administrators to know every single area. That's
21 where they're going to -- -going to have to rely on us,
22 the public. And that's why I'm here today representing
23 my association, is because they want to be heard about
24 what -- the good, the bad and the ugly out there.

25 I mean, you could take -- they had a panel

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1 of -- of people looking at each of these grants. I
2 could put together Mr. Waldheim and myself, Karen
3 Schambach and several others and look at the same grants
4 and probably come up with different scores.

5 So, a lot of it has to do with their
6 perspective and what they're looking at at that time.
7 The -- what I'm asking the Commission, the Commission
8 needs to -- when we get up and give you some specifics
9 on why we think this area should get more points, use
10 that as the same weight as what you're getting from the
11 Division.

12 And then you -- and then I know you have the
13 tough decision to make, what do we do. Because we know
14 if we adjust this score, this one falls off and this and
15 that.

16 I don't envy your job, but somebody has to do
17 it. The money -- like you say, we have \$40 million that
18 was asked for, we only have a little over 18 to -- to
19 give out. Not everybody is going to be happy. But
20 let's not punish the areas that are doing a good job,
21 and they may not have all the Criteria that -- for that
22 grant. Because they may not have that issue in their
23 area. Or it may be a moot issue.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Dave Pickett.

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2 Motorcycle Sports Committee. My comment is basically
3 the same it has been the last couple of years. We -- we
4 have some issues, extremely difficult. I'm frustrated
5 again for our Federal partners, that there's just not
6 enough law enforcement money to go around.

7 This frustrates me year after year after year
8 after year. If we don't have funds for those folks, the
9 resource damage will continue. It's pretty simple. The
10 non-CESA and trail maintenance, \$22 million this
11 go-round was submitted. We got five and a half million
12 dollars available. I'm not buying that. That's --
13 that's unfair again.

14 Conservation, a million-eight submitted. We
15 got a million dollars of funding target. But, as usual,
16 we got plenty of machine for restoration and not enough
17 grants submitted to even meet the allocation that's
18 available.

19 I'm not beating up Division or staff
20 recommendations in any way, shape or form. The funding
21 pots are just upside down. And you guys have got to
22 figure out some way to take this overage and apply it in
23 the areas that are needed by our Federal partners and --
24 and the County partners.

25 It's just -- it's just frustrating to be on

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1 this side of the fence. There's a ton of money that's
2 available, and because of whatever legal issues pop up

3 we can't give it to the people that need it the most,
4 that have worked with us in a lot of cases for 40 years.

5 That's what my comment is. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

7 Any others that did not submit a form?

8 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
9 Riders Association. And I did submit a form. I guess
10 it got shuffled.

11 There's a -- anyway, my major comment is on the
12 Consent Calendar. There was some discussion earlier
13 today. And all these grants are supposed to be judged
14 on their own merits. They're not to be compared to
15 other grants. They're not to wait until the end of the
16 day or end of the meetings in December to start juggling
17 the scores around in order to put grants in certain
18 places on the payroll, shall we say.

19 But I think as each one of the grants comes up,
20 when the people are done discussing, it should be the
21 Commissioner's job to say, yes, it's going to go on the
22 Consent Calendar or, no, it's not. And not wait until
23 the end of the day and do some juggling.

24 The Commission kind of created a lot of
25 problems with the last year's process by doing that.

1 Then on to a little bit happier notes. After
2 looking through a lot of the grants requests, it looks
3 like the sound program seems to be working. I don't see
4 too many citations or whatever being written for sound

5 problems.

6 And then on the grants, a couple of the
7 agencies have put in some very, very large dollar
8 requests. I mean, to where if they should luck out and
9 get a hundred percent, they'd wipe out a third of the
10 possible money available in the whole program.

11 I would like to see possibly next year or
12 whenever, a cap put on the amount of money that any
13 agency can request. That way there will be more money
14 possibly to be spread around. A lot -- most of these
15 agencies that are requesting the big dollars are Federal
16 agencies. It's time for the public, the agencies, to
17 get the Federal government to start paying for these.

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Any others?

20 Back to the Commission, any thoughts on
21 proceeding forward? I know off-line there were a couple
22 of suggestions and the most recent speaker suggested
23 that we perhaps review as we go.

24 I think that if we could look at each category
25 and maybe make some suggestions to the Consent

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1 committee, that being myself and the Vice-Chair, in
2 terms of where you're comfortable making those
3 recommendations within each category. And we could go
4 back to the first one and then we'll finish the -- the
5 law enforcement and then review that one at the end of

6 each one so there -- as I think Mark suggested, it would
7 be fresh in our mind, or Gary suggested it would be
8 fresh in our mind.

9 So, any thoughts?

10 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I -- I agree with that.

11 So, going back to the conservation projects, I
12 would suggest that we try to get a number of those onto
13 the Consent Calendar for the December meeting. And
14 then --

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And -- and remember that
16 I'll take all of these under advisement.

17 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: That's fine.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: We have a juggling act to
19 do, so --

20 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: That's okay. Just
21 based on my notes, I would suggest that we take all of
22 them with the exception of three, and those three being
23 the bat survey there, because they're looking for more
24 points, and we can let them state their case again.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Come up to bat.

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1 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: The Plumas National
2 Forest. They're -- they're also looking to go from 68
3 to 80, and let them state their case in front of the
4 full Commission. And then Stanislaus is not here.

5 Other than that I would suggest we take all of
6 those.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: She has arrived, by the
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8 way.
9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: What's that?
10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Stanislaus has arrived.
11 So, we can take her.
12 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Oh, they're here now.
13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Maybe before we --
14 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay. Okay, so --
15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: If you want to make --
16 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: That would be my
17 motion.
18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.
19 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Is that fair, Tim?
20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: We consider those as
21 possible Consent items.
22 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Mr. Chair, I have a
23 note and I am not clear on what my note says, but
24 there -- was there an issue with Tahoe OR 2T 99, the
25 last one? That -- do you recall if that was an issue

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1 that might be pulled off the Consent and discussed? Was
2 there --
3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: OR 2T 99.
4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Not that I have on in my
5 notes. I had a note that they wanted more points.
6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I just had a question.
7 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: You want to cancel
8 that?

9 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: What I would suggest --
10 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: So, the way this would
11 work if they're not on the Consent, then that gives the
12 applicant time to prepare to make their case at the full
13 hearing in December.
14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Take your chance. It
15 could go lower.
16 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: It could go lower.
17 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: It could go lower.
18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And as I said earlier, we
19 have Consent pull-outs, so you can suggest to the Chair
20 and we can pull them off Consent or put them on, for
21 that matter.
22 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.
23 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Okay.
24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, if we can go back to
25 the Stanislaus and we could bring Barbara back to

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1 introduce that one.
2 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Was there a motion made
3 to do it a certain way?
4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You did make --
5 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: My motion.
6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: But there's no second.
7 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I'll second and are you
8 prepared to vote?
9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: If you can outline those.
10 You said there were four that --

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11 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Yeah, we were going to
12 pull out the --

13 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Pull Stanislaus.

14 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Tahoe OR 2T 99. The
15 bat survey. Plumas National Forest. And then
16 Stanislaus, okay.

17 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Well, Stanislaus we
18 might be able to hear, so we might end up putting them
19 on the Consent.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Let's get something done.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Great.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, there's a motion on
23 the floor to send these up as recommended for Consent.

24 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I second that motion.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. All those in

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1 favor?

2 IN UNISON: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: We have to take
4 questions on that? They already have a comment. I
5 think we are moving on here.

6 JIM KEELER: You have the wrong one. We didn't
7 want the bat survey. We asked for the archeological
8 site stewardship, I apologize.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Well, with that
10 clarification, you want to reconsider your --

11 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Hang on a minute.

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12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You want to come to the
13 podium, Jim, and give us a little more rationale there.
14 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Come on in, Jim.
15 JIM KEELER: I apologize. The one we spoke to
16 the was the archeology site stewardship.
17 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. So, it's 41, not
18 46?
19 JIM KEELER: That's correct.
20 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. So, 46 stays on
21 the Consent Calendar --
22 JIM KEELER: That was what we intended.
23 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: And 41 off.
24 JIM KEELER: I believe so, yes.
25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Want to amend?

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1 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Yes.
2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And we've taken a vote so
3 we'll have to --
4 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Do a new vote?
5 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: I'll make a
6 recommendati on for reconsi derati on.
7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I'm -- I'm not an
8 offi ci onado or up on Roberts Rules, so --
9 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: I made that moti on. I
10 need a second.
11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.
12 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Second.
13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: All those in favor?

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14 IN UNISON: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Ms. Stanislaus. Barbara,
16 can you, while she's walking up, give us an intro.

17 BARBARA GREENWOOD: Conservation, U. S. Forest
18 Service - Stanislaus. The requested amount is \$72,193.
19 The score is 35. The determination is zero percent,
20 with the funding of -- determination of zero.

21 SUE WARREN: Good morning. Sue Warren, Public
22 Service Program Area Leader. Aloha and Mahalo. I'm on
23 a time warp, and I apologize for being late this
24 morning.

25 I just would like to say thank you for

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1 evaluating the application and thank Judith Spencer for
2 doing a great job in my stead, and I'm here to answer
3 any questions that you may have on the application for
4 conservation.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Well, you're at zero.

6 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, I --

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I'm mystified.

8 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: She -- well, she wasn't
9 here at the beginning where we -- we asked the
10 applicants if you were going to speak, to speak
11 specifically to the scoring and why you feel --

12 SUE WARREN: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: -- the scoring was wrong
14 and why you feel you should get a higher score.

15 And since you're at -- at a score of 35 percent
16 with zero funding, you may want to address some of the
17 actual scoring.

18 SUE WARREN: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: If you have a problem
20 with it.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah.

22 SUE WARREN: I think we could have done a whole
23 lot better. I think the demonstrating performance, that
24 whole issue of the economics piece I think we could have
25 done a better job and weren't understanding what the

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1 staff was really looking for on those date-specific type
2 issues, on trying to catch up.

3 And then some of the Criteria is difficult to
4 address when you're doing monitoring for a project
5 that's already been implemented. And this specific
6 project was implementing the road decommissioning a
7 restoration project that we were the first ones out of
8 the chute three years ago. And we were trying to do
9 restoration monitoring.

10 So, reducing maintenance costs, protecting
11 resource values, those kinds of things had already been
12 done and approved through the NEPA process and actually
13 implementing the project now we're trying to go back and
14 implement -- figure out if we did it right, and was
15 there anything we needed to adjust for this type of
16 project.

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17 So, I -- I think it's difficult to -- to score
18 that and would -- would give it more points in that
19 arena for the type of project that it is.

20 Some of the Criteria is difficult to address
21 when you're trying to do that -- that tail end of the
22 project. It's easy to address when you're starting out.
23 But when you're trying to figure out if you got it quite
24 right and the soil standards you used and those kinds of
25 things were okay, did it really work for the work that

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1 you were doing.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Is this specific to the
3 interface?

4 SUE WARREN: No, it's not. It was a granite --
5 it was a forest road decommissioning of 46 miles that we
6 did under three or four different NEPA documents,

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, at this point it's --
8 it's off Consent so we could reconsider it in December,
9 because it sounds like there's some complicating issues
10 around this that maybe we may want to encourage this
11 kind of behavior.

12 SUE WARREN: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

14 SUE WARREN: Thank you for your time. Anything
15 else?

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

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1 LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS (CONTINUING)

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, moving on with law
3 enforcement. Back to Kelly. The Sierra, which is OR 2S
4 1 --81 -- SI -- 81?

5 KELLY ROACH: U. S. Forest Service - Sierra
6 National Forest, with a requested amount of 118,424. A
7 score of 60, at 60 percent would be \$71,054.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Tuolumne County Sheriff
9 Law Enforcement.

10 KELLY ROACH: Tuolumne County Sheriff, with a
11 requested amount of 29,172. Score of 60, at 60 percent
12 would be \$17,503.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Redding Field Office.

14 KELLY ROACH: BLM - Redding Field Office, with
15 a requested amount of 79,410. Score of 57, at 50
16 percent would be 39,705.

17 SKY ZAFFARANO: Sky Zaffarno, Redding BLM Field
18 Office.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Probably a little louder,
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20 please.

21 SKY ZAFFARANO: Sky Zaffarano, Redding BLM
22 Field Office. I've -- I've submitted a written
23 rationale for increasing the score on this project to
24 72.

25 I just request that you read through that and

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1 consider it in adjusting that score.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

3 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
4 Four-Wheel Drive Association.

5 I'm not going to go over all that Sky submitted
6 to you, but I -- I have read what he has submitted and
7 it makes perfect sense to me.

8 This area has done an excellent job with law
9 enforcement of keeping especially the trespass of
10 motorized vehicles out of the non-motorized area.

11 This is a multi-use area that is used for hang
12 gliding, for hiking, for picnicking, for motorized
13 recreation, for non-motorized recreation, and the inner
14 lakes area has done an excellent job.

15 And that's where this law enforcement goes.
16 They also have issues on the -- the Sacramento River,
17 which I happen to be on the -- happen to be the Chairman
18 of the recreational rack for Northwest, and we are
19 working with Redding as -- as well as others, Fish and
20 Game and so forth, to -- to combat those issues.

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21 They've got a big job up there because the
22 population, as -- as everywhere, is booming. And I
23 would like to see the Commission go with the scoring
24 that Sky has outlined. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Others?

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1 SYLIVA MILLIGAN: Yes, I'm Sylvia Milligan,
2 Chairperson of Recreation Outdoors Coalition. And this
3 is also one of the areas in my purview and I think the
4 BLM -- being totally involved, I go out there and I
5 ride. It's an excellent, excellent opportunity that
6 they provide for the public.

7 And I feel -- I'd like to see their score
8 adjusted a little bit, too. There again, knowing that
9 funds are very limited, but they do an excellent job.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

11 DAVE PICKETT: Dave Pickett, District 36. I
12 too have witnessed the efforts of law enforcement in
13 this particular area. I think Mr. Klusman did an
14 excellent job of mirroring what I wanted to say and I'd
15 like to see this score bumped up a little bit, also.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

18 Arcata -- once more.

19 BRENDA TRACY: Good morning. My name is Brenda
20 Tracy. I'm the Assistant Public Use Staff Officer on
21 the Shasta Trinity National Forest. We co-manage the
22 Chappie Shasta OHV area with the Redding BLM Field

23 Office. And I'd like to say I support a higher score
24 for their grant application.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

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1 KELLY ROACH: The next project, BLM - Arcata
2 Field Office with a requested amount of 30,475. A score
3 of 56, at 50 percent would be 15,238.

4 BRUCE CANN: My name is Bruce Cann with the BLM
5 Arcata Field Office. And I request that OR-1-NO-66 be
6 removed from the Consent Calendar. And I handed out
7 a -- a pack -- oh, a packet for three grant
8 applications. This is one of them. And BLM suggests a
9 score of 76 instead of 56. And I provided some
10 rationale for that, and I'm planning on amending the --
11 this handout for the next Commission meeting with
12 additional rationale, if that's appropriate.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: All comments and
14 submissions are appropriate. Consideration is something
15 else.

16 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
17 Four-Wheel Drive Association. You're getting to be more
18 like an attorney all the time, John.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: An innkeeper can't go
20 that way.

21 DON KLUSMAN: Okay. Again, I would ask the
22 Commission to look at this, what the Arcata Field Office
23 has put out. A couple of the issues it has -- has not

24 addressed in this is the South Pit management which was
25 a collaborative effort with Fish and Game, Fish and

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1 Wildlife and the County -- the County up there has just
2 got a -- that-a-boy in that they're going to use the
3 same management plan that they've been using, which is
4 part of it is law enforcement of keeping OHVs where
5 they -- where they can ride and cannot ride.

6 They also have fledged -- I think it was four
7 snowy plovers this year in the new area that was -- was
8 cultivated for them. So they've had an excellent --
9 excellent response to -- to the management of the South
10 Pit.

11 Now, going across the bay to the North Spit
12 or -- as I call it, or the north jetty, here again they
13 asked about emergency responses. People haven't got
14 hurt. So you have no emergency responses and I don't
15 understand why that's a deduction when you're doing a
16 good job with law enforcement, and keeping the people
17 where they belong, the non-motorized areas they do not
18 see trespass. I mean, I've been up there this last year
19 firsthand.

20 So, I would really encourage -- I would like to
21 see it above what they asked for, 76. But the 76 would
22 be okay. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

24 Eagle Lake.

25 KELLY ROACH: BLM - Eagle Lake Field Office,
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1 with a requested amount of 25,000. Score of 47, at 40
2 percent would be 10,000.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Butte County.

4 KELLY ROACH: Butte County Sheriff, with a
5 requested amount of 23,907. A score of 46, at 40
6 percent would be 9,563.

7 STEVE COLLINS: Good morning. Steve Collins,
8 Sergeant with Butte County Sheriffs office. I'm new to
9 this process. I just came in this year and so I would
10 ask that you remove ours from the Consent and I will
11 submit additional information and be more specific for
12 the application.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

14 TODD JOHNS: Todd Johns. I'm the OHV
15 Coordinator for Plumas County Sheriffs Office.

16 I'd just like to say that the Butte County does
17 an outstanding job on their side of the mountain. And
18 there's many times that they come up and assist us with
19 search and rescue type calls. And they also have an
20 influx of a large snowmobile community in the
21 wintertime. And we'd like to see them get considered
22 for additional funding, as well.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

25 KELLY ROACH: Napa County Sheriffs, with a

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1 requested amount of 68,714. A score of 46, at 40
2 percent would be 27,485.

3 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
4 Four-Wheel Drive Association.

5 I would like to see this pulled off the Consent
6 so that they may address the full Commission in
7 December. The Napa County Sheriff Department has done
8 an excellent job in working with BLM Ukiah. And I just
9 hope that they will not get zero funding. And I'd like
10 them to have a chance to talk to the full Commission.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

13 KELLY ROACH: BLM - Ukiah Field Office, with a
14 requested amount of 104,573. A score of 44, at 40
15 percent would be 41,829.

16 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
17 Four-Wheel. You'd think I worked for BLM or something
18 here.

19 It was my understanding -- I talked to Rich
20 Burns, the Area Manager at the beginning of the week
21 and they had planned on being here. I don't know what
22 happened.

23 But here again, I would ask that this be pulled
24 from Consent. This area has just been designated or
25 recognized by -- by Congress as, you know, an OHV

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1 recreation area, which it already was but, you know, it
2 was part of the Thompson Wilderness Bill.

3 So, I -- you know, I really don't want to see
4 no law enforcement -- no money going to law enforcement
5 there. So, I'd ask that you pull it.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

7 DAVE PICKETT: Dave Pickett, District 36. I
8 would like to have this pulled off Consent, also. This
9 is a very, very high use area for motorcycles and I
10 think it needs a second look.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thanks.

13 KELLY ROACH: U. S. Forest Service - Plumas
14 National Forest, with a requested amount of 173,000. A
15 score of 35 would be zero percent funding, zero dollars.

16 FRED KRUEGER: Good morning. Fred Krueger, the
17 Public Service staff from the Plumas National Forest.

18 I have just a short number of items to address.
19 For the first Criteria where we answered all three
20 parts, 1A, 1B and 1C, and received a score of 15 out of
21 35.

22 Again, that's just -- it's difficult for us,
23 maybe we weren't specific enough, but we did answer that
24 and received 15. So, we'd like to look at receiving 15
25 more for that.

1 For the second Criteria, we answered all
2 questions but received 12 points. So, we're looking for
3 additional points there, as well, which we will
4 explain -- at least 18. And I would like to note that
5 moving on for the third Criteria, the -- the matching
6 funds as noted out of the review were 3800, I believe.
7 I could have a typo here with that. But from the fact
8 of our score sheet or our -- the funding summary, we're
9 going to contribute 37.8 thousand. So, I'd like to have
10 that looked at.

11 We haven't had law enforcement supported in the
12 last couple of years when I've been administering the
13 program, and we're attempting to get this done for our
14 officers -- uniformed officers to be on the ground.

15 It's key that we, the Plumas National Forest,
16 in conjunction with the Division as well as the
17 Commission, have been given approval to go ahead with
18 our route designation. And I truly believe that in
19 order to maintain the OHV opportunity on the Plumas
20 National Forest as well as on the Forest Service that
21 we're going to have to be able to enforce that through
22 education and then subsequently enforcement.

23 So, we're moving ahead with that because we do
24 have that approval. It's a key thing. The wrong
25 matched numbers and, again, because of the answers we

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2 new scoring for that.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSSENDEN: Fred, before you move
5 away, 38,000 is Federal dollars coming in? LEO.

6 FRED KRUEGER: That's what we would match with,
7 that's correct. And we displayed that in the sheets.
8 12.6 thousand for each of the three districts. So, I'm
9 not sure where the number came from the review.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSSENDEN: That gives you what,
11 about a third of a position?

12 FRED KRUEGER: For the -- for our match, that's
13 correct. Roughly just -- probably just a little less
14 than a third.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSSENDEN: Okay. Thank you.

16 FRED KRUEGER: Yeah, we have three uniformed
17 officers with full authority, and we have two OHV
18 technicians, one that has authority for citations and
19 we're working on the fifth individual and we want to
20 keep them on the ground to enforce this new order.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSSENDEN: Other comments?

23 ED WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim for CORVA and
24 District 37. You're at the end of -- of law
25 enforcement, and you will note that only 16 grants get

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1 funded right now, the way it stands, and 34 do not get
2 funded. That is a travesty. It cannot go. All these

3 people talking here, I don't know why they're talking
4 because it's all below the bubble. They're all sink --
5 We're all sinking with the ship together here.

6 You as Commissioners are going to have to do
7 something. We need to make some changes. And one of
8 the things you need to do, go back to the Waldheim
9 budget and find out, okay, how much are these agencies
10 really contributing to this area? You have one agency
11 that's gobbling up more than half of the funds. That's
12 not right. That's -- just is not right.

13 We do not have those kind of funds to do this
14 thing. So, you as Commissioners may want to regroup and
15 think how we're going to do something that is equitable
16 for the entire State of California, and not just for a
17 few people.

18 34 grants not to get funded? I don't think
19 that -- I mean, I would never go for that or even if I
20 was sitting up there. It just cannot be done. We have
21 to be fair for this program. Those people who have
22 opportunities, who have resource issues, who have law
23 enforcement officers, you as Commissioners need to sit
24 down and work with the different agencies to do
25 something about this. We cannot accept that.

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1 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach. I
2 absolutely agree with Ed. Imperial Sand Dunes and
3 Imperial County are on this agenda for the north. But
4 you can't look at all these grants that are going

5 unfunded and miss the fact that over half of the -- the
6 allotment for law enforcement is going to one area.

7 If -- if BLM is so, you know, attached to -- to
8 Imperial Sand Dunes remaining open, that's fine. But
9 they need to, you know, pony up some agency money for
10 law enforcement up there. You know, they need to look
11 at other ways to, you know, come up with some of this
12 money.

13 But to -- to take over half of the State grant
14 money for one spot and leave, you know, a lot of smaller
15 areas that are doing a good job and need funding is just
16 plain not fair.

17 Thanks.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

19 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: Sylvia Milligan, with
20 Recreation Outdoors Coalition. And I too strongly,
21 strongly support law enforcement on the Plumas. They do
22 an excellent job.

23 I've been out -- I've ridden one whole day with
24 one of their law enforcement officers and let me tell
25 you, they do an excellent job of educating the public.

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1 And they are also a force that is very, very in
2 favor of this route designation process and in keeping
3 their forest open. But we do need to have the people
4 out on the ground to educate the public as to where they
5 can go and where they can't go till we get this process

6 moving ahead.

7 So, I would really, really like to say that I
8 strongly support them getting their share of the money.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

11 TODD JOHNS: Todd Johns. I'm the OHV
12 Coordinator for the Plumas County Sheriffs Office. We
13 work closely with both Lassen and the Plumas National
14 Forest Law Enforcement Officers in our efforts to, you
15 know, continue the recreation that's going on up there.
16 It's increasing tenfold every year. Accidents, search
17 and rescue calls. And it's all we can do now to keep up
18 with it.

19 The ramifications of not funding the Plumas
20 National Forest would just be a disaster to the OHV
21 community. And I don't know that we could actually pick
22 up the load of what would actually happen up there if
23 they're not funded, at least to some extent.

24 I went through their scoring Criteria myself,
25 and just with personal knowledge, not actually reading

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1 their grant, I could easily give them a score of 85,
2 just on the personal knowledge of the way that they
3 sign, the way that they patrol, their education efforts
4 through community meetings, and the fact that they're
5 able to enforce some of the resource codes that local
6 law enforcement agencies can't enforce.

7 They put out excellent brochures and maps. The

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8 have an incredible web site. They -- they just -- they
9 do a great job for the OHV community and I think they
10 should be considered for -- for good funding.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Just a
13 question for staff. What was their funding level last
14 year? Plumas.

15 KELLY ROACH: I don't have that information.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Law Enforcement. You
17 don't have that information?

18 KELLY ROACH: No.

19 TODD JOHNS: We didn't receive any funding.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

21 TODD JOHNS: I would just like to make sure, if
22 I could, to -- to make sure -- I'm not sure if I
23 mentioned, but to request it's pulled off the Consent
24 agenda.

25 JANELLE MILLER: Commissioner Brisenden, we

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1 have general information on some of the funding from
2 last year, but not that specific with us.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: That would be helpful for
4 the Southern California grant discussions most likely,
5 and certainly for the December meeting, if we could.

6 DAVE PICKETT: Dave Pickett, District 36. I
7 think there's some questions about this particular grant
8 application, and based on what the Forest has submitted

9 there may be some internal errors. I'd like to have
10 this pulled from Consent so it can get -- take another
11 look at it.

12 Again, as the prior speakers had said, there's
13 definite need up there and they have a good program
14 moving. Zero funding just won't cut it. It just
15 reaffirms my comments from public comments.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. The pleasure
18 of the rest of the Commission subcommittee here in terms
19 of recommendations to the Consent committee, if you
20 will.

21 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Well, if I could -- I'm
22 not sure I have -- my notes are completely complete, but
23 I do have some recommendations.

24 And one of the things, I'm not sure when --
25 when we -- we need to do this, but we really need to --

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1 need to take into consideration at some point more money
2 being provided to law enforcement in terms of the
3 allocation, because we -- you know, we got a cut line
4 that -- that's moving around here.

5 And I think Mr. Waldheim's commentary, you
6 know, is -- is a sad one. Because we're trying to --
7 we're trying to provide a safe venue for -- for
8 individuals trying to protect the environment and a
9 number of things and -- and none of that is really
10 completely possible without some enforcement effort, at

11 least initially.

12 We saw that work wonderfully done in -- in
13 Imperial Sand Dunes and -- you know, with the -- with
14 the havoc that was being caused down there. And I -- I
15 think there's evidence that with some law enforcement,
16 you know, we can -- we can turn some stuff around.
17 Particularly when we're closing routes and whatnot, or
18 rerouting.

19 So, we really need to take that into
20 consideration at some point and it would be -- would
21 have been nice if we could have gone into this -- this
22 budgetary year or this -- this grant cycle with -- with
23 a greater amount of law enforcement monies because
24 we're -- we're hurting ourselves.

25 So, with that, and I would ask that -- that

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1 other Commissioners if -- if I've forgotten something, I
2 would like to remove the following from the Consent
3 agenda. OR 774 which contains in it OR 775, that's
4 Calaveras. OR 2 LA 94, Lassen.

5 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Hang on a minute. I
6 got -- I'm going to try to follow.

7 COMMISSIONER PRIZICH: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: So, 774 --

9 COMMISSIONER PRIZICH: 774, it's toward the
10 top of the law enforcement page. It's Calaveras County
11 Sheriffs --

12 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER PRIZICH: -- enforcement. And

14 that has contained in it 757, which was the real issue

15 that they -- that they submitted to us --

16 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER PRIZICH: -- written comments.

18 Down at the end of the page OR 2 LA 94, that's Lassen

19 law enforcement. I'd like to remove that from Consent.

20 0 -- on the next page, towards the top, OR 1 NO

21 69, Redding.

22 The one just below that, OR 1 NO 66, Arcata.

23 OR 813, Butte.

24 OR 792, Napa.

25 OR 1 NO 76, Ukiah.

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1 OR 2 P 82, Plumas.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Can I suggest --

3 COMMISSIONER PRIZICH: I'm not --

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Can I suggest two others?

5 COMMISSIONER PRIZICH: Absolutely. That's

6 what I was going to ask.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Santa Clara County Parks,

8 which is OR 806.

9 COMMISSIONER PRIZICH: Okay, I'll make that a

10 part of my motion.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And I think we have an

12 adjustment that we need to look at that was suggested by

13 the applicant on OR 2 SW 38, which was --

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14 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Pacific.
15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: It gives us some
16 flexibility.
17 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Okay. So that needs to
18 be part of the motion or --
19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I would -- yeah, I'd --
20 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Okay. I'll -- I'll
21 make that a part of the motion to have it removed from
22 Consent agenda -- and recommended to the full Board.
23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And the others will be --
24 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: On Consent.
25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- on Consent.

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1 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Okay.
2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Do I hear a second?
3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Second.
4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: All those in favor.
5 IN UNISON: Aye.
6 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: To the chair.
7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yes.
8 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Is this the appropriate
9 point for me to make some commentary on the whole law
10 enforcement applications?
11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You certainly may at any
12 time. I encourage commentary.
13 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: And I'm -- you know,
14 being a new Commissioner I'm not sure of the history as

15 to how we've gotten to where we've gotten, but clearly
16 this -- this isn't right.

17 The fact that there are 30 some odd applicants
18 that may go away with no funding for law enforcement
19 just doesn't seem the way the program should be run.

20 Law enforcement is key to the viability of
21 long-term success of the program. And, again, maybe
22 it's -- this is, you know, it's sort of food for
23 thought, constructive criticism, you know, we can't do
24 anything about this year because the dollars have
25 already been allocated, but looking forward to next year

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1 we've got to come up with some other methodology so that
2 something like this doesn't happen.

3 And, you know, looking at one of the
4 applications, El Centro, and I'm just, you know, picking
5 them out because they happen to have one of the higher,
6 if not the highest, grant applications in dollars of 1.7
7 million. And because they scored so well they're taking
8 a huge percentage of the dollars -- is going to that one
9 applicant.

10 Now, clearly that is an area that gets a lot of
11 use. I'm sure they get over a million visitors per
12 year, but I'd like to -- again, getting back to Mr.
13 Waldheim's comments about, you know, dollars relative to
14 usage, there's a little bit of logic in that to me as
15 opposed to funding some part of the forest that perhaps
16 doesn't get that much use. I think we really do need to

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17 come up with some -- some measure of the visitation, the
18 traffic. And I think our dollars would be much better
19 spent serving the majority of the -- of the population.

20 So, I think there's got to be some mechanism
21 that's brought into the Criteria that deals with usage,
22 visitation, whatever it may be along those lines. So
23 that we don't get a lot of money going to one location
24 and a lot of other people just walking away with
25 nothing.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. I think that
2 there will be time -- I would hope, probably not in
3 December, but in January -- I am not certain of our
4 meeting schedule next year. While we're on that subject
5 if you could submit your dates to staff of
6 non-availability through December of next year, that
7 would be helpful in planning next year's schedule.

8 That is all -- before the Legislature we have
9 to give input into their process and I know that there's
10 considerable concern about that particular pot. So,
11 hopefully that will be addressed.

12 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: If I -- if I could
13 just bring up a -- a possible location for staff, to
14 possibly take a look at in terms of just how funds are
15 allocated, and that's the boating program, the State of
16 California's boating program, which in many respects
17 mirrors what we're doing here. It's a recreational

18 program. They provide funding predominantly to Sheriffs
19 offices up and down the State for boating on waterways.

20 And their funding mechanism seems to be
21 relatively well accepted by law enforcement, at least
22 for law enforcement.

23 So, if there's some place to take a look
24 without, you know, recreating, you know the -- the
25 entire wheel, you know, that might be one place to -- to

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1 take a look.

2 JANELLE MILLER: We can certainly do that and
3 we welcome any -- you know, as we're continuing to work
4 through this process and work through the revisions to
5 the permanent regulations, you know, we -- we welcome
6 input. So, we'll certainly keep that in mind.

7 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: And just for the
8 Commissioners, that -- that boating program does take
9 into consideration usage. So, -- so there's --
10 generally speaking, there's -- there's a boat count and
11 there's -- there's some correlation between use although
12 I'm a little bit worried about that because the smaller
13 counties have perhaps not as much uses -- usage as
14 another County or an area, but it simply outstrips the
15 smaller counties' ability to deal with whatever it is
16 that -- you know, they're dealing with.

17 So, that's -- that's one worry I would have
18 about just simply looking at usage.

19 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, I think that's a

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20 good point. I think we have to be careful not to get
21 the whole thing just way totally to usage. I think that
22 it just has to be one of the factors so you don't get an
23 area that has a real need not getting anything simply
24 because they have a low usage.

25 So it -- it just needs to be factored in some

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1 way. And I don't -- I don't have the answer yet.

2 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: I think some of those
3 answers are contained in that -- in that boating
4 allocation. They do take a look at the size of the
5 County and -- and the use that they get and they draw
6 some kind of correlation between the percentage.

7 So, it -- it might be worthwhile to take a look
8 at it.

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Is that under Parks and
10 Rec. also?

11 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Boating and Waterways.
12 Is that Parks and Rec.?

13 JANELLE MILLER: Parks and Rec.

14 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Is it? Yeah, I get a
15 yes and a no.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Got to be a Resources.

17 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Boating and Waterways,
18 okay.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thanks for the discussion
20 and direction to staff for new ideas for funding.

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21 We have gone through two categories; we have
22 five more to go.

23 You don't count five? Well, maybe I'm not --
24 I'm counting pages maybe, I'm counting. It's -- it's a
25 simple way to look at things.

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1 So, I don't have a watch. I imagine we're
2 close to noon.

3 JANELLE MILLER: It's a little after. About
4 12:08.

5 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Five after.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: 5 -- 12. Any others?

7 We get to have lunch delivered. Maybe we
8 should take a little bit of a break at about 12:30 for
9 others to grab their lunches and come back. And we can
10 keep going. For those who have no concerns about the
11 particular item we are on, you can go grab a longer
12 lunch. Any preference?

13 Just keep going.

14 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Keep going, yup.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, if you'll introduce
16 the staff on the restoration projects.

17 JANELLE MILLER: And that will be John Pelonio,
18 who is the Team Leader for restoration, addressing the
19 restoration projects.

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1 RESTORATION GRANTS

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And ready to begin, John?

3 JOHN PELONIO: Yes.

4 The first restoration project is BLM -
5 California State Office restoration. Requested amount
6 is \$212,314. The score was 79, with a percentage of 70
7 percent, which would lead to a determination of
8 \$148,620.

9 JIM WEIGAND: Good afternoon, Commissioners,
10 Members of the Division staff. My name is Jim Weigand.
11 I'm the Ecologist at the California State Office of the
12 Bureau of Land Management. And I am requesting at this
13 time that the Commission and Division remove this grant
14 application from the Consent Calendar for
15 reconsideration at the December meeting.

16 And I would like to propose a score higher than
17 the one currently assigned, and I have prepared a
18 rationale for that with citations by page number that
19 hopefully will justify that score in your eyes.

20 And so, I'm -- I'm very glad to answer any
21 questions at this time. Again, this is an effort on the
22 part of the BLM to start using the best technology for
23 restoration of serpentine soils using the expertise of

24 faculty members of the University of California at Davis
25 and their graduate students at the Hollister BLM office,

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1 Clear Creek area, and in particular at San Benito
2 Mountain.

3 It's a three-year project and it would have
4 applications ultimately also to the other OHV recreation
5 areas managed by BLM in California, particularly in the
6 Ukiah area.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

9 BRENT SCHORADT: All right, I'm Brent Schoradt
10 with the California Wilderness Coalition. And I just
11 had some specific suggestions on the scoring Criteria.

12 Number 3, we'd recommend changing the score
13 from 13 to 19 because they did in fact answer the -- the
14 questions adequately, and you can see there, they're all
15 fully answered.

16 And number 5, we thought that A and B were both
17 fully -- fully answered. So, they deserved a 5 out of
18 5. That would add 12 -- add ten more points there. For
19 a total of -- let's see, 11 points additional, which
20 would give them 90 points total.

21 Thanks.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

23 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach. I'd like to
24 echo Mr. Schoradt's comments for this grant. I agree.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

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1 Tahoe.

2 JOHN PELONIO: U. S. Forest Service - Tahoe
3 National Forest. Requested amount was \$37,156. Score
4 was 76, with a determination of 70 percent and
5 \$26,000 -- \$26,009.

6 DAVE MICHAEL: Good morning, Commissioners.
7 Dave Michael, OHV Program Manager, Tahoe National
8 Forest. We would like to keep this grant or have this
9 grant considered to be on the -- excuse me, on the
10 Consent Calendar, but would like clarification back on
11 the OR 2T 99, the -- the conservation grant on the first
12 page.

13 You chose to take it off a Consent and I was
14 wondering if that was because you thought that we wanted
15 it off of Consent.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Well, I had a question
17 mark and I think there was another Commissioner who had
18 questions, also.

19 DAVE MICHAEL: We would like that -- we would
20 like that left on Consent and was wondering why --

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Well --

22 DAVE MICHAEL: -- you know, if I could answer a
23 question as to why you wanted it off.

24 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: The number?

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: It's OR 2T 99. It's the

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1 third in bold, one down.

2 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, I didn't have
3 that. I don't know. I had that on Consent.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: There's some flexibility
5 in this. The Consent committee will take that under
6 advisement.

7 DAVE MICHAEL: Thank you.

8 BRENT SCHORADT: Just a quick comment. Brent
9 Schoradt with the California Wilderness Coalition. If
10 you look at the first question in the Criteria, they did
11 answer one or more very adequately. So, we thought they
12 deserved at least a 35 out of 40, instead of the 31 that
13 was given to them, which would give them four more
14 points and bring their total up to 80.

15 So, we'd appreciate that be taken into
16 consideration. Thanks.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Mendocino.

18 JOHN PELONIO: Before I move on, I failed to
19 mention at the beginning that there were 27 projects
20 submitted for restoration. We are looking at 15 today.
21 The total amount requested was 6,098,079. The funding
22 target for this category was \$7,500,000, with a
23 remaining amount of 1,401,921.

24 So, the next project would be the U. S. Forest
25 Service - Mendocino, Sled Ridge Middle Creek. Requested

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1 amount 48,532. Score was 74. 70 percent funding would
2 be \$33,972.

3 JACK HORNER: Good afternoon. My name is Jack
4 Horner. I'm the Forest Recreation Officer on the
5 Mendocino National Forest.

6 And we provided the Commissioners and the State
7 staff with what we felt was a revision of the scoring
8 with some items that we felt that the State staff missed
9 when they did our evaluation.

10 In the first Criteria I believe that we should
11 receive a score of 38. And the fifth one of a 14, which
12 would total up to 91 points, or 90 percent of the
13 requested funds for 43,679.

14 And the reasons are, we believe that they
15 missed the critical cultural resources that are in the
16 area. Mendocino has spent to date \$40,000 on barriers
17 and protecting the archeological sites that are near
18 this major trail head. We are continuing with that
19 work. We need some help in providing a little bit more
20 to finish up that work.

21 And on the question number 5, which talks about
22 history of physical accountability, Mendocino over 20 --
23 the last 24 years, since 1982 has received 56 grants
24 from the State, to a total of over 11 million -- \$11
25 million.

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1 And we think that's a pretty positive program that we
2 have on the Mendocino, and we would like to continue on
3 with doing restoration where we can and providing a good
4 quality system for users on the ground.

5 So, the other thing that we had mentioned in
6 that particular item was master performers, which Jeff
7 Applegate and Matt Piper are. And I don't believe some
8 of the new State staff understood maybe the term that we
9 were using as our -- our great skills that we have on
10 the forest of those people who have been around a long
11 time and are looked at Forest Service-wide as the
12 Masters or knowing how to do it right, and they are
13 asked to come to other forests to help with their
14 programs.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

17 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
18 Riders Association. First I'd like to commend the
19 Mendocino National Forest on their grants request here.
20 They've got roughly 50 percent more of their request for
21 non-CESA than for CESA. Therefore, they realize that
22 putting the money into efforts on the ground is going to
23 be a big benefit to the OHV community.

24 With that said, though, on their grant request
25 for restoration for the Sled Ridge bypass trail, the

2 good alternate route.

3 I've failed to find any place in their writeup
4 that mentioned anything about work on the actual Sled
5 Ridge Trail. Maybe it's been done in the past. I don't
6 know, maybe we can get the spokesman from the forest to
7 comment on that. Thank you.

8 BRENT SCHORADT: Brent Schoradt with the
9 California Wilderness Coalition. If you look at the --
10 the first Criteria in the application, it says they were
11 given 28 out of 40. It says that the application will
12 restore a hill climb that has the potential to deliver
13 sediment into a creek that provides critical spawning
14 habitat.

15 And I think it's -- it's clear that, you know,
16 illegally created hill climb does not require a --
17 another illegally created alternate route.

18 So -- but I also think it's clear that they did
19 a very good job of explaining exactly what the project
20 is going to do and the benefits that it will provide.
21 So, we recommend at least a 38 point score out of 40 for
22 the first one, which would give them a total of 84 for
23 the project. That's a ten-point increase over what they
24 have now.

25 Thanks.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.
2 Hollister.

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3 JOHN PELONIO: BLM - Hollister Field Office,
4 San Benito Mountain. The requested amount is 179,410.
5 The score was 69, with a 60 percent determination, which
6 would be 107,646.

7 BRIAN WHITE: Good afternoon. Brian White,
8 Hollister Field Office, BLM. I've been the Clear Creek
9 Project Coordinator down there for several years.

10 I'd just like the opportunity -- since I
11 haven't been getting up and speaking on all of our
12 grants, I didn't realize we'd get the opportunity today
13 to do agency speaking here.

14 So, we made a lot of progress in the area and I
15 was really hopefully that we could possibly squeeze
16 another point or two out of this to receive a
17 significant chunk more in that grant category since
18 there is a lot of leftover, quote-unquote, in that
19 restoration category.

20 We have utilized the SCA programs due to a
21 conservation association. And also some volunteer labor
22 on the project. It's also been very difficult
23 logistically so we've been combining it with other
24 duties out there, and other projects.

25 So, I feel that we may have been shorted a

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1 little bit in the efficient use of funds category.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

4 JAY WATSON: Members of the Commission, Jay
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5 Watson, SCA. I would, I guess, also encourage you to --
6 to remove this one from the Consent Calendar and
7 re-score it to get some additional funding. We are very
8 interested in returning to the Hollister area in the --
9 in the coming year, and when we do so on all of these
10 projects on a -- on a cost share basis, monies that we
11 bring to the table, as well from private donors and
12 foundations and such, and that would allow us to
13 maximize those efforts.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

16 BRENT SCHORADT: Brent Schoradt with the
17 California Wilderness Coalition. Again, number 1,
18 project Category 1, I think it's worth actually reading
19 what that category is.

20 The project must benefit critical environmental
21 resources and/or address resource damage.

22 And all they have to do is address one of the
23 following. They definitely addressed more than one and
24 this area is in the San Benito Mountain Research Natural
25 Area. And it's also -- contains significant and rare

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1 bird populations and the San Benito Evening Primrose, as
2 well as the application describes reduction of sediment
3 and heavy metal transport into surface waters, riparian
4 habitat and reduction of erosion into perennial creeks.

5 We think they did a sufficient job of -- of

6 describing what the project's going to do and what the
7 benefits will be. They deserve a perfect score because
8 they did more than one of -- of the -- of the following.

9 So, we would give them 40 out of 40, which
10 would increase their score by nine points. So, we hope
11 it can be pulled from the Consent.

12 Thanks.

13 JANELLE MILLER: Commissioner Brissenden.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yes.

15 JANELLE MILLER: I feel that I will just need
16 to stress again, this issue keeps coming up about, you
17 know, I addressed one or more. And it is not quantity,
18 it is quality, and the depth of the response which is
19 how they were scored.

20 So, I just really need to stress that and that,
21 yes, there were examples that really, really provided
22 detail and specificity and others that did not. So,
23 that's why there's a variation in the scoring.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Sierra.

25 JOHN PELONIO: U. S. Forest Service - Sierra

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1 National Forest. Requested amount \$98,077. A score of
2 62, determination of 60 percent, which would lead to
3 \$58,846.

4 BRENT SCHORADT: I am Brent Schoradt with the
5 California Wilderness Coalition. Maybe I'll stop
6 repeating that.

7 Yes, this grant, again they filled out -- they

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8 did a sufficient job, we feel, of filling out more than
9 one. And we think they did an adequate job. And so, we
10 think at least 35 out of 40 on category 1.

11 For category 2 they also addressed one or more
12 of the following with -- with sufficient content. I
13 thought they deserved 15 out of 15.

14 And then on the last category, again they
15 needed one of the following and we felt they did a
16 sufficient job.

17 So, we wanted to boost them from 12 to 18,
18 which would give them a total of 25 new points and total
19 score of 87 for the -- for the grant.

20 Thanks.

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Hollister Field Office.

22 JOHN PELONIO: BLM - Hollister Field Office,
23 Clear Creek. Requested amount was 42,450. Score was
24 59, 50 percent determination which leads to \$21,225.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: El dorado.

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1 JOHN PELONIO: U. S. Forest Service - El dorado
2 National Forest, Last Chance. \$25,920 was requested.
3 Score was 57, which is 50 percent funding, which would
4 be \$12,960.

5 LESTER LUBETKIN: Lester Lubetkin, El dorado
6 National Forest Recreation Officer. I had turned in
7 a -- a collection of worksheets that identify for a
8 number of our grant applications, including this one,

9 OR 2 E 80, a description of the elements that we thought
10 were adequately addressed within the application that
11 identified the page number.

12 In particular, some of the information was also
13 in another section of the application that you did not
14 receive, which is towards the end of the -- of each of
15 the sections. The recommended score, we felt that the
16 project deserved a 100 and we would request that it be
17 removed from the Consent Calendar.

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

20 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach, Center for
21 Sierra Nevada Conservation.

22 On this one we think that under Criteria 1 it
23 should have gotten 35 out of 40. Criteria 2 it should
24 have had a full 15 points. Criteria 3, 24 additional
25 points?

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1 Anyway, a total of 81. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Mendocino.

3 JOHN PELONIO: I believe there's another --

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Oh, I'm sorry.

5 JOHN PELONIO: El dorado.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yes.

7 JOHN PELONIO: Ellis Restoration.

8 U. S. Forest Service - El dorado National
9 Forest. Ellis -- requested amount was \$26,719. Score
10 was 56, for a 50 percent funding, which would be

11 \$13,360.

12 LESTER LUBETKIN: Thank you again. Lester
13 Lubetkin, El Dorado National Forest Recreation Officer.

14 Along with the collection of worksheets that
15 were turned in was one for OR TE 75, which is the Ellis
16 Restoration Project. I identified in there the specific
17 pages where individual Criteria were addressed and the
18 specific information we felt demonstrated that we had
19 met that Criteria. And a suggested score of 100 for
20 this. And, again, we request that this one be removed
21 from the Consent Calendar.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: A perfect score, Lester?
23 Is that possible here?

24 KAREN SHAUMACH: Karen Schambach, Center for
25 Sierra Nevada Conservation. I'm also on the Rubicon

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1 Oversight Committee, and I agree with Mr. Lubetkin that
2 this project should have gotten full score.

3 I went back through the grant and I -- I think
4 they answered everything more than sufficiently.

5 In addition, you know, this is an area where --
6 where users and the -- the County and the Forest Service
7 and the environmentalists are all working very hard
8 together to -- to try to upgrade the area and correct
9 the environment -- there is very significant
10 environmental damage up there. And everybody is working
11 very hard to address it.

12 And I think that this is a very good project
13 and it does deserve full funding.

14 Thanks.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

16 BRENT SCHORADT: Brent with the California
17 Wilderness Coalition.

18 I sort of re-scored the grants here and ended
19 up with a total of 87 points, so I'm a little bit of
20 a -- little bit of a tough sell, I guess. A little bit
21 of -- a little bit tougher than our previous speakers.

22 But I still think it's a good grant. I found
23 31 additional points that could be added and a new score
24 of 87.

25 And, again, it was the same issue of, you know,

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1 that we have full paragraph answers here under each of
2 the -- each of the -- each of the possibilities. When
3 it says you must do more, we have in-depth answers for
4 each one. And then they're not fully scored.

5 So, we recommend boosting the score. Thanks.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Lois.

7 LOIS SILVERNAIL: Lois Silvernail, I'm from
8 CORVA. I'm also a member of the group up there. And I
9 personally participated in some of the Ellis Creek stuff
10 last year.

11 This is the one area in this whole state that
12 we really work. We've got the volunteer groups. We've
13 got the County. And we've got the Feds all working

14 together. It's a great area and we're working real hard
15 on taking care of our problems, which there's a lot of,
16 I agree with Karen on this, up there at Ellis.

17 But I really want you to take -- and let's take
18 another look at this grant. They really do deserve the
19 money and we're doing it, and we're doing a good job of
20 what we get. We're showing as deliverables in the sense
21 of what money is there to use. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thanks.

23 JOHN PELONIO: U. S. Forest Service -
24 Mendocino National Forest, Butter Trail. Requested
25 amount was \$5,914. The score was 52, 50 percent funding

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1 would be \$2,957.

2 JACK HORNER: Jack Horner, Forest Recreation
3 Officer on the Mendocino National Forest. We also
4 submitted a re-scoring sheet on this one and would
5 recommend that the -- the Commission look at the first
6 item which says, "This project is located within a 30-
7 to 40-year-old mixed conifer plantation. The main
8 objective of the project is to close a non-compliant
9 section of trail which is at -- waylaid in the
10 stabilization and conservation of soil resources, and to
11 assure our compliance with the Forest Service best
12 management practices."

13 On the last one, the Criteria number 5, it
14 talks about physical accountability. And Mendocino was

15 one of the forests that provided for the region the
16 format that we're currently using to display to the
17 State staff and to the Commissioners where we -- we
18 stand with all of our current grants and the funding
19 that has been used.

20 Our fiscal people helped develop that after a
21 number of audits. We recognize they are -- our -- our
22 fiscal responsibilities and we want to play fair with
23 the system.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Plumas.

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1 JOHN PELONIO: U. S. Forest Service - Plumas
2 National Forest. Requested amount, 212,000. The score
3 was 42. 40 percent funding, which would be 84,800.

4 FRED KRUEGER: Good afternoon. Fred Krueger
5 from the Plumas National Forest. My staff and I were --
6 were somewhat new -- I'm not as new but my other staff
7 is newer at preparing this -- this portion of the
8 application.

9 And I just want to relate -- have the
10 opportunity to relate to the Commissioners, we've
11 received restoration grants for the last two years. The
12 first grant being worth \$700,000 with a completion
13 target of 77 miles of -- of road closures, 400 feet of
14 stream bank and 68 acres of illegal riding in meadows,
15 et cetera.

16 And my engineering crews that I direct and

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17 provide the leadership for have accomplished that. On
18 the mileage, we're in the process of completing the last
19 ten miles out of that 77 target, as we speak. I've been
20 on the ground and seen this work being done.

21 The -- the second grant was for \$314,000 last
22 year for 44 miles of road closure. We have four of that
23 done to date and we're on target to complete the balance
24 of that by '09 in -- in the -- by the end of the time
25 line for that grant.

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1 So, we're attempting to provide a -- a balanced
2 program, whether it's route designation or restoration
3 or trail maintenance as we hear my staff and I -- and my
4 other staff will be presenting some of these, as well.

5 I think that the scores could have been
6 increased for the first two Criteria. I think we have
7 to look at the whole package where we had explained some
8 of it in CEQA, as well as -- as well as in the second
9 Criteria it could be increased due to the reduction or
10 the -- reduction in cost or the efficiencies that my
11 folks do -- with my road crews doing this work. And
12 we've been very, very efficient in getting this work
13 done.

14 So, we would like to have this removed from the
15 Consent Calendar, and I would provide you some of this
16 additional information.

17 That's where we're at with this one. Thank

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18 you.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

20 BRENT SCHORADT: Brent with the California
21 Wilderness Coalition. And I agree that Categories 1 and
22 2 could -- could be improved at the -- the scores -- you
23 know, that the application deserves higher scores than
24 it got.

25 One thing to point out is the -- under the

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1 projects benefits to critical environmental resources,
2 Ram Creek, which is in the project area as mentioned, is
3 critical habitat for the California red-legged frog.
4 So, I think it's -- that in and of itself shows that
5 there are going to be critical environmental benefits
6 before this project.

7 I think that deserves at least a 35 out of 40
8 on the -- on the first category. It was previously
9 scored at 27.

10 And then I think they did a good job. They
11 answered every -- every one of the potential options in
12 Category 2, and I think they deserve at least a 13 out
13 of 35, which would give them 11 additional points and a
14 total score of 53.

15 So, hopefully you'll take that into
16 consideration. Thanks.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

18 Redding.

19 JOHN PELONIO: BLM - Redding Field Office,
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20 Chappie restoration. Requested amount was \$36,450. The
21 score was 37, with a zero percent funding determination.

22 SKY ZAFFARANO: Sky Zaffarano, Redding BLM
23 Field Office. On evaluation Criteria 1 we received a
24 score, a recommended score of 10 out of 40. And I feel
25 that we adequately answered 1A sufficient to get a -- a

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1 score of 25 out of 40, which would give us an increased
2 total score of 52 out of 100.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

4 BRENT SCHORADT: Brent with the California
5 Wilderness Coalition. I agree with the previous speaker
6 that, you know, I think 25 out of 40 is definitely
7 warranted instead of 10 out of 40, because they did
8 sufficiently answer the first part of critical
9 environmental benefits, and -- and that's at least, you
10 know, 25 out of -- out of 40, which would bring their
11 total score to 52.

12 Thanks.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. The
14 Sacramento restoration.

15 JOHN PELONIO: BLM - Redding Field Office,
16 Sacramento restoration. Requested amount, \$27,750.
17 Score was 29, the -- zero percent determination.

18 SKY ZAFFARANO: Sky Zaffarano, Redding BLM
19 Field Office. This is basically the same situation. We
20 received a score of 15 out of 40 on evaluation Criteria

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21 1, and if you review the application, I feel that our
22 answer to 1A is sufficient to receive a score of at
23 least 15 out of 40, which would increase our overall
24 total to 44 out of 100.

25 BRENT SCHORADT: I'm going to see the

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1 gentleman's 15 and raise him 10, and recommend that --
2 that section -- the first question gets a score of 25.
3 I think it's important to point out that this Sacramento
4 restoration area is at the very entrance of a proposed
5 national recreation area for -- for the Sacramento --
6 for the Sacramento River in -- up near Cottonwood. And
7 I think this -- this grant deserves to be scored. It's
8 an important area to protect. So, that would raise the
9 score to 54.

10 Thanks.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Other
12 comments?

13 The Humboldt.

14 JOHN PELONIO: U. S. Forest Service -
15 Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Requested amount
16 \$55,364. A score of 27, the determination of zero
17 percent funding.

18 DAVID REECE: Good afternoon, Commission.
19 David Reece, landscape architect, Humboldt-Toiyabe
20 National Forest.

21 This is the very first restoration grant that
22 the Humboldt-Toiyabe has prepared. The first one is

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23 almost the most painful. We had some difficulty in
24 addressing all of the questions on the analysis and
25 project needs and benefits.

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1 We are asking that this project be removed from
2 the Consent Calendar now that we have learned our
3 painful lessons. So, thank you for listening.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Mendocino.

5 Comments --

6 BRENT SCHORADT: I'll just say ditto.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yeah.

8 BRENT SCHORADT: Okay. Ditto.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: We need to -- we need to
10 have the introduction on the Mendocino.

11 Were you coming in on the Humboldt-Toiyabe?

12 BRENT SCHORADT: I'm coming in on the
13 Humboldt-Toiyabe.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I'm sorry.

15 BRENT SCHORADT: I agree that it should be
16 removed from the Consent Calendar.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

18 BRENT SCHORADT: I agree. Say ditto.

19 JOHN PELONIO: U. S. Forest Service - Mendocino
20 National Forest, Tomes Creek restoration. Requested
21 amount was 75,680. The score was 23, with a zero
22 percent determination.

23 JACK HORNER: Jack Horner, Forest Recreation

24 Officer on the Mendocino National Forest. And in case I
25 haven't said it on the last other two grants, Mendocino

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1 grants, restoration grants, we would like them removed
2 from the Consent Calendar because with the money
3 available I would -- we would like to make a pitch to
4 the full Commission that we think our funding -- our
5 score should be higher and we think we have the
6 information on the sheets that we've provided you today.

7 So we would like to see a scoring of 80 points
8 for a total of \$60,000 in -- in funding on this.

9 This particular area is one of our back country
10 areas in our land management plan from 1995 where we
11 identified non-motorized horse- and foot-type trail
12 activity in this area.

13 In the inventory that was done for the route
14 designation, we found a number of trespasses that are
15 going on by motorized equipment. Over the years we've
16 been posting and trying to keep them out of there. We
17 continue to do that. But in this particular grant
18 application we're asking for a way to figure out exactly
19 what to do permanently to -- to keep that area closed to
20 motorized traffic.

21 So, with that we would like to see those pulled
22 off of the Consent Calendar.

23 BRENT SCHORADT: Brent Schoradt with the
24 California Wilderness Coalition.

25 I'd just like to second the comments on this --

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1 on this project. And I think I mentioned this in the
2 public comments, this is one of the grants that for some
3 reason has been zeroed out because it's considered a
4 planning restoration grant, because they're trying to go
5 in and figure out what exactly they can do for the long
6 term to protect this area, which has been decided upon
7 by a public process that it's not going to be open to
8 vehicles, but yet there's been intrusion.

9 So it's probably one of the most important
10 grants in the restoration category today, if not the
11 most important.

12 And really the -- the Criteria doesn't say they
13 didn't do a good job filling out the application, it
14 just says that they can't fund planning, which they can
15 fund planning if you look at the regulations.

16 So, this is critically important that this is
17 removed from the Consent Calendar and considered by the
18 full Commission.

19 Thanks.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. El dorado.

21 JOHN PELONIO: Final restoration project.

22 U. S. Forest Service - El dorado National Forest.

23 Requested amount was \$162,186. The score was
24 18, with a zero percent funding determination.

25 LESTER LUBETKIN: Good morning. Lester

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1 Lubetkin, Eldorado National Forest Recreation Officer.
2 This project, similar to the Mendocino project, is a --
3 is for planning for restoration. We -- I submitted as
4 part of the package the description of the various
5 elements and the information that we felt showed where
6 the -- these various Criteria had been addressed.

7 In particular, I want to raise a couple of
8 points. One being that the Division's procedural
9 guidance identifies specifically that restoration funds
10 can be used for planning purposes or, in particular for
11 the NEPA, which is exactly what this project is.

12 It's the subsequent implementation efforts to
13 actually implement our -- our route designation
14 decision, which is expected again in -- this spring.

15 And this would allow us to address those
16 unauthorized routes that are not part of the designated
17 system. The -- again, to keep it short our -- the
18 recommendation in the worksheet shows that we feel that
19 we met full -- full points for all the categories for a
20 score of 100. Thank you.

21 And again request that this be removed from the
22 Consent Calendar.

23 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach, Center for
24 Sierra Nevada Conservation. I have to disagree with Mr.
25 Schoradt. I think this is the most important

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1 restoration grant. The -- you know, we all know the --
2 the lag time between planning something and implementing
3 it. The Eldorado does expect to have their route
4 designation completed this spring.

5 We don't want to wait two or three years to --
6 to start, you know, planning the restoration of routes
7 that aren't going to be used. By -- by, you know, going
8 ahead and having the -- the grant ready and being able
9 to do the restoration will save money on law enforcement
10 and maintenance and all kinds of things.

11 I think part of the problem here, although I do
12 think they should have scored higher than they do, is
13 that the Criteria for restoration may not necessarily be
14 a good fit for the planning for restoration.

15 Nevertheless, I think that in Category 1 that
16 they -- where they got zero out of 40, they should have
17 gotten full -- full points there, should have gotten 50
18 there. I think they should have gotten full points for
19 number 2, which, you know, you must address one or more
20 of the following and they -- they certainly did that.
21 And I think they did it sufficiently.

22 And for item 3, again identify one in the
23 following three categories, I think they should have
24 gotten full fund -- full scores there, as well. I can
25 see where it would be a little difficult to score a

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1 planning one using the existing Criteria.

2 Nonetheless, I think that they -- they fit it
3 well and encourage that this grant get full funding,
4 especially if you look at -- there's three -- over three
5 and a half million dollars left in this pot. You know,
6 not to fund something like this that's this important
7 when there's more than enough money just -- it doesn't
8 make sense.

9 Thanks.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

11 LOIS SILVERNAIL: Good morning. Lois
12 Silvernail from CORVA. Again, I have to reiterate kind
13 of what Karen Schambach said. This is real important
14 now that we've got our route designations and that
15 they're to take a look at the non-serial ones and what
16 are we going to do with them? We need to plan for that.

17 And the restoration grant does ask for the
18 planning process and it is allowed within the Criteria.
19 So, we ask that if nothing else, then let us resubmit it
20 and that -- and meet all the Criteria in that.

21 So, thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

23 So that completes the comments on restoration.

24 Any comments from the Commission?

25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I have some questions.

1 I'm afraid to ask.

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2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Don't be afraid here.
3 Nobody is slinging anything, I don't think.

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. It's -- it's my
5 understanding that -- that we're required by the
6 legislation to have a certain dollar amount for
7 restoration. What happens to this leftover as it goes
8 back in the kitty and it's sort of an unfunded
9 obligation or liability? Is that the way it works?

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: There's a trust account
11 that it goes --

12 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I see.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- sits in that we can
14 spend it at another --

15 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Why can't -- why can't
16 we apply some -- some math to this, Algebra I think,
17 and -- and take the -- the money that's -- would go back
18 to that trust fund and just divvy it up to these --

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: That's a possibility.
20 There has been some back channel discussion about the
21 planning that has been referenced in, I think, a number
22 of conversations here already, about bringing forward
23 those planning --

24 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Well, that's a
25 different --

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- requests that are
2 really restoration oriented.

3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Well, yeah, that was my
4 next --

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- that would be the end
6 of this --

7 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, that's -- but
8 that's separate. That's -- well, what I'm suggesting --
9 that's a good point and I -- I like that idea, but what
10 I'm wondering, it's really a question, can we -- instead
11 of having this money go into that trust fund, can you
12 reallocate it to the applicants?

13 TIM LA FRANCHI: The Public Resources Code that
14 addresses this restricts 30 percent of the funds that go
15 into the CESA account to restoration.

16 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Correct.

17 TIM LA FRANCHI: That means that -- this money
18 is that 30 percent that's been identified. That money
19 can't be spent for anything else.

20 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Understood.

21 TIM LA FRANCHI: So, it has to -- it has to
22 stay in -- in that account and be accounted for. So I'm
23 not --

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Gary's question is can we
25 just redistribute it --

1 TIM LA FRANCHI: No.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- amongst all the
3 applicants that are --

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: We -- we had
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5 applicants --

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- already in that
7 category.

8 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, we had applicants
9 asking for almost \$6.1 million. We've scored them and
10 we've said we're going to give them only 3.8. That
11 leaves us with \$3.6 million in our pocket that we're
12 just going to stick in an account somewhere.

13 What I'm asking is why can't we take that 3.6
14 and try to -- to fund the difference that we -- we just
15 chose not to fund?

16 TIM LA FRANCHI: Again, if you find in your
17 review of the fact -- you know, the applications, the
18 factual basis for the scoring that there's a -- a basis
19 for adjusting the scores on the merits of the
20 applications, then that would -- that's what would
21 result in the redistribution of the funding through the
22 re-scoring process.

23 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. I guess I'm
24 trying to make it a lot simpler and just spend the
25 money.

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1 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Double down.

2 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: You know. I mean, let's
3 look at someone that got 80 percent. So, they scored
4 really high, so they should get a little bit more money
5 what then -- of what's -- what's left over than someone

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6 that got a 40 percent or a 50 percent. It should be
7 adjusted that way. I'm just trying to spend the money
8 instead of having it go sitting in an account. There's
9 probably all -- a lot of real worthy projects. But I --

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Commissioners, will -- if
11 I could suggest, I think what Tim is suggesting is that
12 we have to do it with some thoughtful --

13 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Well, are you
14 suggesting --

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- justification.

16 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: -- I'm not being
17 thoughtful?

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: No, no, thoughtful
19 justification.

20 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I thought a lot about
21 this.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: No, no, no. No, no,
23 thoughtful for each cat -- each applicant. So, that --
24 so that there's justification and -- and we also have
25 had a staff review that we want to be fairly careful

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1 about the time and energy they put into it and -- and
2 the reconsiderations for each one.

3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: No -- yeah, I -- I
4 appreciate that.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Not have a blanket
6 reject.

7 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay, I appreciate that

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8 and maybe there's another way, but again I'm just trying
9 to get the money spent. I think that's what --

10 TIM LA FRANCHI: I understand that. I think,
11 you know, from a technical legal perspective we have a
12 process that's been spelled out. That's what the
13 applicants -- the public expects. Not that your idea is
14 bad or -- I'm not going to evaluate it at this point,
15 but if your idea, say, was good and the Commission
16 wanted to pursue it, we'd have to look at building in an
17 alternative method into our procedure for next year.

18 We will be looking at changes to the -- to the
19 regulations based on input. I think Chairman Brissenden
20 mentioned that in -- in January. So, every year this is
21 an iterative process. So if that idea gains some
22 traction and, you know, we -- that then we would look at
23 how to address that in the amendments to the regulation
24 package --

25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, I --

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1 TIM LA FRANCHI: -- and how we do it for the
2 future.

3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I'd like us to look at
4 that because this has been happening every year, is my
5 understanding. So, I think that there's some need.

6 And then the other point you mentioned is -- is
7 a good one, as well, and that is transferring planning
8 from the non-CESA over into restoration. That would

9 significantly move the -- the cut line up, getting in
10 some other projects in the other category.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I think this needs full
12 discussion at the full Commission.

13 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So I mean I --

15 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I just wanted to get it
16 out there.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yeah, no, no, I think
18 that we need that discussion.

19 Commissioner Priznich.

20 COMMISSIONER PRIZNICH: Yeah, I -- with all --
21 taking in regard what -- what you're saying, because I
22 went through the December -- as some of us did, went
23 through the December 2005 Commission meeting where --
24 where the issue of providing adequate rationale for
25 changing these Criteria was called into question.

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1 So, I mean, I understand and appreciate what
2 counsel is saying. But part of the reason we have a --
3 a -- just in terms of thinking it through, part of the
4 reason we have a scoring Criteria at all is because we
5 have more grants to be funded than we have money.

6 In this case it's just the opposite. So, I
7 would think there -- there could be a rationale to -- to
8 loosen the -- you know, the -- the need for being as
9 specific in this case and -- and keep our specificity in
10 the other case, because we -- we've got a lot more --

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11 more grants. We've got to whittle it down. In this
12 case it's -- it's less incumbent upon us doing that.

13 So, I'm not suggesting it, I'm just saying that
14 I think it's a -- you know, the money is there and it's
15 just sitting there, and it would be marvelous if we
16 could -- we could utilize it in --

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: The landscape would
18 appreciate it.

19 I think that -- whether we loosen the Criteria,
20 I think it's a learning curve that's been now two years,
21 and I think with new staff -- with further direction
22 from this Commission to either reallocate, and I would
23 suggest we do that at the December meeting.

24 And I know that Chief Phil over here wants to
25 chime in. So, --

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1 PHIL JENKINS: Just briefly on that concept of
2 moving money out of the restoration bucket that we have
3 right now, the problem with -- that would be created is
4 that if we were to take 3 million, 4 million, whatever
5 was not spent currently in the restoration bucket for
6 this grant cycle and move that to non-restoration
7 spending, the obligation for that money remains.

8 And so the danger there is that you end up with
9 an obligation that is now unfunded. And so we've been
10 very careful over the years with the Division to make
11 sure that that obligation that rolls forward year by

12 year does actually have the cash in the bank to cover
13 those obligations. Because at some point, you know,
14 perhaps later in the route designation process or
15 whatever, there will be more restoration project needs
16 coming before us, and if the money is not in the bank to
17 cover that obligation we'll be in quite a bind.

18 And so, right now that's the danger is any
19 money that you move from the restoration bucket creates
20 then a deficit situation where we don't have the cash in
21 the bank to cover the legal obligation that we have to
22 spend that money on restoration project.

23 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I don't think I was
24 suggesting moving the restoration money from one bucket
25 to the other, because we have -- we have applications

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1 that are restoration applications that are going to go
2 away not completely funded. So, my -- my suggestion is
3 that we -- we increase the funding of the restoration
4 applications that we have in front of us, because right
5 now we are not getting 80 percent, some are getting 60
6 percent, and so that's leaving a -- a surplus of
7 \$3.6 million.

8 So, I'm suggesting let's find a way to take
9 that \$3.6 million and increase the funding level of the
10 restoration grants themselves, so it's staying within
11 the same bucket. I'm not suggesting taking it out at
12 all, just using all the money for all the applications
13 that have come forth.

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14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: In addition, I think
15 there was a suggestion that we pull some of those
16 restoration oriented planning --

17 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- applications and put
19 those into restoration. That would work.

20 PHIL JENKINS: So, I see in my -- I apologize
21 for misunderstanding. So, you're talking about
22 basically taking the curve and moving the curve --

23 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: That's exactly right.

24 PHIL JENKINS: Right.

25 And, you know, we would have to look closely at

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1 the regulations to make sure we are not violating the
2 process if we do that.

3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Commissioner Pri zmi ch
4 has made the real point here, and that is that this
5 Criteria and scoring has been devised because we've had
6 more applications for money. So, it's -- it's
7 competitive. But in this particular category that's not
8 the case; the opposite is true. So, we really don't
9 need at this time to have that competitive scoring
10 applied to this category. There needs to be some method
11 of determining who gets what, I agree, but it's not --
12 it's not the same motivation that we have with the other
13 categories where we just have limited funds.

14 TIM LA FRANCHI: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I guess we are opening
16 this up for discussion. Go ahead.

17 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
18 Four-Wheel Drive Association. I wasn't going to
19 discuss, I was going to clarify, since I've been around
20 since dirt came about, it seems like. That is
21 exactly -- your idea is exactly what -- how it got us
22 into this mess. It was not that many years ago that I
23 set out here in the audience and the Commission had more
24 money than they had projects all the way through it,
25 whether it was law enforcement, trail maintenance,

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1 whatever. So, they fully funded every project they got,
2 basically, unless it was just totally an illegal
3 project.

4 There were people in the community, and I'm not
5 trying to label environmentalists or OHV people -- there
6 were just people in the community that said, wait a
7 minute, why are we giving money to something that it
8 doesn't enhance or may be detrimental to an area?

9 So, then all of a sudden we started getting --
10 and us as the OHV community went out to these agencies
11 and said, "You guys need to put in for these grants. We
12 got this money that's sitting there and it keeps getting
13 rolled over," and a couple of Governors borrowed it at
14 different times. We lost 21 million one year because
15 they moved it to another fund.

16 So, I understand what you're saying. But I

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17 also -- at some point restoration may have more grants
18 than they have money, the same way we've got law
19 enforcement and trail maintenance now.

20 I just wanted to make the Commission aware of
21 what happened in the past, that we had the same issue
22 10 -- 15 years ago. And at that time we decided to do
23 what you're suggesting.

24 I'm all for funding and using all that
25 restoration money that we can. I just don't think since

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1 we've got a competitive process that -- I mean if you
2 can come up with numbers to justify bringing those
3 scores up, great, I'm all for it. I'll support 100
4 percent. But doing a blanket, I -- I think you're going
5 to get yourself in trouble.

6 Thank you.

7 PHIL JENKINS: That is correct. One other --

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay, before you start
9 on --

10 PHIL JENKINS: Just one other comment. We have
11 been trying to address that very issue that you're
12 describing about that excess money that is in that
13 obligation for restoration, and that is why at the last
14 meeting we discussed that restoration spending plan to
15 try to find a systematic way to best get that money out
16 on the ground.

17 And so, you know, I would recommend that we let

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18 that process play out because that is a systematic way
19 to try to, without changing the grant process here, find
20 a way to get that money back out and back available for
21 qualified restoration projects.

22 So --

23 ED WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, District 37 and
24 CORVA. The Gas Tax Study -- you need to please ask
25 staff to get you the Gas Tax study so we can look back

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1 and see what these numbers are. We are hooked in
2 because of these arbitrary numbers that came up a long
3 time ago. That 30 percent and a 70 percent of a 30
4 percent which is haunting us, which only was supposed to
5 haunt us one year, now we are at year five. That is the
6 culprit of everything that's hurting us terribly.

7 The money in the restoration, you can't touch
8 it. That's a dead issue. We need to get more money
9 into the grants. Instead of 18 million, let's see if we
10 can get 20 million into the grants program. Out of a
11 \$64 million program, out of the State of California only
12 18 million go into the grants. That's deplorable.

13 But we need to get that Gas Tax study and
14 figure out how we're going to do the allocation next
15 year. That's where -- that's where the whole idea --

16 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I've never seen it.

17 ED WALDHEIM: You never invited me to look it
18 over.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I haven't seen it,

20 either.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: We are -- it's the
22 Governor's office. We are not going to see it until
23 after the election.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: How astute.

25 Okay, Mr. Pickett.

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1 DAVE PICKETT: Certainly.

2 Certainly. Thank you.

3 Maybe Mr. LaFranchi can qualify this for me.
4 Division's determinations are basically just
5 recommendations. And you as Commissioners can make the
6 final decision of up or down to address what Gary was
7 talking about. My understanding is you have a quorum
8 today. If you so desire you could make your motion to
9 fund this 100 percent even if Division only recommended
10 zero. Is that correct?

11 TIM LA FRANCHI: No.

12 DAVE PICKETT: It is not correct?

13 TIM LA FRANCHI: No.

14 DAVE PICKETT: Okay. Thank you for that
15 clarification.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Our action is to
17 recommend.

18 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I was feeling the power,
19 though. I was feeling the power.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Ooh, you can be

21 dangerous.

22 Okay, can I have a motion with regards to
23 restoration, with a recommendation. I would hint
24 towards taking them all off so we can really consider it
25 and with the assistance from staff we will come back at

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1 this, but I really do think we need to look at the --

2 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: That's an excellent
3 idea.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, it's been moved and
5 seconded that all restoration come off the Consent.

6 All those in favor.

7 IN UNISON: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

9 Lunch is being served. We'll take about a
10 ten-minute -- maybe 15-minute break to gather sustenance
11 and come back at about ten after 1:00. And we will
12 consider non-CESA as our category.

13 (Whereupon the luncheon recess was taken.)

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15 AFTERNOON SESSION

16 P. M.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: For those who -- we had a
18 wonderful staff, we have 51 grants behind us and 61 to
19 go. Is that about right?

20 PHIL JENKINS: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So with all this
22 wonderful practice this morning, and with about 80

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23 percent reduction in population in our audience --
24 who was selling the tickets for the afternoon show,
25 anyway?

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Janelle, if you'll
2 introduce the staff person responsible for non-CESA, we
3 will proceed.

4 JANELLE MILLER: Next we have non-CESA and that
5 will be introduced by Larry Bellucci, Grant
6 Administrator.

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1 NON-CESA GRANTS

2 LARRY BELLUCCI: I will talk about -- by
3 introducing the Acquisition, Development and Equipment
4 Grant. For non-CESA the total requested amount was
5 \$22,261,539. The Division's funding target for non-CESA
6 was \$5.5 million. That leaves a difference of unfunded
7 grants in the amount of \$16,761,539.

8 The first project is BLM - Redding Field Office
9 acquisition. Requested amount was \$537,300. With a
10 score of 43 and a funding determination of 40 percent,
11 for \$214,920.

12 SKY ZAFFARANO: Sky Zaffarano, Redding BLM
13 Field Office. I've submitted a written rationale for an
14 increase on this project to 64 out of a hundred.
15 And just appreciate if you'd read it and consider that
16 in making your decision.

17 I'd like to remove it from Consent to make that
18 increase.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

20 MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: I'm coming.

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: There was a suggestion by
22 this gentleman approaching us that if anybody doesn't
23 want to be off the Consent, don't say anything, just --
24 isn't that what you suggested?

25 We'll leave you on the Consent, so --

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1 MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: Right. I would ask
2 that you pull this one off Consent so that we can
3 reevaluate it in December.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Just -- keep going.

6 LARRY BELLUCCI: The next project is BLM -
7 Hollister Field Office.

8 Wait, wait.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Oh, somebody wants to
10 talk. Where were you?

11 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: Somebody was talking to me
12 and I wasn't paying attention. Sorry.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: It's already off Consent.

14 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: It's on Consent. So, I don't
15 have to talk about it. Maybe we'll talk in December.

16 He did such a good job on this.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You will have another
18 month to improve on it.

19 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: How can you improve on
20 perfection?

21 FRED KRUEGER: Don't go there, John.

22 LARRY BELLUCCI: BLM - Hollister Field Office.
23 A requested amount of \$405,100. It received a score of
24 75, with a funding determination of 70 percent, for
25 \$283,570.

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1 Okay, the next Development project is Plumas
2 National Forest. Requested amount was \$35,000. We
3 received a score of 61, for a funding determination
4 of 60 percent, or \$21,000.

5 DEB SCHOENBERG: For the record, I'm Deb
6 Schoenberg. I'm the Recreation Director for Plumas.
7 I'm asking that we please be removed from the Consent
8 Calendar for reconsideration. This project was for the
9 replacement of two toilets. One that is existing and
10 was damaged last year subsequently by a fallen tree.
11 Crashed down on top of it and damaged the roof
12 structure. And that particular toilet is very critical
13 to our snowmobile program utilized in the benefit area,
14 which is a key snowmobile area.

15 The second toilet that we're asking for
16 assistance with is in a developed campground but that
17 that is a semi-permanent type of use and experience and
18 is predominantly used by hunters and OHV campers in that
19 area.

20 Your first evaluation Criteria, we didn't
21 answer items B, C and D because they were not
22 applicable. However, we did answer the remainder of
23 those questions and we feel that that score should be
24 raised to a 35 rather than a 31.

25 Criteria number 2 discussed one or more of the

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1 following for OHV -- efficient use of OHV funds. And
2 with this application we were stating that the
3 replacement of these toilets will reduce the maintenance
4 costs, especially since the old one in the OHV camp
5 is -- an old style that has to be constantly painted and
6 repaired and maintained with some heavy maintenance.

7 This use is a -- is a more efficient use of
8 appropriated Federal funds as well as OHV funds and so
9 we felt that we answered all of those questions very,
10 very well, and that they were stated in our application
11 very clearly, that the -- that with the advent of
12 improved facilities on this -- with these areas,
13 especially the OHV camp, we would be able to start
14 charging fees at some point, because we meet the
15 Criteria and that we would be able to generate a larger
16 partnership basis for that.

17 But in any case, that we would continue to
18 maintain the facility whether or not we were funded with
19 OHV funds. So, we would like to suggest that that be
20 increased to a 30 out of 30.

21 Item number 3, we'd like to increase that to 15
22 because we said specifically that we will continue to
23 cover the operational costs on that. Because it's
24 presently supported by agency appropriated funds as well
25 as it becoming a future fee site. And that we will

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1 always continue the maintenance on that.

2 So with that we'd like you to please consider
3 our request. Thanks.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Can I ask the
5 timer, what's the -- are we on two minutes or four
6 minutes on the red flag?

7 We are on two, okay. Boost it up to 30
8 seconds.

9 Go ahead.

10 LARRY BELLUCCI: I must apologize. I had a
11 note in front of me I was supposed to read.

12 We need to go back to the BLM - Hollister Field
13 Office development project. I failed to read.

14 The benefit is not categorically exempt. CEQA
15 evaluation is required on this program if the program is
16 to move forward. If the Division approves CEQA -- the
17 further CEQA work, then it will be considered for next
18 year's -- next year's funding. So, I --

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, this is further
20 information since you scored this?

21 LARRY BELLUCCI: Correct. Correct.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, we need to zero it
23 out and put it on Consent --

24 LARRY BELLUCCI: Correct.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- given what you're

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1 telling me right now?

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2 LARRY BELLUCCI: That's correct.

3 BRIAN WHITE: Brian White, BLM Hollister. I
4 was wondering what portion of that grant is in question.

5 LARRY BELLUCCI: I believe Christine Schneider
6 from TRA can better answer that.

7 CHRISTINE SCHNEIDER: Christine Schneider from
8 TRA. We found that this grant wasn't categorically
9 exempt under CEQA because it's a development usage --
10 it's bigger than the categorical exemption in CEQA. It
11 means that it has to go through the next level of CEQA
12 review which is preparing an official study on the
13 specifics of it that aren't categorically exempt.

14 It just has a whole bunch of elements in the
15 development project which are great, but they're just
16 not as a whole considered categorically exempt under
17 State law. And specifics include the -- it's going to
18 have an entrance area widened by 60 feet to four lanes.
19 It's going to replace a manufactured home with another
20 square foot -- 130 square foot modular unit. It's going
21 to grade and develop a primary access road. And it's
22 also -- and this is really kind of the trigger, I guess,
23 if you will, is one of the reasons projects like this
24 can be considered categorically exempt is because they
25 answer "no" to all the six questions.

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1 The questions being presence of threatened or
2 endangered species. Steep slopes. Hazardous materials.

3 Cultural resources. And such. All those six questions
4 that every applicant has to answer in the application.

5 And what this has is it has presence of a
6 Federally listed plant, it's called the San Beni to
7 evening primrose, and I don't think that this project is
8 going to specifically affect this plant.

9 But neither documentation was done on this
10 project in the form of an EA, and so that means that the
11 Feds thought that it was pretty critical to look at it
12 and it wasn't considered categorically exempt under
13 this. And we also made that finding, that it's not
14 categorically exempt.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. So, is there any
16 portion of this grant that could be funded, is the
17 question. No?

18 PHIL JENKINS: The State has the obligation to
19 prepare the CEQA documentation and the CEQA
20 documentation has to be prepared before you as the
21 Commission can make your findings to approve it. So,
22 unless the CEQA documentation is prepared, then it can't
23 go forward.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. Any other comments
25 or questions?

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1 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: You said a NEPA had
2 already been done?

3 PHIL JENKINS: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And an EA.
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5 PHIL JENKINS: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Can't that documentation
7 be used for the CEQA?

8 PHIL JENKINS: That's such a great question. I
9 have talked with the Director of the State Clearing
10 House in Sacramento about that very thing and they say,
11 no. And it has -- it's tied to, believe it or not, the
12 public review period that the CEQA has, and CEQA -- the
13 California Environmental Quality Act, is a full
14 disclosure process. And so, because the State --
15 because the Division is a State agency and has to go
16 through State law, too, and you have to give the public
17 a chance to review the State action, which is actually
18 funding the project -- wish we could.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. Thank you.

20 Well, that's nice to know.

21 So, I think we might need some sidebar on this
22 case. We'll just take you off the Consent and hopefully
23 something will recur by December, or I am sure the other
24 60 million -- or \$16 million would love to have part of
25 that, frankly. One, we are shortfall on this one.

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1 Isn't it shortfall? 16.

2 JANELLE MILLER: Commissioner Brissenden, this
3 is the only grant that is not categorically exempt in
4 the north and we also have one in the south, and that's
5 the two -- only two. And we will be having further

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6 discussions about those.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

8 LARRY BELLUCCI: The next project is U. S.
9 Forest Service - Stanislaus National Forest. It's the
10 last development project. Requested amount is \$30,115,
11 with a score of 36, and a funding determination of zero.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

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1 EQUIPMENT GRANTS

2 LARRY BELLUCCI: Moving on to the Equipment
3 projects.

4 Alpine County Sheriff requested \$42,750. They
5 received a score of 61, for a Division determination of
6 60 percent, \$25,650.

7 Moving on, Calaveras County Sheriff requested
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8 \$18,525. Received a score of 72, for a funding
9 determination of 70 percent. \$12,968.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: El dorado.

11 LARRY BELLUCCI: El dorado National Forest.
12 Requested \$20,460. Received a score of 63 for 60
13 percent funding, for \$12,276.

14 Okay. Next is BLM - Hollister Field Office.
15 Requested \$111,000 and received a score of 49, for a
16 determination of 40 percent, or \$44,400.

17 Next is USFS Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.
18 They requested \$68,000. It received a score of 63 and a
19 funding determination of 60 percent, or 40,800.

20 BRUCE BRAZIL: I'd like -- hello. Okay. I'd
21 like to speak on that one. Bruce Brazil, California
22 Enduro Riders Association. And being that the funding
23 in a lot of these categories is very limited, I'd like
24 to make this comment on it.

25 Out of the \$68,000 requested, the agency's

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1 contributions are only going to be \$2500 and that's just
2 from the trade-in value on a couple of snowmobiles.

3 According to 2003 OHV Commission's policy, and
4 I quote, "Grants should supplement Federal
5 appropriations, however, and should not be used as a
6 surrogate for Federal funding to carry out land
7 management responsibilities."

8 So, I'd say that in this case the Federal

9 Government, the Forestry, should be putting in a larger
10 percentage on the purchase of these items.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

13 DAVE LAVELLE: Dave Lavelle, U. S. Forest,
14 Humboldt-Toiyabe, National Forest Patrol Captain.

15 The information the gentleman gave you is
16 incorrect. It may be correct for 2003, but just last
17 year I bought two snowmobiles and two enclosed trailers
18 out of my appropriated funds. No green sticker money or
19 grant money.

20 So, that's what -- why we did so well. We have
21 matched that money several times over that we've been
22 given in the past.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Is it in your
24 application? Is that information in the -- if not, you
25 may want to --

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1 DAVE LAVELLE: In --

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- submit it.

3 DAVE LAVELLE: In general terms, it is in
4 there. I don't know if we spell out the exact dollar
5 amounts. But, yeah, it's in there.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You might just submit a
7 supplemental.

8 DAVE LAVELLE: Submit a supplemental. Then we
9 will do that, sir.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Brief.

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11 DAVE LAVELLE: Yes, sir. Thank you.

12 LARRY BELLUCCI: Okay. The next project is
13 U. S. Forest Service - Lassen National Forest.
14 Requested \$12,400 And received a score of 42, for a
15 funding determination of 40 percent or \$4,960.

16 ELIZABETH NORTON: Good afternoon,
17 Commissioners. Elizabeth Norton with the Lassen
18 National Forest. I'm the Public Services Officer there.

19 In this particular project it was difficult to
20 match the evaluation Criteria with the project. And
21 we're proposing to purchase two covered trailers for our
22 snowmobiles for law enforcement personnel.

23 And some of the evaluation Criteria that
24 addresses, say, earthmoving equipment, if you were
25 purchasing a SWICO (phonetic) tractor or a Bobcat or

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1 something. The evaluation Criteria did not crosswalk
2 really well with this proposal. And in the future if
3 there is going to be the equipment category and the
4 possibility of applicants coming in here and wanting to
5 purchase earthmoving type equipment, that you may want
6 to consider having separate evaluation Criteria for that
7 type of equipment versus other equipment like a covered
8 snowmobile trailer that does not match well with the
9 current Criteria.

10 If we indicate which Criteria were not
11 applicable, and we did state that in our application, we

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12 would reevaluate our score and come up with a total
13 score of 92.

14 But based on the current Criteria we still feel
15 that the score of 42 is too low. So, we would recommend
16 that be taken off the Consent Calendar.

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Just an
19 advisory. With 16.7 million that didn't get funded
20 being off the Consent, it may not be in your best
21 interest. So, --

22 ELIZABETH NORTON: Well, I know. And the other
23 thing we talked about was just simply dropping this
24 project because it wouldn't allow us to go very far as
25 far as meeting our needs for trailers. But we'll take

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1 our chances.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

3 ELIZABETH NORTON: Thank you, John.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And I -- I have a
5 question for the previous item, for the
6 Humboldt-Toiyabe. You didn't say whether you wanted to
7 be on Consent or off Consent. So -- given what I just
8 said.

9 DAVE LAVELLE: Off Consent.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Off Consent.

11 DAVE LAVELLE: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

13 JANELLE MILLER: Chair. Chair Brisenden.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yes.

15 JANELLE MILLER: I'd just like to make a point.
16 On that last -- for Lassen National Park, just again
17 back on the scoring Criteria, the fact that -- on -- on
18 this it says that the applicant must address one or more
19 of the following. And so, they don't have to address
20 all of those. So, the fact that maybe some of them
21 don't pertain to that particular grant is okay. They
22 don't necessarily lose points for that.

23 So, I just want to stress that again.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. Thank you.

25 DAVE LAVELLE: We don't want to be taken off

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1 Consent then, if it has no effect.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You want to come to the
3 podium so I can clearly hear and so everyone else can?

4 DAVE LAVELLE: If the previous statement is in
5 a moot point, then we wouldn't want to be taken off
6 Consent.

7 If there's nothing to address. I mean if
8 it's -- if it's funded at the 40 percent level or 60
9 percent level then that's acceptable with us. We're not
10 asking for more money. But if it's going to be a matter
11 if we're going to lose points and not be funded, then,
12 yeah, we'll address that issue. Unless the Board wishes
13 to have it addressed, anyway.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So I'm interpreting your

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15 comments to say you want to be on Consent, which would
16 grant -- if -- if we get concurrence you would be then
17 granted those funds recommended by staff.

18 DAVE LAVELLE: Yeah, those funds are fine with
19 our organization.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: We'll see what --

22 LARRY BELLUCCI: The next project is U. S.
23 Forest Service - Mendocino National Forest.

24 They requested \$68,750 and received a score of
25 79, for a funding determination of 70 percent, or

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1 \$48,125.

2 MIKE BERMAN: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
3 My name is Mike Berman. I'm from the Mendocino National
4 Forest, Upper Lake Ranger District. And I'm requesting
5 as far as Criteria number 1 that we up the Division
6 score from 24 to 35. The rationale behind that is the
7 fact that the -- the Mendocino National Forest has
8 contributed a quarter of million dollars within the last
9 ten years to Maintenance Level Two road maintenance.

10 And for your information in case you didn't
11 know, Maintenance Level Two roads are those roads that
12 we allow off-highway vehicles to use as part of our
13 off-highway vehicle recreational experience.

14 Also in Criteria number 3, we would like to
15 raise the Division score from 27 to 28. Sub-item C, the
16 equipment will repair or restore damage and/or extend

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17 the useful life for roads, trails and areas.

18 Many of our past restoration grants that we
19 have been funded, the last two grant cycles, need that
20 piece of equipment to actually implement those projects.
21 So, getting that piece of equipment would be critical in
22 carrying out those particular projects, not to mention
23 that the Eldorado also hosts five AMA-sanctioned
24 enduros and one dual sport every year.

25 And that takes a toll on our trail system. So,

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1 in order to maintain the soil loss standards per the
2 Division's requirements, we would like to up the total
3 score from 79 to 86.

4 Any questions?

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

7 LARRY BELLUCCI: Next up is U. S. Forest
8 Service - Plumas National Forest. They requested
9 \$70,000. Received a score of 41, and a funding
10 determination of 40 percent, or \$28,000.

11 DEB SCHOENBERG: For the record, my name is Deb
12 Schoenberg again. I'm here to request that we be
13 removed from the Consent Calendar for this grant and
14 that our score be raised from 41 to 83 on the basis of
15 the following Criteria.

16 We answered Criteria evaluation number 1, and
17 we should receive 40 points. Unfortunately, I think our

18 grant was misunderstood, that we explained in detail
19 that we use a considerable amount of internal and
20 external partners as well as our own appropriated
21 funded -- funded through appropriated means an internal
22 fleet maintenance group.

23 And that is the -- the basis for why we think
24 that we have a very strong grant application that
25 supports the use of internal maintenance personnel as

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1 well as reliance upon internal and external partners.

2 Right now we have a considerable volunteer
3 group. That's the Buck Lakes Snow Drifters, as well as
4 the LaPorte Snowmobile Club, that takes care of our --
5 our winter programs. We also have a summertime cadre of
6 volunteer groups that help us do maintenance and patrols
7 on the ground for our summertime program.

8 And so, we have demonstrated through our grant
9 as well as the on-the-ground applications that we do use
10 external partners to considerable level to help support
11 our program. And in our grant application we did very
12 clearly state that we would be managing and using an
13 integrated balance of internal/external people as well
14 as the Federally-funded fleet maintenance personnel. And
15 unfortunately I believe that was missed in our grant.

16 So, app -- under Criteria number 1, we'd like
17 to score 40 points.

18 Under Criteria number 2, 12 out of 20.
19 Criteria 3, 21 out of 30. And on Criteria 4, 10 out of

20 10.

21 Thank you.

22 LARRY BELLUCCI: The next project is U. S.
23 Forest Service -- Stanislaus National Forest. They
24 requested \$61,005. Received a score of 40, and a
25 funding determination of 40 percent for \$24,600.

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1 Okay, the final equipment application is
2 Tuolumne County Sheriff. They requested \$31,939.
3 Received a score of 69, and a funding determination of
4 60 percent, or \$19,163.

5 Okay, that takes care of the equipment
6 projects. We are going to be moving on to Foam and --

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I think before you do,
8 Larry, I think we'll refer back to the Commission and
9 see, rather than -- I think page by page at this point,
10 In view of the hour.

11 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yup, that's good.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, I count -- let's see.
13 if we -- anybody been marking yours?

14 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Four or more.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Four off Consent?

16 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Four, yeah. I could
17 make the motion to remove OR 1 NO 68. OR 2 P 84.
18 OR 2 ME 61. OR 2 P 86. Remove those from Consent
19 Calendar.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I thought we also had a

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21 request for OR 2 LA 95.

22 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. Add OR 2 LA 95,
23 as well.

24 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Second that.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. It's been moved

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1 and seconded. All those in favor?

2 IN UNISON: Aye.

3 JANELLE MILLER: I'm sorry, could we just ask
4 you to repeat those. And if -- it might be helpful if
5 you could just go by the project title rather than the
6 number, just alphabetically.

7 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. Redding Field
8 Office acquisition. Plumas Development. Lassen
9 equipment. Mendocino Equipment. And then Plumas
10 equipment.

11 JANELLE MILLER: Thank you.

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FOAM GRANTS

LARRY BELLUCCI: Okay. That takes care of equipment. Like I said, we're moving on to Foam, and I believe Kenney Glaspie is going to be introducing these.

KENNEY GLASPIE: Hi. I'm Kenney Glaspie. I'm a Maintenance Chief with some experience in the Facilities Operations and Maintenance.

Total requested funds for Facilities Operation Maintenance in the north was \$2,421,444.

The first applicant was BLM - Arcata Field Office. They requested \$33,040. They had a score of 71, for a determination of 70 percent, or \$23,128.

The next applicant is the California State Office - BLM. They requested \$242,418. Their score was 57 points, for a determination of 50 percent, or \$121,209.

Next applicant was Eagle Lake Field Office of the BLM. They requested \$16,700. Their score was 63 points. A determination of 60 percent, or \$10,020.

Next applicant, the Hollister Field Office of BLM. They requested \$43,300. Their score was 42, for a 40 percent determination of \$17,320.

Next applicant was Humboldt-Toiyabe National

24 Forest. They requested \$13,824. Their score was 47,
25 for a 40 percent determination, of \$5,530.

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1 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
2 Riders Association. And on this one I'd like to see
3 them get an increase in their score on portion 1C. I
4 think it has to do with the protecting of the local
5 residents, properties and such. Because part of their
6 project here is to map things out, give -- so you'd have
7 clearly defined boundaries and GPS points on the maps.

8 So, that would help the OHV people know where
9 they are located, and to be able to stay away from the
10 residential areas.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

13 KENNEY GLASPIE: Okay. Next applicant is the
14 Lassen National Forest. They requested \$46,255. Their
15 score was 66, for a 60 percent determination of \$27,753.

16 ELIZABETH NORTON: Elizabeth Norton, Public
17 Services staff on the Lassen National Forest.

18 This project we would also request to take off
19 the Consent Calendar. We did a reevaluation of the
20 score. Example would be Criteria number 1 where we
21 addressed each and every one of the Criteria. We spent
22 considerable amount of time talking in depth in the
23 application about the serious resource impacts that are
24 occurring in some of our OHV areas.

25 And in those three pages we got a -- quite a

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1 reduced score, so we're recommending, for example, full
2 scoring for that particular Criteria.

3 The total score that we would recommend would
4 be 76.

5 In our High Lakes area, just as an example,
6 we've been doing GPS trail and recreation site impact
7 inventory since 2001. We completed that again in 2006
8 and in one year alone. In that particular area we have
9 two more miles of user-created routes and significant
10 more impacts in just a single year.

11 So that scenario that we would like to talk
12 more about at the December meeting because of the
13 significant increase in use and the continuing resource
14 damage that we're seeing in that particular area.

15 So, thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

17 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: I'm Sylvia Milligan with
18 Recreation Outdoors Coalition. And I second what Liz
19 has to say. The High Lakes area in the Lassen does need
20 some serious looking at. And it is a very, very popular
21 user area. We would hate to see that this area was let
22 go and -- because of it we've had -- it will have to be
23 closed down or portions of it would have to be closed
24 down. We don't want to see that happen.

25 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Mendocino.

2 KENNEY GLASPIE: Next applicant is the
3 Mendocino National Forest. They requested \$277,720.
4 They got a score of 63, for a finding of 60 percent.
5 That totals \$166,632.

6 JEFF APPLGATE: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
7 My name is Jeff Applegate. I am the Resource Specialist
8 on the Mendocino National Forest. And I'm here to ask
9 that you look at the revised score sheets that we have
10 provided you with.

11 I'll summarize what's going on there.
12 I'd like to clarify some of the stuff that I think that
13 perhaps was missed when the Criteria was looked at.

14 In our project description we did identify some
15 things that didn't seem to carry over into the Criteria.
16 And they should have. Such as the fact we've got one of
17 the largest infrastructures for OHV management in the
18 National Forest system. Probably in the country, if not
19 in California.

20 That's resulted from 25 years of partnership
21 with State of California in developing these areas.

22 We -- this infrastructure consists of six major
23 staging areas serving 252 miles of OHV trail --
24 designated OHV trail. And a total of over 1100 miles of
25 Level 2 roads open to OHV use.

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1 For that reason, we would like to see that the
2 first category, project enhances or protects existing
3 OHV opportunity or provides new opportunities -- we'd
4 like to see that score raised from 34 out of 40 to 39
5 out of 40. And the reason for that is we're seeing
6 increased uses as other areas are sometimes being closed
7 down, such -- or restricted use, such as what's happened
8 at Chappie Shasta and Mammoth Bar; those folks are
9 finding the Mendioco. And we're seeing increased use
10 there, and our facilities are getting beat to death,
11 believe it or not.

12 We have garbage service out there that has to
13 be done or we're going to run into a health and safety
14 problem. We're trying to absorb the population as it
15 increases in the Bay Area and Sacramento, also.

16 In the second item, proposed project is
17 designed for efficient use of OHV funds; we figured that
18 we're giving a -- an opportunity to off-roaders that
19 come to our area at a cost of about \$1.85 per visit
20 or -- which we feel is really efficient.

21 That's because we have provided facilities out
22 there that are darn near bomb-proof. We've got real
23 hardened sites out there which has resulted in very
24 little resource damage within our staging areas and off
25 our trail system.

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1 If we are funded at the level requested --
2 well, at -- throughout the years what we've done with
3 State OHV funds, because we have such a large program,
4 is actually use the OHV funds to help leverage other
5 types of partnerships, such as the Resource Advisory
6 Committee, Hummer helps with Tread Lightly, and our own
7 capital investment program to help bolster the need out
8 there. But it's still -- with reductions we've seen in
9 the last five years, we are needing to get closer to our
10 requested amount.

11 On Item number 3, we're asking for -- we were
12 rated 2 out of 30, which I -- I couldn't understand, but
13 we have revised that to 25 out of 30. And we have -- in
14 the fiscal area we have over 56 grants that have been
15 successfully completed to date, over a period of 24
16 years. And I don't think that it would be getting OHV
17 funding if we weren't fiscally accountable for that
18 money.

19 Also under the qualifications of availability
20 of our staff, we counted it up the other day. We have a
21 total of 121 years of combined experience on our forest
22 of so-called Master performers or Champions in OHV
23 management. And I believe that that should say
24 something to our program.

25 So, I would hope that you would reconsider --

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2 little better in the funding category for this most
3 popular area in Northern California.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

6 JEFF APPLGATE: If you have any questions I
7 would be happy to answer them.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

9 JEFF APPLGATE: Okay, thank you.

10 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is Pacific
11 Southwest Region of the U. S. Forest Service.

12 They requested \$723,250. They scored 35, for a
13 funding determination of zero.

14 KATHLEEN MICK: Good afternoon. Kathleen Mick,
15 U. S. Forest Service. The first thing I'd like to do
16 is go through the PCD. And what I'd like to do is
17 strike the category of OHV Trail Specialist. And then
18 what would happen is internally the \$25,000 agency
19 contribution we show for that staff would move down to
20 the next line, Resource Specialist.

21 We'd like to strike the GIS Specialist. Would
22 like to strike the Equipment, and strike the Map
23 Production and the Other, which would reduce our request
24 to \$422,500.

25 Then what I'd like to do is point out that I

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1 made a mistake in answering the Criteria in that I
2 mislabeled Criteria 1C, and it says 1C and then it has

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3 the Criteria, but I actually -- the words are for 1D.
4 So, that was a little mistake there.

5 And I do believe that the answer in that
6 Criteria is specific enough to warrant for that Criteria
7 an increase to 39 points.

8 I think that this application is a little bit
9 hard to score because it's not a project, it's -- it's
10 program management. And it's program management of 18
11 National Forests. So, I'm not out, you know, cleaning
12 facilities, constructing facilities, managing
13 facilities. We're doing program management of all the
14 OHV activities on the 18 National Forests.

15 So that's where I believe the Criteria is a
16 little bit hard for -- for the Program Managers and the
17 Regional positions to answer.

18 I believe that Criteria -- the Criteria in --
19 in 2B was -- I think there was a score of 12, and -- and
20 I agree with that -- that score.

21 For Criteria 3 in general, I believe I did
22 provide enough specificity to warrant the 30 points
23 which would increase the score to an 81.

24 Thanks.

25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: So, I take it you want

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1 this off the Consent Calendar.

2 KATHLEEN MICK: Yeah, I didn't --

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: She's betting on
4 something more than zero.

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5 KATHLEEN MICK: I didn't -- I didn't think that
6 I needed to say that part. Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: that's okay.

8 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach, Center for
9 Sierra Nevada Conservation. I would just support Ms.
10 Mick's recommendations for -- actually, I came up with a
11 score of 82 with a 40, a 12 and a 30. And I agree the
12 program management doesn't fit nicely in any of these
13 categories. So, it is a problem, but I think it's a
14 good project.

15 Thanks.

16 ED WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim with CORVA and
17 District 37. I disagree with both ladies who showed up.
18 We have a problem with Region taking money and the
19 Forest -- 18 National Forests sitting around there at
20 the table and say, you know, we never see a dollar.

21 Region doesn't do a doggone thing on the
22 ground. And I'm getting so tired of this. They gobble
23 up this money supposedly to help the forests in the
24 different areas, and the forests never see nothing.

25 So, I think we should just keep with the

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1 ranking they have. They're below the bubble. They
2 should be even further below the bubble than they are
3 right now, and not go up on this here. We need the
4 stuff on the ground. That's where it takes place. Not
5 in Region, not in offices.

6 The Forest Service, they don't need the Region
7 telling them what to do. They know what to do. That's
8 why they are Forest Supervisors, and they know what
9 they're supposed to be doing. And we keep on siphoning
10 money away from the people who are supposed to do the
11 work.

12 And I say give less counts.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Any other comments?

14 I'm just curious, was this funded last year?
15 And at what level?

16 And I know you said earlier you don't have last
17 year's --

18 JANELLE MILLER: They were funded. I don't
19 know at what amount.

20 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Ask Cathy.

21 MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: 300?

22 KATHLEEN MICK: Actually, we -- we scored high
23 enough to be funded for FOAM, but we fell below the
24 cutoff line for the amount of funding in that pot.

25 So we -- it scored well, we were approved, but

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1 then when all the scores got moved around we fell below
2 the bubble. So we actually didn't actually receive any
3 money. If there was money we would have gotten money.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, you didn't get any
5 money?

6 KATHLEEN MICK: Well, we didn't get any money,
7 but had a --

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8 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Scored.
9 KATHLEEN MICK: -- a good enough score to get
10 money.
11 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: You were a winner.
12 KATHLEEN MICK: Yes, we were. The bag was
13 empty.
14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Hell of a stocking.
15 Okay, Plumas.
16 KENNEY GLASPIE: Next applicant is the Plumas
17 National Forest. They applied for \$279,000. They
18 scored 35 points for a funding determination of zero.
19 DEB SCHOENBERG: Hi. For the record this is Deb
20 Schoenberg again. I would like to request that we pull
21 this from the Consent Calendar. We would like to have
22 our -- our scores reconsidered. We believe we scored a
23 68 out of 100 rather than a 35.
24 Under Criteria number 1, we believe our score
25 should be 23. Primarily what we were proposing in this

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1 application was the -- the literal operation of a
2 winter-summer program as well as the associated
3 maintenance to facilities that are required at that
4 time.

5 Specifically, we requested about \$72,000 for an
6 asphalt overlay at one of our staging areas. And the
7 staging area is at -- was actually funded through a
8 previous OHV grant for a snowmobile staging area. And

9 the overlay will actually extend the life of the asphalt
10 and reduce any kind of long-term future capital
11 expenditures to take care of that.

12 But we've also discussed in other ways that --
13 how we were proposing to use green materials, recycled
14 materials, storage containers, things like that to
15 extend the useful life of the materials that we are
16 already using out on our forest.

17 Secondly, we felt that we had demonstrated
18 through our application that we were proposing patrols
19 on the ground, literally putting people out there so
20 that we would be able to educate the public, do law
21 enforcement, also sign, maintain, do minor trail
22 maintenance. And through various different requests
23 through our application, basically, our conservation
24 request as well as our equipment request, we were asking
25 for materials or supplies to help us do that work.

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1 Specifically under the conservation we were
2 asking for rocks and materials to help us do barricades.
3 Particularly in places that are environmentally
4 sensitive. And we were asking for some of the equipment
5 that was identified through previous inspections through
6 State personnel, desperate -- equipment that was
7 necessary for us to do this work.

8 Under evaluation Criteria number 2, we believe
9 we scored a 30 out of 30 because we demonstrated very
10 efficiently all six items to an extent that we believe

11 should demonstrate full funding.

12 On Item Criteria number 3, we believe we scored
13 a 15 out of 30. We could have done much better in -- in
14 being very specific about our accomplishments, but we do
15 meet the accomplishments that we stated and we promise
16 in our State proposals and our PCDs, and we have lots of
17 demonstrated letters of support and accolades not only
18 from the public but also from the State.

19 So, with that I'll answer any questions.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. I'm flying
21 blind up here. There's no light that I can put a timer
22 on here, so -- there it is.

23 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: I'm Sylvia Milligan with
24 Recreation Outdoors Coalition. And I, too, would like
25 to see this pulled off the Consent Calendar because I

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1 really feel that the Plumas is an excellent forest. And
2 I'm not going to go through my whole scenario. I'll
3 save my ducks in a row till December.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You learn so quickly.

5 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: yes.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Santa Clara.

7 KENNEY GLASPIE: Okay. The next applicant is
8 Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department.
9 They requested \$88,672. They had a score of 65, for a
10 60 percent determination of \$53,203.

11 LISA KILLOUGH: Good afternoon. Lisa Killough,

12 Santa Clara County Parks Director. We were obviously
13 hoping to score a little bit higher in this one, but
14 for the sake of everybody's time here, I'll just say
15 we'll try harder next year. And thank you very much.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

17 DAVE PICKETT: Dave Pickett, District 36. I'll
18 say what she didn't, and my -- looking at my
19 determination it should be up about five more points on
20 an overall. It is an awesome facility. It's
21 desperately needed in that South Santa Clara area.

22 It's well run. Deserves reconsideration for
23 five more points.

24 Thank you.

25 (Discussion off the record.)

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Do you want to have open
2 discussion? I think we need to hold that until the end
3 of this page. Okay. Next.

4 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is the
5 Shasta Trinity National Forest. They've requested
6 \$22,303. They scored 28 points, for a determination of
7 zero funding.

8 BRENDA TRACY: Good afternoon. I'm Brenda
9 Tracy with the Shasta Trinity National Forest. I'd like
10 to recommend that this project be taken off the Consent
11 Calendar. I think that there are a number of important
12 items that were included in our application that were
13 overlooked in the scoring process, and I'd like to

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14 highlight a couple of those for you. And I believe that
15 they support our recommendation for a higher score.

16 First and most notably is the use of
17 volunteers. The scoring sheet identified that we do
18 have two volunteer hosts at the Chappie Shasta OHV area.
19 In addition to that we have club members and other
20 volunteers who in the past have completed brushing and
21 other maintenance projects. They've promoted the public
22 safety and they have provided cleanup after events.

23 In addition to that we have the local volunteer
24 Fire Department volunteers who assist with medical
25 support at our permanent events. And that's an

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1 important component of our programming at the Chappie
2 Shasta OHV area.

3 In addition to this -- excuse me, I have to use
4 my glasses. Part of the aging work force.

5 In addition to this, another important item
6 includes the prevention of off-route travel. Our
7 application mentions that the continued upkeep of
8 barriers and signing will promote the proper use of OHVs
9 within the developed facilities. And we are requesting
10 funding to do just that.

11 The last important item pertains to avoiding
12 increased maintenance and -- maintenance activities for
13 which we noted that the useful life of our facilities
14 there, including restrooms, kiosks, electric, water

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15 systems, are extended with consistent upkeep and
16 maintenance activities. Including those that are
17 proposed in this funding application.

18 Our application also notes that the lack of
19 repairs and maintenance in the area would increase
20 vandalism and abuse of the facilities. And I'd like to
21 suggest that our score be increased by 15 points from 28
22 to 43.

23 Thank you for your consideration.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Sierra. No?
25 Haven't you learned?

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1 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: I'm just going to do a
2 blanket one then and just -- okay.

3 I'm Sylvia Milligan with Recreation Outdoors
4 Coalition. And -- and I support what Brenda has to say,
5 that Shasta Chappie -- or the Shasta Forest -- Shasta
6 Trinity National Forest portion of the Chappie is
7 extremely important to the north state. We need to keep
8 these trails open.

9 And when I come in December I'll -- I'll show
10 you why.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

12 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant -- oop.

13 DAVE PICKETT: Wait a second, please. Dave
14 Pickett, District 36. I make a request that this be
15 pulled off of Consent and a much closer look. Brenda
16 brought up some good points. I'm familiar with that

17 area.

18 I'd hate to see this fall apart due to lack of
19 maintenance. I think it needs another look-see, and
20 I'll make my other recommendations at the December
21 meeting.

22 Thank you.

23 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is the
24 Sierra National Forest. They applied for \$105,456.
25 They got a score of 48, for a funding determination of

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1 40 percent, or \$42,182.

2 The next applicant is the Stanislaus County
3 Department of Parks and Recreation, Frank Raines.
4 They asked for \$180,665. They scored 77, for a funding
5 determination of 70 percent or \$126,466.

6 LOIS SILVERNAIL: Lois Silvernail. I'm
7 Northern CORVA. One of our main events is done in Frank
8 Raines Park and we've had considerable problems over the
9 years with this park that we've gone and talked a lot to
10 the County.

11 We're going to support it at that level. I'm
12 not willing to go a hundred percent level and I'm kind
13 of like Dave Pickett, we're doing a wait and see and
14 we'll be back in December to talk to you more.

15 They finally are coming up with a plan and
16 there were some definite improvements this time. Last
17 weekend in that park that we hadn't seen before we saw

18 more law enforcement. I saw more rangers. Things like
19 that, that have been an ongoing problem with Frank
20 Raines.

21 So, they're still kind of a watch and see. And
22 you'll hear from us again in December. But would like
23 to see them at least at this level. But I'm not sure
24 we're ready to support them for a hundred percent
25 funding.

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1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: If we --

3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Are they on or off?

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Lois, if we leave them
5 on, you won't have to come in December.

6 LOIS SILVERNAIL: Well, we're still going to
7 come and I'd like to listen to them. I'm still -- we're
8 still watching.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. Well, if --

10 LOIS SILVERNAIL: Yeah, we've had Ed out there,
11 too, because an awful lot of money has gone into that
12 park over the years. And we're really questioning the
13 deliverables out there.

14 And that -- this is the first year I've seen
15 some serious things come out of there in regards to
16 the -- like I said, having rangers on board, having law
17 enforcement on board with my event that weren't there
18 before. And as a nurse, that's not a pleasant point to
19 put me to not to have the law enforcement backup.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. Thank you.

21 TERRI SANDERS: Hi, Terri Sanders, Parks
22 Manager for Stanislaus County. We're happy with the 70
23 percent. We do agree in the past there have been some
24 issues in our maintenance. I can tell you the County
25 has committed to funding for this. We have 200,000

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1 right now set aside for fencing -- excuse me.

2 We are doing a number of signage. Actually,
3 I'm offering for a position -- a permanent position up
4 at that facility next week. So, Stanislaus County is
5 committed to this facility and we're very happy for the
6 funding that you have provided at this point in time.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

8 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is the
9 Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation -
10 LeGrange. They requested \$114,093. They scored 76
11 points, for a 70 percent determination of \$79,865.

12 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
13 Riders Association. Looking through their grant, they
14 mentioned that they hold several motocross events on
15 that facility per year. But I did not see anything in
16 the grants request showing what sort of income they're
17 making off of these motocross events to help supplement
18 their operations.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Anybody -- any

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21 Commi ssi oners have questi ons on that?

22 TERRI SANDERS: Hi , I 'm back. Yes, LeGrange
23 has previously had a number of motocross events at the
24 facility. Revenues ranged from 1500 to 3,000 per event.
25 In this upcoming OHV season with the opening of a

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1 motocross park in Turlock, we have not had any interest
2 from AMP, CMA or Mutant Motor Sports to have any events
3 at our facility this year.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Are you asking -- this --
5 you said "thank you" from way in the back. Is that the
6 same thank you for this determination.

7 TERRI SANDERS: Thank you, we're happy with the
8 70 percent, yes.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. All right.

10 TERRI SANDERS: So, we're hoping it will stay
11 on the Consent Calendar.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. Next

13 KENNEY GLASPIE: Next applicant is the
14 Stanislaus National Forest. They requested \$26,175.
15 They scored 27 points, for a determination of zero
16 funding.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Tahoe.

18 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is the
19 Tahoe National Forest. They requested \$136,230. They
20 scored 69 points, for a 60 percent determination of
21 \$81,738.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Tulare. Tulare.

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23 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is Tulare
24 City Recreation Parks and Library Department. They
25 requested \$70,030. They scored 71 points, for a 70

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1 percent determination of \$49,021.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Gentlemen.

3 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: If I can make a motion.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Please.

5 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: My motion would to
6 remove the following project titles from Consent:
7 Lassen. Mendocino. Pacific Southwest region. Plumas.
8 And Shasta Trinity. I think that's the ones that
9 were -- were in question.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: There was some --

11 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Also had Humboldt.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Oh, Toiyabe.

13 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I had Humboldt-Toiyabe,
14 as well.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. The first one.

16 The --

17 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Okay, right.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: OR 1 H 19.

19 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: And I'd like to ask
20 Santa Clara County if they want to stay on the Consent
21 or come off.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Oh, I'm sorry, you're
23 right.

24 SANTA CLARA COUNTY: We'd prefer being on.
25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Thank you.

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1 MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: Excuse me, Chair
2 Brissenden. I believe -- I may be mistaken but you
3 mentioned taking Humboldt-Toiyabe off the Consent --

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yeah, I mentioned the
5 wrong number. It's OR 2 HT 15, not 19.

6 So, we would have one, two, three, four -- six
7 off.

8 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Yeah.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And the rest remaining.
10 So that's the motion.

11 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: All those in favor?

14 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 OHV SAFETY AND/OR EDUCATION GRANTS

2 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next Grant Administrator
3 is Martha Ibarra.

4 MARTHA IBARRA: Martha Ibarra, Grants
5 Administrator.

6 We are looking at OHV Safety and/or Education.
7 We received 11 grant requests, for a total amount of
8 \$801,927.

9 First applicant is BLM - California State
10 Office. They requested \$56,560. They received a score
11 of 48, at 40 percent for an amount of 22,624.

12 Next is BLM - Hollister Field Office. They
13 requested \$67,750. They received a score of 41, at 40
14 percent for an amount of 27,100.

15 Next applicant is the Santa Clara County Parks
16 and Recreation. They requested \$8,043. Received a
17 score of 67, at 60 percent for an amount of \$48,826.

18 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: I've got a comment.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Of 48,000?

20 MARTHA IBARRA: I'm sorry, 4,826.

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yeah, you -- I was going
22 to say, you don't want to come up here for that.

23 SARAH RIDENOUR: Hi. My name is Sarah
24 Ridenour. I'm an ATC Safety Instructor with ASI. And I
25 would like you to take into consideration that

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1 motorcycle park is the only park that I know of that
2 educates their visitors -- every visitor upon arrival to
3 the park on the rules and regulations of the park.

4 It's also the only park that offers a Junior
5 Ranger program that's a six-week course, that provides
6 safety and rider education.

7 I feel that education is the key to the future
8 of OHV, and I am suggesting that 15 points be added or
9 awarded to education and safety.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: For an overall score of?

12 SARAH RIDENOUR: 81.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

14 So, you'd -- you'd like to take your chances
15 and go off the Consent, is that what I'm hearing?

16 SARAH RIDENOUR: Yeah.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Uki ah. Oh, David. I'm
19 sorry.

20 DAVE PICKETT: Dave Pickett, District 36.

21 Again, Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation,
22 an awesome facility. Here we are with another quality
23 education-oriented request. This is the progressive and
24 aggressive stance they're taking on education. The
25 people that use this South Bay facility also go to

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1 Hollister, up to Prairie City and other areas with
2 proper education on operation. Especially on the youth
3 side.

4 So, thank you. I agree with moving this up to
5 an 81 point for consideration.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Uki ah.

8 MARTHA IBARRA: Okay, the last project for OHV
9 Safety and/or Education is BLM Uki ah - Field Office.
10 They requested \$31, \$669. They received a score of 33
11 for a zero percent funding determination.

12 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Are you okay with that?

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1 PLANNING PROJECT GRANTS

2 MARTHA IBARRA: Okay. Next we have Planning
3 Projects. We received 15 grant requests for a total
4 amount of \$9,388,425. First project is California --
5 BLM - California State Office, Desert Riparian. They
6 requested \$197,200. They received a score of 51, at 50
7 percent funding, for an amount of \$98,600.

8 JIM WEIGAND: Good afternoon, Commissioners,
9 Members of the Division staff. My name is Jim Weigand.
10 I'm the ecologist at the California State Office of the
11 Bureau of Land Management in Sacramento.

12 I would respectfully ask that this particular
13 grant application be removed from the Consent Calendar
14 as we believe that it merits a higher score. We propose
15 a score of 73 points, and we have outlined the rationale
16 for the suggested score, and I believe that Jim Keeler
17 at BLM has presented that to you all already.

18 And we'll be glad to go into that -- details of
19 that in the December meeting.

20 Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Jim, \$98,00 doesn't give
22 us a definition of what riparian corridor is?

23 JIM WEIGAND: The grant is not -- the grant is
24 not about a definition of riparian. It's about several
25 things. The first --

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: No, that was a joke.
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2 JIM WEIGAND: Oh, okay. I'm sorry -- I didn't
3 catch it.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: We'll -- we'll take you
5 off. Yeah.

6 JIM WEIGAND: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You're on the committee.
8 Remember?

9 JIM WEIGAND: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yeah, okay.

11 JIM WEIGAND: Thank you.

12 MARTHA IBARRA: The next project is BLM -
13 California State Office. They requested 578,500. They
14 received a score of 46, at 40 percent funding for an
15 amount of \$231,400.

16 JIM KEELER: I'm sorry --

17 MARTHA IBARRA: Next project is --

18 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Uh-oh, stand by.

19 JIM KEELER: I'm sorry, I got interrupted.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Pay attention. You know,
21 that's --

22 JIM KEELER: I'm trying.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Those are dollars out
24 there.

25 JIM KEELER: I'm well aware.

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1 I did give you Criteria on 4 and 5 of this
2 handout. So, I would like this one off Consent and

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3 we'll deal with it some more in December.

4 COURT REPORTER: Your name.

5 JIM KEELER: And I'm sorry, I'm Jim Keeler,

6 BLM - California State Office.

7 The late Mr. Keeler.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: The late Mr. --

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Ooh, don't say that.

10 You'll jinx yourself.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: That's -- any questions?

12 No.

13 El Dorado County.

14 MARTHA IBARRA: The next project is El Dorado
15 County - General Services Department, Ellis Creek. They
16 requested \$116,626. They received a score of 62, at 60
17 percent funding for an amount of 69,976.

18 DAN BOLSTER: Dan Bolster, El Dorado County -
19 General Services. In the interest of expediency I'm
20 requesting that we can address both OR 814 and OR 817
21 simultaneously. They're similar projects. We got the
22 same scores on both. They're both bridge planning
23 projects.

24 Okay? Okay.

25 On both -- both projects we -- in Criteria 1

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1 received a score of 33 out of 50. Our answers were in
2 depth and provided specific and detailed information.
3 We recommend a score of 50.

4 And on Criteria 2 we received a score of 23 out
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5 of 35. Again, provided answers that were in depth with
6 specific detailed information, and recommend a full
7 score of 35.

8 The County requests that both OR 814 and OR 817
9 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

12 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
13 Riders Association. And on both of these projects the
14 intentions are great, to put a couple bridges up along
15 through the Rubicon area. Definitely needed. But
16 something that I did not see addressed in the
17 information packet was how are they going to finance
18 these bridges?

19 Thank you.

20 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach, Center for
21 Sierra Nevada Conservation.

22 Again, I'm on the Rubicon Oversight Committee.
23 These bridges are really essential to balancing
24 opportunity in keeping the trail open with environmental
25 protection. Both Ellis and Gerle Creeks are trout

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1 streams just down -- downstream of the Ellis crossing is
2 a -- a spawning area. So, these are really important
3 projects. And I'd like to see them funded and I -- I
4 agree that they should have had a higher score.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Are these west slope

6 or -- west slope, aren't they? Yeah, okay.

7 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Yeah, west slope.

8 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
9 Four-Wheel Drive Association. I also agree these should
10 be pulled off of Consent. And I'd also like for the
11 Commission to ask or direct the staff that these may be
12 partially, if not fully, under the restoration category.
13 Because once you put a bridge across a stream that
14 stream is going to return with some help to its natural
15 state.

16 So, I mean -- I don't know all of the
17 guidelines and I would ask that you'd ask them to check
18 that out. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Can we in turn ask that
20 question? As soon as we're finished here we'll --

21 LESTER LUBETKIN: Hello. Lester Lubetkin, El
22 Dorado National Forest Recreation Officer. And, again,
23 I'd like to emphasize the support for this project. We
24 work closely with El Dorado County and sedimentation
25 from these crossings are affecting public lands, as well

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1 as some of the private lands where the crossings
2 actually exist.

3 We support the conclusions from the County as
4 to adjustments for their score.

5 Thank you.

6 LOIS SILVERNAIL: Lois Silvernail from Northern
7 CORVA. Also a member of the Friends of the Rubicon

8 group up there. And we definitely support El
9 Dorado's -- and that Ellis and Gerle definitely need
10 some work to prevent, and that they are trout streams.
11 And I got that from the -- my other half because he's up
12 there fishing. He's not up there for riding.

13 So, we definitely like to see this done. And I
14 also ask because it is ultimately a restoration project,
15 can we get it under restoration funds instead of under
16 this -- can we do that? Can we at least look at that
17 legally?

18 Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Could I ask a --

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: That's -- yeah, go ahead.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: -- a question.

22 Are these bridges to replace a stream fjording,
23 is that -- is that what this is about?

24 DON BOLSTER: The Ellis Creek bridge is to
25 replace a bridge that was washed out in the '86 flood --

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1 or actually the Gerle Creek bridge is to replace a
2 bridge that was washed out in the '86 flood.

3 The Ellis Creek section hasn't had a bridge,
4 but as Karen Schambach mentioned, it's blue ribbon trout
5 area right there. There's significant rainbow spawning
6 area just downstream, and it's necessary to protect that
7 habitat.

8 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. I guess I'm just

9 trying to understand the situation. Are OHVs crossing
10 through the stream bed --

11 DON BOLSTER: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: -- right now? And so,
13 this will eliminate that by putting them up in the air
14 on a bridge.

15 DON BOLSTER: Get the vehicles up and out of
16 the water.

17 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Correct. Getting them
18 out of the stream bed.

19 DON BOLSTER: Uh-huh.

20 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. Thank you.

21 I'm just -- question. I'm just curious if --
22 if something like this doesn't score higher because of
23 the obvious benefits of -- of eliminating the stream
24 crossing.

25 JANELLE MILLER: Oh, once again it's scored

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1 based on the Criteria and the information that is
2 provided. And that's what we're bound to go by, you
3 know, per our regulations. So, --

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.

5 JANELLE MILLER: -- regardless of the merit, it
6 needs to be very specific to the Criteria.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: As to pushing some of
8 these planning grants into restoration, I think we'll
9 hold that discussion till the end of the page here,
10 because there's a couple others that may also fit into

11 that category.

12 So, the El Dorado planning will be next, is
13 that right?

14 MARTHA IBARRA: Yes. For the record, I know we
15 discussed this project already. It's the El Dorado
16 County General Services Department, Gerle Creek.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: No, no, no, I think we
18 agreed we could combine those two, or do you want to --

19 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Those were --

20 MARTHA IBARRA: Just for the record, we wanted
21 to go ahead and address it.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I'm sorry.

23 MARTHA IBARRA: They requested \$116,626. They
24 received a score of 62, at 60 percent funding for an
25 amount of \$69,976.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So now we have El dorado
2 Planning.

3 MARTHA IBARRA: The next project is El dorado
4 National Forest. They requested \$30,547. They received
5 a score of 67, at 60 percent for an amount of 18,328.

6 Next project is a U. S. Forest Service -
7 Pacific Southwest Region at \$5,655,000. They received a
8 score of 35, for a zero percent funding determination.

9 KATHLEEN MICK: Good afternoon. Kathy Mick,
10 U. S. Forest Service. The first thing I want to say
11 about this project is that the way that we submitted it

12 was under -- to have the fund -- as a planning
13 application, but to have the funding taken out of
14 restoration. Our intent was never ever to have money
15 come out of the non-CESA category.

16 I'm going to speak some more on this at a
17 particular project in our application, but should there
18 be a determination first, you know, that the Commission
19 makes that the application warrants an increased score,
20 if it were only legally to remain in non-CESA, then at
21 the December meeting we're going to withdraw that
22 application.

23 The only way we will move forward with this is
24 if it can be funded out of the restoration funds. So I
25 just wanted to make that clear before we went any

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1 further.

2 We would like it taken off of Consent and would
3 like to suggest that for Criteria 1 we have provided
4 enough information to warrant a score of 40.

5 In Criteria 2, 25. 3, 15. For a score of 80.

6 Thank you.

7 ED WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim for CORVA and
8 District 37. The route inventory process that's taking
9 place is a key in California. We set the stage as far
10 as doing the inventory. So, now we can do the
11 designation.

12 Once a designation gets done, there are going
13 to be trails that are not going to survive. They will

14 disappear. But we want to make sure that the NEPA work
15 gets done before they start closing these trails.

16 What's good for one should be good for everybody.

17 This is a restoration grant if I ever saw a
18 restoration grant. So if -- I don't know if you want to
19 put it on the agenda that needs to be agendaized as very
20 specifically at the -- at the next meeting or at the
21 December meeting so we make sure we move that into the
22 restoration category. And then we don't have any
23 problem there. Because they're going to have to do
24 that. There's no two ways about it.

25 And the funds are there. We have enough money

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1 in the restoration to fund the whole thing. So let's
2 make sure it gets on the agenda so it gets taken care of
3 at the next meeting.

4 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach. I
5 absolutely agree with -- with what Mr. Waldheim just
6 said. It seems like there's pretty universal agreement
7 that these restoration planning projects are restoration
8 projects, and they -- they are under the regs. and I
9 think that's where they belong. And they need to be
10 funded. Thanks.

11 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, Four-Wheel Drive
12 Association. Man, you got CORVA, Cal. Four-Wheel and
13 Karen all agreeing.

14 I don't understand why this was kicked out of

15 restoration. You know, we pushed the -- the Forest
16 Service to come up with this. Because of what route
17 designation is going to do and so forth, there's got to
18 be some planning before you can get grants to actually
19 go out there and cultivate roads and so forth back to
20 natural state.

21 I don't understand the reasoning why it was
22 kicked out, and I hope that the Commission will work
23 with the Division and figure out how to get this back
24 where it belongs.

25 And we agree with the 80 percent, or the 80

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1 points.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

4 BRENT SCHORADT: I'm Brent Schoradt with the
5 California Wilderness Coalition. And I agree with the
6 CORVA gentleman and the -- and Don, who spoke before.

7 I think this is a restoration grant and it
8 is -- you know, planning is part of the restoration
9 process, so it should be underneath the restoration
10 category.

11 And one of the things, you know, as a result --
12 if you put this grant into the restoration category
13 then, you know the numbers are pretty much similar
14 between restoration and -- and law enforcement in terms
15 of the demand -- the number of applications.

16 And one of the things that we hear back in our
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17 work is, oh, there's no application for restoration.
18 And I think that's because this -- specifically this --
19 this grant has been placed in the wrong category. And I
20 think it should be put back in restoration.

21 Thanks.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Next.

23 MARTHA IBARRA: The next project is U. S.
24 Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region. They
25 requested \$2,000,000. They received a score of 44, at

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1 40 percent determination for an amount of 800,000.

2 KATHLEEN MICK: Me again, Kathy Mick, U. S.
3 Forest Service.

4 This -- this application -- the project in our
5 application is the last request for the \$2 million --
6 last installment of \$2 million to go toward route
7 designation.

8 I think that this one is particularly hard to
9 score, again because it's a programmatic action that's
10 providing funding to all the National Forests to conduct
11 route designation activities.

12 We missed the Commissioners at the briefing
13 that we had last night. I think an invitation was sent
14 and we were hoping at least one or two of you would show
15 up.

16 I know there can't be more than two in a room
17 at the same time, but we did certainly appreciate the --

18 a couple of members of the Division staff that attended,
19 as well as the Chief, and we were really pleased that
20 they were very interested in not only our performance
21 and our status, but just interested for some of the new
22 folks in the project. So, we certainly appreciate that.

23 With -- with that said, the route designation
24 project has -- has been going on obviously since 2003.
25 And based on the Criteria that has been established,

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1 it's very difficult to put information in there because
2 it just doesn't really fit the project.

3 But based on what we provided, I feel that for
4 Criteria 1 we should have received a 50. For 2, a 35.
5 And for 3, a 15. For a total score of 95.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Just --

7 KATHLEEN MICK: And I would like to have it
8 removed on -- from the Consent Calendar.

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I don't think any of us
10 got invitations to last night, by the way. Just looking
11 up and down the dais here just a moment ago. But --

12 KATHLEEN MICK: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: We're sorry we missed it.

14 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Was -- was it a fun
15 party?

16 MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: Southern California
17 will get it.

18 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: The night before?

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: No.

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20 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
21 Riders Association. And this process that we've had has
22 all got to be competitive. Each grant has to be judged
23 on its own merits. In the past for some reason the
24 route designation has been getting its \$2 million. Last
25 year, the year before, and the year before that. That's

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1 taken a major chunk of money out of the non-CESA fund.
2 Money that could have gone to on-the-ground projects.

3 This one being a Federally-mandated project
4 really bothers me that the State and the OHV users have
5 to fund it rather than it coming -- getting more of the
6 monies from the Federal Government.

7 Thank you.

8 ED WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim with CORVA and
9 District 37.

10 I was part of the group when we came up with
11 this Memorandum of Understanding with the region. I was
12 there when we did it. And it was always the caveat,
13 when funds are available. It wasn't a promissory note
14 that we're going to pay it forever. It was if there's
15 available.

16 I would say to you, our funds are not
17 available. Because if we put that \$2 million or
18 whatever they give them down, we're going to lose -- 30
19 other folks are going to lose their O&M non-CESA. 30 of
20 them are going to disappear. And that's going to be

21 deplorable.

22 All these people will go off the radar screen
23 if that happens. I would say to you that the Forest
24 Service has got more than enough. I think the total at
25 this point is either 8 or \$8.29 million that we've given

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1 them.

2 The rest of the United States is paying this
3 route designation through their appropriated dollars.
4 Let the Forest Service pay a little bit for the route
5 designation process. We paid for the inventory. It was
6 done. We're the only State who has done an inventory.
7 Nobody else has done it and I have to give Dave Wydel
8 credit for getting this going. That is what we agreed
9 to.

10 Now they're going through the process --
11 through -- through the NEPA -- we're going to give them
12 money to do the NEPA work and go through the process.
13 We don't need to give them that money.

14 So I would say to you they didn't rank high
15 enough. That's good. Stay below the bubble; I don't
16 have a problem with that. But they do not need that
17 money.

18 The Federal Government can pay their share and
19 it's high time they start putting in more money into
20 recreation because they're totally depending on us, and
21 that is totally, totally wrong.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thanks for your opinion
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23 there, Ed.

24 ED WALDHEIM: You're welcome.

25 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California

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1 Four-Wheel Drive Association.

2 I was also one of the ones that said, you know,
3 we need to do this. And one of the main reasons was we
4 wanted an accurate inventory out there of what was on
5 the ground, and then to start with on a discussion of
6 what's going to stay open and what's going to be closed.

7 As Mr. Waldheim said, this is a national thing.
8 We have done the inventory. We have -- we have -- our
9 groups are working with the Forest Service to come up
10 with alternatives to be done under the NEPA process.

11 I have to agree the same thing. I don't see
12 giving them \$2 million right at the moment. We had some
13 issues that are going to have to be resolved. One of
14 them is private property. One of them is mining claims.
15 One of them is easements or non-easements.

16 We've got -- last night there was a lot of
17 discussion, especially about private property. In
18 certain forests in Northern California, if they are not
19 going to designate or get easements or something on
20 these private properties, we're going to lose -- and I
21 say "we" as the general public, is going to lose
22 probably 75 to 80 percent of the roads and trails that
23 are out there today. Because the Forest Service doesn't

24 even have easements on some of the stuff they've already
25 designated.

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1 So, these are all issues that's going to have
2 to be resolved.

3 As Ed said, when this was agreed we said as
4 funds were available. It's not going to hurt -- they're
5 not going to be done with this until 2008. It's not
6 going to hurt to postpone this a year. And that's what
7 we would suggest.

8 Thank you.

9 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach. I was also
10 in the room with Don and Ed when we met with the
11 Regional Forester and planted the seeds that became this
12 Memorandum of Intent.

13 And this is probably the most important grant
14 before the Commission. Route designation is doing
15 something that the Forest Service was supposed to do 30
16 years ago and didn't do. And it's nice to say, well,
17 let's just, you know, let them use appropriated dollars
18 and do it. But they didn't do it back when they had
19 decent budgets. Their budgets now are much worse than
20 they've been in the past and -- and the other -- the
21 rest of the country is way behind California in route
22 designation. And to -- to stop funding route
23 designation simply because the inventory's done makes no
24 sense.

25 I mean, the work that -- of analysis of those
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1 routes and designating, you know, a stable system needs
2 to be done. And that's -- that's the point we're at
3 now.

4 We have great momentum. Everybody's, you know,
5 on board -- seems to be on board and moving forward on
6 it. And to let it go at this point would just be
7 wasting the money that we've already spent. Because
8 I -- I don't think there's anybody here who believes
9 that the government is going to come up with the \$2
10 million. I mean, they're already putting in some money,
11 but they're not going to replace this \$2 million.

12 If we don't fund it, it won't happen. And that
13 would just be a terrible tragedy.

14 Thank you.

15 BRENT SCHORADT: I'm Brent Schoradt, with the
16 California Wilderness Coalition. I think I agree with a
17 lot of things that have been said before. One of them
18 that California is leading the nation with route
19 designation.

20 We are leading the nation with route
21 designation because of the work of this Commission and
22 because of the dollars that have come from this
23 Commission. And to stop -- to stop that funding at this
24 point would derail the process.

25 And I think that's the goal of folks who don't

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1 want this project to be funded. And just to give you an
2 idea of what's at stake, we have 20 million -- 20
3 million acres of Forest Service land. That's 20 percent
4 of the land mass in the State of California. And to say
5 that the State of California doesn't have a stake in the
6 management of 20 percent of our state is a joke. And --
7 and I think, you know, to spend \$200,000 for two years
8 and the third year not to -- not to fund it when it's
9 just at the point where it can be implemented is -- is
10 bad management.

11 So, we'll -- I'd request that this be pulled
12 off of the Consent Calendar and, you know, I urge all of
13 you to consider funding it because it's the most
14 important project before you this year, and probably for
15 the next 20 years.

16 Thank you.

17 DAVE PICKETT: Dave Pickett, District 36. I
18 have to do my standard speech on this issue. I have not
19 supported this grant since inception. I do not believe
20 \$8 million of OHV trust fund money should have been used
21 for this.

22 We have moved forward. This particular issue
23 is sensitive with me. We've moved forward. We've done
24 the inventory. The gentleman before me mentioned
25 something about the Commission dollars being

1 appropriated.

2 What I ask you is to remember this is not
3 Commission dollars. This is user fund dollars.

4 Okay. This is very, very important. The
5 funding level that's there recommended by the Division
6 at 40 percent, 800,000, I'd like to just leave that on
7 Consent. There needs to be better matching funds from
8 the Federal Government on this. It's been mentioned
9 that we're the only State that has funded this.

10 I think the Federal Government needs to step up
11 on this.

12 We have projects that the same forest people
13 need, that they can't do, which is on the ground, which
14 goes back to the intent of this program 30 years ago.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Do you want to chime in,
17 Jan.

18 JANELLE MILLER: Well, I -- I just want to
19 chime in on something. Not what Dave was saying, but
20 before we get too much farther past these planning
21 projects, is that to make a point that there have been
22 several projects discussed where they said this should
23 have been, you know, in restoration, it's a planning
24 grant. And these projects were scored based on the
25 Criteria.

1 So, if they submitted it with planning
2 Criteria, it was scored as a planning grant. If it was
3 scored -- if it was submitted as a restora -- under
4 restoration Criteria, it was a score. Because there
5 were several that were sort of called restoration
6 planning grants.

7 So, I just wanted to make that clear that
8 that's how it ended up in the pot of money and the place
9 that it did.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I'm not -- I'm not clear
12 on that. So, the application came in and it wasn't
13 really labeled planning or restoration, it just had a
14 certain set of Criteria that it used, and so it picked
15 the planning Criteria?

16 JANELLE MILLER: Well, each of the projects had
17 specific Criteria. And so, you could tell by reading
18 the application, you know, if it was a planning grant or
19 a restoration grant.

20 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. So -- so, in
21 other words, the applicant is really the one that
22 determined what pot of money it should come out of.

23 JANELLE MILLER: Correct.

24 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: By -- by using --

25 JANELLE MILLER: By using that Criteria.

2 Criteri a.

3 JANELLE MILLER: Correct.

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I think we'll finish this
6 one page and we'll have discussion on whether or not we
7 can take that particular -- or maybe two particular
8 grants -- and maybe three into the restoration pot.

9 MARTHA IBARRA: Okay. The next project is
10 Plumas North National Forest. They requested 7,000.
11 They received a score of 29, for a zero percent funding
12 determination.

13 DEB SCHOENBERG: This is Deb Schoenberg from
14 the Plumas. We would like to request that this be
15 removed from the Consent Calendar because the forest has
16 completed the work itself.

17 We no longer need the funding. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Now, there's
19 a contribution.

20 Did you hear that, Dave?

21 DAVE PICKETT: Yes.

22 MARTHA IBARRA: Okay. The next project is
23 U. S. Forest Service - Sierra National Forest. They
24 requested \$48,011. They received a score of 42, at 40
25 percent, for an amount of \$19,204.

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1 The next project is Stanislaus County -
2 Department of Parks and Recreation, Frank Raines. They

3 requested \$184,820. They received a score of 72 for a
4 70 percent at \$129,374.

5 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
6 Riders Association. And I wanted to get up here before
7 the representative from Stanislaus County because they
8 may be able to answer. And that's just what sort of
9 annual usage does Frank Raines get. Because they're
10 asking for a fair amount of money for their different
11 projects. And I am just wondering how much usage it
12 gets out there annually.

13 Thank you.

14 MARTHA IBARRA: The next project is U. S. --

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Wait --

16 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Hold on.

17 TERRI SANDERS: Third time is a charm.

18 Actually with --

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Your name.

20 TERRI SANDERS: Terri Sanders, Parks Manager
21 for Stanislaus County. Visitation is actually very high
22 at Frank Raines. Because of staffing limitations I
23 cannot give you an exact number.

24 We are committing staff to it, so that will be
25 improved in the next year.

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1 This planning grant is a Phase 2 of a planning
2 process. We completed an overall management plan --
3 trail management plan this last year. We are looking in
4 this next phase to do design, trail designation, marking

5 and construction drawing.

6 So, we're very -- we're -- we're hoping this
7 stays on the Consent Calendar as is so we can move to
8 the -- this next phase.

9 Thank you.

10 STAFF: Excuse me, when you talk you need to
11 speak into the mike because it's not being recorded.

12 TERRI SANDERS: You want me to repeat it?

13 What do you think?

14 VICKI PEREZ: It's probably okay.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Vicki says it's okay.

16 It's okay.

17 LOIS SILVERNAIL: Lois Silvernail, Northern
18 CORVA. And to go back and answer his question, we pack
19 the park. And this park is a limited park. It's not
20 open during the summer season. But I guarantee every
21 single weekend and most of the week that park is packed.
22 It's a very small urban park and you have lots of people
23 there.

24 To the point that we not only fill every
25 campsite but every other place, with the exception of

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1 probably the helipad, with people.

2 Part of the planning process has been something
3 we have as user groups asked for for literally years.
4 What is the plan out here? What are we going to do with
5 this park?

6 So we as user groups really would like to see
7 them go forward with establishing what are we going to
8 do with this park. Part of it, increasing our parking
9 area. Part of the plan is increasing law enforcement
10 presence, the Ranger that she spoke of being there full
11 time. Part of it is working on the roads and the
12 Criteria up there.

13 The unfortunate thing with the Frank Raines area
14 is it's a high fire area. So, we have lots of things
15 that we have to meet on that. And that's part of the
16 reason that park is closed for part of the year, is
17 because you simply can't be in it because of the fire
18 hazard.

19 And, Bruce, come on out -- my adventure, I'll
20 show you how many people are in that park. For being a
21 small urban park, it's amazing how many people are
22 there. That's why we asked for the money.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

25 MARTHA IBARRA: The next project, U. S. Forest

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1 Service - Stanislaus National Forest. They requested
2 \$22,129. They received a score of 36, for a zero
3 percent funding determination.

4 SUE WARREN: Good afternoon, Sue Warren, Public
5 Service Program Area Leader for the Stanislaus National
6 Forest. We request that this grant be pulled from the
7 Consent agenda and be considered in the

8 restoration-planning discussion.

9 This was intended as a restoration-planning
10 grant, and I had an extremely difficult time figuring
11 out which category to ask it -- ask for it in. And
12 reading regulations it wasn't clear to me, and maybe
13 that was just my error.

14 But the dilemma becomes I addressed the
15 planning Criteria, not the restoration Criteria. So, I
16 don't know how we could score this. But Judith has come
17 up with a solution to that. So, I will defer to my
18 colleague who is an excellent grant writer.

19 JUDITH SPENCER: Thank you. Judith Spencer,
20 Core. And, yes, this is a grant that is caught in that
21 dilemma between planning and restoration. And it was
22 submitted as planning, in parentheses, restoration. But
23 it was scored as planning.

24 And even so, it was scored low for that, which
25 I have trouble understanding since they clearly address

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1 that this is a grant. It's going to restore a meadow
2 and protect it. It's going to restore habitat,
3 wetlands, creeks in two ranger districts. And it is to
4 do the NEPA so they can do the restoration in the next
5 year.

6 But if you scored it for restoration it would
7 score an easy 95. And I can explain that. You know,
8 the Criteria that calls for the protecting critical

9 environmental resources. It's obviously protecting
10 soils and water and -- and resources.

11 Efficient use of funds, in the -- her grant,
12 she clearly describes the use of volunteers who have
13 done this work before to help them get this NEPA under
14 way. It's going to repair any damages by illegal
15 off-road activity. And when they do these repairs and
16 block them out of -- I think it's a three-acre meadow,
17 is one of the areas -- they can ride in the other areas
18 nearby. Otherwise they're going to lose this area if it
19 goes on much longer.

20 So, I'm suggesting the scores be for Criteria 1
21 under restoration, 40 points. Under 2, 15 points.
22 Under 3, 20 points. And under 5, 10 points.

23 And this is about their fiscal and time frame
24 responsibility and she's addressed that earlier today
25 when she talks about there are -- the road

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1 decommissioning being finished on time and that.

2 I mean, they've been getting grants since 1988,
3 I believe, and getting them done on time.

4 So, I'd like you to consider that either way,
5 whether it's planning or restoration, it's a grant that
6 ought to be funded.

7 Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Yolo is the
9 next.

10 MARTHA IBARRA: The last planning grant is Yolo
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11 County Parks Department. They requested 261,000. They
12 received a score of 55, for a 50 percent funding at
13 130,500.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, what's the pleasure?

15 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Well, I'd like to make a
16 motion, and then we can talk about it.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Oh, yeah you can do that.

18 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: It's a two-part motion.

19 I -- I would like to move that the following planning
20 grants be moved to restoration. That's part one. And
21 then I'd also as a second part like to direct staff to
22 review the balance of the planning grants to see if any
23 of those would more appropriately be placed in
24 restoration.

25 If so, to -- to let Commission know, and then

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1 at the next meeting we will decide whether to do that or
2 not.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: That's quite a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You haven't even gotten
6 to the --

7 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah. Well, let me --
8 and then I think I've got them figured out which ones
9 they would be.

10 Desert Riparian Planning. The two in the El
11 Dorado, the creek crossings. The Pacific Southwest

12 Region restoration. And Stanislaus Planning. If I've
13 missed something -- those --those the ones that --
14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Six, possibly going --
15 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Six, yeah.
16 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Santa Clara and all
17 the -- the one at the top, Parks and Rec., was there
18 a --
19 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: No, that's OHV Safety.
20 That's not Planning.
21 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Oh, okay.
22 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah. So that's my
23 motion.
24 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Can you list the six
25 again? I'm sorry.

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1 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Desert Riparian.
2 El Dorado, Ellis Creek. El Dorado, Gerle Creek.
3 Pacific Southwest Region restoration. And Stanislaus
4 Planning.
5 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: There's five.
6 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: That's five. I don't
7 have six, did I miss one?
8 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: No.
9 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.
10 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: You have six.
11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I'm not certain of the
12 justification for the Desert Riparian, but -- was
13 that -- Jim, maybe you can -- was that a --

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14 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Can we get a second and
15 then we can maybe discuss?

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yeah, okay.

17 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: I'll -- I'll second it.

18 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So for -- under
20 discussion do you mind just refreshing -- I couldn't --

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I wasn't certain if that
23 one really makes sense going across.

24 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, I'm open to --

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

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1 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: -- to removing it if
2 it's not appropriate.

3 JIM WEIGAND: I'm Jim Weigand, the State
4 Ecologist at BLM in Sacramento. My original thinking of
5 this was that it responded to the fact that there would
6 be preexisting OHV routes in Desert Riparian areas, that
7 it would involve re-routes. And I was thinking of it
8 more in the terms of designing so that we get routes out
9 of riparian areas, and I was focusing more on the routes
10 rather than the restoration of riparian areas.

11 Now, you're -- you're also talking here about
12 some bridges in the Eldorado National Forest, if I
13 understand correctly, that also deal with riparian
14 areas. So, I was hesitant in conceiving of this or

15 thinking of it as a restoration grant originally but
16 thinking of it more as an engineering rerouting
17 trail-oriented grant to avoid damage in riparian areas
18 in the desert.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So it's not exactly a
20 restoration but it falls in line with what we're doing
21 with the two in the Eldorado. So --

22 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: It's -- maybe some --
23 some commentary from staff on all this. I mean, I just
24 felt like putting it out there. And so, if it's way off
25 base, let us know. But --

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1 JANELLE MILLER: Well, it sounds more in the
2 way that Jim is describing that this particular grant is
3 a planning grant, not a restoration grant.

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.

5 JANELLE MILLER: But there is a little bit of
6 information -- there's something I'd just like to refer
7 to out of the regulations that makes a little bit of a
8 distinction between planning and restoration.

9 Can I borrow yours?

10 In the regulations under planning it talks --
11 under planning it talks about CEQA or NEPA for potential
12 OHV projects.

13 So, in this instance it's more programmatic and it's
14 more of a planning effort. It's not specific to a
15 specific project.

16 Where under restoration it does say that you
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17 can do some environmental documentation, NEPA and CEQA.
18 But it is for -- it refers to the project. So, it's for
19 a specific project that you've already identified.

20 So, there's a bit of a difference.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: So for restoration they
22 have to be a specific project?

23 JANELLE MILLER: Correct.

24 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: So, in other words, the
25 El dorado ones would more clearly fall into the

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1 restoration category because they're for specific
2 projects?

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: As would the Stanislaus.

4 TIM LA FRANCHI: I -- I can take a stab at
5 this, as well. As -- as Janelle pointed out, eligible
6 costs for restoration projects would be those costs that
7 would be necessary to ensure that the -- the restoration
8 project got completed.

9 That is at the end of the day you've got
10 recontoured and replanted vegetation back to natural or
11 original contours prior to OHV use.

12 In the context of generalized planning, you may
13 not have at the end of the day evidence of that
14 completed project. Generalized planning is an activity
15 you go through to -- to try to identify generally where
16 you're going to go, what you're going to do. It doesn't
17 necessarily mean that everything you identify in your

18 general plan ultimately gets completed or gets funded.

19 So, that's the distinction. And the rationale
20 behind that is the Public Resources Code with regard to
21 the program defines restorations as that work to restore
22 contours, plantings, to the condition that existed prior
23 to OHV use -- the closure to OHV use.

24 So, any activities or costs that don't
25 contribute to that or there isn't some level of

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1 certainty that you're going to end up with that, we've
2 taken the position that those would not be legitimate
3 restoration costs.

4 So, it's a -- it's a project specific versus
5 generalized planning approach.

6 Now, let's translate that and I see Phil over
7 there chatting a little bit, but let's translate that
8 into the -- the four areas that we've had some
9 discussion on.

10 The first one is the \$5 million
11 planning/restoration grant submitted by the -- the
12 Statewide Office for the Forest Service.

13 When I looked at that generally it was -- it
14 did not -- it was not a project or an activity that
15 would have -- that was project specific. For example --
16 for example, it didn't identify work that was going to
17 be completed to restore lands.

18 When the two bridge projects, the construction
19 of bridges, and I'm not -- I haven't looked at those,

20 but the construction of bridges would be a development
21 project. It would not be a restoration project.

22 Now, the work -- if that project was going to
23 also include some activity to restore a stream back to
24 its natural condition because now you're going to close
25 it to -- to driving or riding through, then that portion

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1 of the work might qualify for restoration.

2 The -- the fourth one -- or the fourth one that
3 was just described for the Stanislaus, the way I believe
4 Judith Spencer described it, and again I haven't seen --
5 looked at the actual document, we could pull that --
6 sounded like what they had done is identified a meadow,
7 a couple of other places, where they were actually going
8 to do some work. So, that was project specific. And
9 what they needed to do in order to complete that work
10 was do all the front end work, like NEPA, CEQA do the
11 engineering design, et cetera that would be necessary
12 before you could complete that work.

13 Now, that sounds like on the face of it a
14 true -- more truly a restoration project. And then that
15 brings us to where it should have been evaluated.

16 So, let's assume that in that last instance,
17 the Stanislaus instance, that we say, well, that sounds
18 like it fits the Criteria for an eligible expenditure
19 out of restoration.

20 The problem is they submitted the project as a

21 planning project, used planning Criteria. We -- what
22 would have to happen is they would have to be allowed to
23 go back and reanalyze, provide another set of analysis,
24 needs and benefits analysis. It would have to be
25 re-scored based on a new -- a new submittal. That would

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1 give them an unfair advantage over the rest of the
2 groups who interpreted this correctly and submitted
3 their project according to the correct Criteria.

4 So, you've got several levels here of rationale
5 and problems with going back and trying to shift them
6 back and forth.

7 If -- if -- so, anyhow, I'll stop right there
8 at this point and take any -- try to take any questions.

9 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: If I could -- Phil, jump
10 in.

11 PHIL JENKINS: Give you a little bit of
12 information that might help clarify how we got to the
13 point we are right now.

14 What we were doing is we wrote these
15 regulations this year. What's happened in the past and
16 the way it's always been up to this point is if you were
17 going to do planning for a project, you came under the
18 planning Criteria, planning grant.

19 And that was -- generally speaking, those were
20 like programmatic level approaches, you're looking at,
21 you know, big broad picture, you're doing some very
22 specific planning. And once you have a project

23 identified, you would come in for an actual restoration
24 project.

25 We were listening to various applicants as they

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1 were going through the process and there was just that
2 time lag. You got to wait a whole year for -- you know,
3 you do your first application for your planning and then
4 if you get your planning completed then you have to come
5 in for a second time for another application for the
6 restoration project, itself.

7 What we were trying to do as we wrote these
8 regulations was we added the ability on a project
9 specific NEPA process -- we could have an actual
10 on-the-ground identified I'm going to restore from Point
11 A to Point B, rather than do one year as an application
12 for planning to do your NEPA and then another year to do
13 the actual project, which may or may not be funded, we
14 were trying to write it into the regulations that you
15 could combine in those types of situations where it was
16 very specific, this is exactly what we know we want to
17 do, we need to do that NEPA paperwork. You could do one
18 application and in that three-year period then you could
19 do the planning in year one, and you could do the
20 application of the actual restoration work in years two
21 and three.

22 And, clearly, there was a lot of confusion as
23 that was being tried, to pull that out of the

24 regulations and -- and get that interpreted. It was
25 specifically answered on the Frequently Asked Questions

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1 page on the web, but just realizing that this did
2 confuse -- cause quite a bit of confusion, clearly
3 something that we're going to work with the applicants
4 and with our staff as we come up with our permanent
5 regulations to be much clearer on this next funding
6 cycle -- grant cycle, so that people know exactly how to
7 come in on those grants.

8 That's how we got there.

9 So, generally speaking, we're looking at the
10 intent as we wrote that was that this programmatic
11 general level, as the counselor described, planning
12 stuff would still be under planning as it always has
13 been, and then once you have a specific project you
14 could come in and do that on years 1, 2 and 3.

15 So, as counselor pointed out, there are some
16 that potentially could be funded out of the restoration
17 category as far as -- let me take that back. There are
18 some that could qualify for restoration dollars. The
19 question becomes how do we look at getting that
20 accomplished without violating the system.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, can you maybe
22 elaborate, because you mentioned that you -- it would
23 not be fair to go -- have an applicant resubmit for a
24 restoration grant at this point.

25 TIM LA FRANCHI: Well --
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1 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Why would that not be
2 fair?

3 TIM LA FRANCHI: Well, right now, for example,
4 apparently the Stanislaus example, while it on the face
5 of it from what we've heard sounds like a true -- it
6 would qualify as a restoration project because they
7 identified specific area where they're going to
8 restore -- the problem is they didn't address the
9 restoration Criteria. They didn't submit an application
10 that addressed the overall restoration Criteria.

11 They -- they submitted one that only addressed
12 the planning Criteria, and it didn't meet the planning
13 Criteria the way they addressed it so they got a low
14 score.

15 So, they would have to go back -- they would
16 have to be allowed or permitted to go back and rewrite
17 their application with regard to their needs/benefit
18 analysis to address the restoration Criteria. And then
19 it would have to be re-scored, which again would give
20 them and only them the ability to do something that
21 nobody else maybe got the ability to do, and they'd have
22 more time.

23 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: And there -- that's --
24 that's what you mean, it would be unfair?

25 TIM LA FRANCHI: Unfair, yeah. Yeah, they

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1 would have more time, you know, to do -- to do
2 something.

3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: All right. So, it
4 sounds like my -- my motion isn't -- isn't --

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Well, I think it makes
6 perfect sense. It's just a matter of whether we want to
7 make that leap of faith as a Commission --

8 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah. Maybe --

9 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- and suffer the
10 consequences, right?

11 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Maybe it's something
12 for -- for next year.

13 JUDITH SPENCER: Could I make a simple a
14 addition? I will be quick.

15 I -- my assessment, I simply used the
16 restoration Criteria. The very same information they
17 sent. They don't have to resubmit anything. If -- if
18 the Criteria were -- if we were simply scored according
19 to the restoration Criteria, if they don't maybe give
20 you any new information, it is sufficient, they're to
21 stand as a restoration grant.

22 TIM LA FRANCHI: If that -- if that's the case.
23 As I say, I haven't seen the application. We could pull
24 it up. If that's the case, then I think the Commission
25 could review that and -- and make its own decision.

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1 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. Then --

2 TIM LA FRANCHI: So --

3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Then maybe if I could
4 withdraw my -- my first amendment and give a stab at a
5 second one. I'd -- I would like to try to get this
6 moved in the right direction.

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: We'll try a motion. Just
8 try a motion.

9 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, I'm sorry, a
10 motion.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: To rephrase it.

12 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. If we could just
13 direct staff to review the planning applications to see
14 if there are any applications that are more
15 appropriately considered and scored in their current
16 state as restoration projects. Does that make sense?

17 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Motion and a second.

19 Direct staff to look at those five to see if
20 they qualify.

21 So, all those in favor.

22 IN UNISON: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, you want to make a
24 stab at a second motion in terms of what you're
25 recommending for stay on Consent, or stay -- or take off

1 Consent?

2 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: And that's considering
4 the entire -- well --

5 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, okay. The entire
6 page except for --

7 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Right.

8 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: -- the last two.

9 Okay, I'd like to make a motion to remove the
10 following grant applications from the Consent Calendar.
11 Desert Riparian Planning. California State Office
12 Planning. El dorado, Ellis Creek. El dorado, Gerle
13 Creek. Pacific Southwest Region.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Both restoration and
15 planning?

16 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Well I've got a question
17 on that, on 40.

18 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: 36 and 40?

19 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I think just the
20 restoration, as far as I can see. And Stanislaus
21 Planning.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: We didn't consider the --
23 you're not including OR 807, Santa Clara County Parks
24 and Rec.?

25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yes, I'm sorry. I was

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2 page. Yeah, that's one also that would be included.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Taking off the Consent.

4 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Taking off the Consent,
5 yeah. Santa Clara County Park and Recs. OHV Safety.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I would support that if
7 you would add -- just because there's quite a bit of
8 controversy around the fifth year of route designation.

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: The \$2 million one?

10 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Yeah, let's take that
11 off.

12 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay. I'll amend that
13 or -- or I'll include that.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. Is that a second,
15 Mark?

16 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: All those in favor?

18 IN UNISON: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, we have one --
20 Martha, you have two more on that one page, which I
21 should have included in this, but --

22 MARTHA IBARRA: Larry Bellucci will be the next
23 Grant Administrator speaking.

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1 SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH GRANTS

2 LARRY BELLUCCI: U. S. Forest Service - Pacific

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3 Southwest region. They requested \$1 million. Received
4 a score of 45, for a funding determination of 40
5 percent, for \$400,000.

6 DIANA CRAIG: Good afternoon. I'm Diana Craig.
7 I'm the Regional Wildlife Ecologist for the U. S. Forest
8 Service. And I would respectfully request that this
9 project be pulled off the Consent Calendar and
10 reconsidered in December. We believe that the
11 application merits a total score of 80 points.

12 Specifically, we believe that the full points
13 are merited for each of the Criteria 1, 3 and 6. And
14 would be willing to discuss that further at the December
15 meeting.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

18 LARRY BELLUCCI: The last Scientific Research
19 is Plumas National Forest. They requested \$56,000.
20 Received a score of 45, for a funding determination of
21 40 percent, or \$22,400.

22 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: My name is Sylvia Milligan
23 and I'm with Recreation Outdoors Coalition. And I would
24 like to see this one pulled.

25 I do not agree with this at all. This is a

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1 grant request to see if OHV move noxious weeds from one
2 place to another. Now, if we find they do and we don't
3 have any law enforcement, what good -- I mean, who
4 cares.

5 Let's apply this money towards their law
6 enforcement. Let's put it where it's going to do some
7 good.

8 I'm sorry, but I -- I just can't go with this.
9 I don't care what the score is.

10 KAREN SCHAMBACH: Karen Schambach. I think
11 that this study has ramifications far beyond Plumas.
12 There's -- this is one of those questions that you're --
13 you know, we're hearing brought up both in -- in the
14 forest and in the desert about the association between
15 OHV user -- any kind of vehicle use and noxious weeds.
16 And I think that it's a question that we need to have
17 answered.

18 So, I would support this grant. I don't have
19 the Criteria in front of me, so I wouldn't -- I don't
20 know at what level, but I'd like to see it certainly
21 remain on the table.

22 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
23 Riders Association. And even in their information
24 packet it says peer review by Dr. Jan Beyers, Dr. Hugh
25 Stafford, both questioned the limited scope of the

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1 project and how it would be applied to the OHV program.
2 So even the experts are wondering why.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: So, we have a -- just two
5 little items and then we'll clear this page. And I

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6 apologize for jumping ahead a moment ago.
7 What's the pleasure of the subcommittee?
8 We have one request that it be off. One is
9 sort of a -- questionable research project from several
10 perspectives.
11 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Let's pull them both
12 off.
13 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Pull them both off.
14 I'll make a motion to pull them both off.
15 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I'll second that.
16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. It's been moved
17 and seconded they both be pulled off. All those in
18 favor?
19 IN UNISON: Aye.
20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: The last page.
21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah.
22 JANELLE MILLER: The last speaker today on
23 projects will be Kenney Glaspie again speaking to trail
24 maintenance.
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1 TRAIL MAINTENANCE GRANTS
2 KENNEY GLASPIE: The total request for the
3 North totals \$1,460,671; for the south, \$1,764,804, for
4 a total of trail maintenance request of \$3,225,475.
5 Our first applicant is BLM - Arcata Field
6 Office. They requested \$13,550. They received a score
7 of 57, for a 50 percent determination of \$6,775.

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8 DON KLUSMAN: Don Klusman, California
9 Four-Wheel Drive Association. We would ask that this be
10 pulled off the Consent and reconsidered. That being
11 said, I'm going to save me some time coming up here. I
12 want all of these pulled off Consent. I cannot believe
13 the scores on Trail Maintenance.

14 I've reviewed them and I do not agree with some
15 of the staff recommendations here. So --

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Have you had
17 conversations with staff on these?

18 DON KLUSMAN: No, I have not.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

20 DON KLUSMAN: Because I was basically kind of
21 told not to, until -- until now. Because they said they
22 didn't want to talk about the scores until they came out
23 publicly.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Sure.

25 DON KLUSMAN: So, -- yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Well, but they were
2 public a month ago.

3 PHIL JENKINS: They were public about a
4 month -- less than a month ago.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay.

6 ED WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, for CORVA and
7 District 37. This is a portion that really drives me up
8 the wall. 21 Trail Maintenance grants. 21. How many

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9 grants are we hearing today? How many are there
10 totally? 120 or 180. 21 grants to do the thing which
11 is the roots of our entire program, and we only do 21.

12 I would say to you we got this whole thing
13 totally upside down. Do no trail maintenance and you
14 will have the resource damage and the law enforcement
15 damage up and down the wall.

16 I personally am out there running tractors.
17 I'm running quads. I am cleaning areas. I'm putting
18 trail. Two days I took my motor home club with
19 80-year-old folks and women picking up trash and putting
20 up signs in the California desert in a BLM office --
21 what do you call, Rich Kerr's office because we just
22 aren't getting it done. No wonder. 21 grants out
23 of the \$18 million is only delegated to trail
24 maintenance.

25 Folks, something is drastically wrong in here.

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1 And we score these all low. Most of them are going to
2 be below the bubble. All the discussions you've been
3 doing up to this point is all below the bubble. I don't
4 know why you're even wasting your time talking about it.
5 It's all below the bubble.

6 We have to work differently. We have to think
7 out of the box, because otherwise you're going to lose
8 it and we are going to be totally -- what the heck are
9 we here for. We're going to -- it's immaterial what we
10 do here.

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11 Agencies can't do it. Kathy keeps fighting me,
12 don't do it, get rid of trail route inventory.

13 Go to Washington, D. C. and get the \$2 million
14 to do the inventory. We need to do trail work. You
15 don't do trail work, then it's all over with. And I
16 personally cannot be responsible what happens out in the
17 field, because God only knows I put in 36 years of my
18 life to try to do the right thing for the off-road
19 community, and for the users and for the State of
20 California and for the resources.

21 But if we don't support it by doing the right
22 thing, we're wasting our time here.

23 Thanks. You can clap.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Any others on Arcata?

25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Next.

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1 Eagle Lake.

2 KENNEY GLASPIE: Eagle Lake Field Office - BLM
3 requested \$26,140. They scored 45 points, for a 40
4 percent determination of \$10,465.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: El dorado.

6 KENNEY GLASPIE: The El dorado National Forest
7 requested \$138,540. They scored 66 points for a 60
8 percent determination of \$83,124.

9 LESTER LUBETKIN: Hello. Lester Lubetkin,
10 El dorado National Forest Recreation Officer.

11 Thank you again for the opportunity to speak.

12 We request that OR 2 E 77 be removed from the Consent
13 Calendar. As a part of the collection of worksheets
14 that I provided showing the -- what our -- what the
15 points that we felt we had scored better than was
16 identified in the -- in this Division's recommendations,
17 showed for this grant application that we felt that
18 under the -- the first Criterion of sustaining long-term
19 OHV recreation, that we were focusing the maintenance to
20 minimize -- minimize deferred maintenance in the future,
21 and felt that a score of 36 was appropriate.

22 Tying to both elements B and C, I felt that we
23 should have received full scoring there. And that under
24 the -- element 3 of our history, that we demonstrated
25 that we do have a trained staff ready to complete the

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1 work, trained volunteers, equipment and organizational
2 infrastructure. So felt that we had addressed B and C
3 more fully and should have received full score of 10 on
4 each of those elements, for a score of 24. The total
5 score would be 84.

6 Thank you very much.

7 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
8 Riders Association. And I would also like to see some
9 of the scores increased on this one.

10 And in order to actually substantiate it, on I
11 believe it's 1A, where it's innovative approaches,
12 et cetera, they -- one of the divisions in the Eldorado
13 National Forest has started the wet weasure -- wet

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14 weather closure notification, which is something some
15 of the other forests are trying to figure out what to do
16 during the winter. And with this we can call in -- we
17 being the OHV community. There's -- they post the
18 signs. They send out e-mails to the people that are on
19 the e-mail lists.

20 Their web sites got the wet weather closure
21 information. That prevents people like myself from
22 driving three hours from the Bay Area to get up there to
23 find out that I can't ride.

24 On 2D, volunteers, the Georgetown Ranger
25 Station has innovated their Volunteer Work Supervisor

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1 program. They've got people now that -- OHV people that
2 have been trained properly to go out and do the trail
3 maintenance. All they have to do is kind of check in
4 with the office, let them know what they're going to do
5 and where they're going to do it.

6 Those people are qualified to lead work crews
7 and nine people -- once again the OHV people,
8 volunteers, have completed the Forest Service chain saw
9 course. So, they can be out riding this time of year,
10 later in the year when the trees are coming down, they
11 don't have to come back to the ranger station and say,
12 hey, there's a tree down on Trail 3. They can just go
13 out there and take care of it.

14 So, I believe that these are two areas where

15 their scores can be improved.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Hollister.

18 KENNY GLASPIE: The next applicant is Hollister
19 Field Office of the BLM. They requested \$177,800. They
20 scored 50 points for a 50 percent determination of
21 \$88,900.

22 BRIAN WHITE: Hello. Brian White, Hollister
23 BLM. And I'm probably one of the few people today that
24 might express I'm pleased with the scores that we've
25 gotten today.

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1 And even out of 50 percent, if we get the
2 88,900 we'd be happy with that.

3 However, I don't think anyone is leaving here
4 today having any better idea of knowing what their
5 funding is going to be. And that's what troubles me.

6 So, we're in for one heck of a wild meeting in
7 December to try and hammer all this out. Because if we
8 start lifting scores and lowering scores -- nobody wants
9 a lower score, but if everyone wants a higher score
10 everybody is going to get less money and we have to
11 redistribute everything and it's -- I like the idea of a
12 level playing field coming in here with the scoring
13 system, which I think is a major improvement over my
14 first time through this process, but I just really think
15 that -- I like the idea of knowing how much we might
16 expect. But as of right now leaving today I -- I don't

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17 know and it's hard to plan a program around that -- that
18 sort of information.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I would hope that the
21 recommended Consent ones would remain the same and I
22 understand the discomfort given that the full Commission
23 has to weigh in and there are a number of other
24 ramifications from today forward.

25 So, there's no assurances in life, for that

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1 matter. But -- there certainly aren't assurances here.
2 But I would hope the Consent items would stay the same.

3 I'd like to make comment on that Hollister, if
4 that's acceptable.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Uh-huh.

6 DAVE PICKETT: I'd -- I'd really like a hard
7 look at this. If you look, you'll see a whopping 2
8 maintenance grants put in by the BLM for the entire
9 Northern California. This particular one funds Clear
10 Creek, one of the largest off-road use areas in the
11 central state. And I've got \$88,900 for the backbone of
12 this program.

13 I ask for it to be put on Consent and have a
14 very strong look at this.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Mendocino.

17 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is the

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18 Mendocino National Forest. They requested \$289,163.
19 They scored 66 points, for a 60 percent determination of
20 \$173,498.

21 MATTHEW PIPER: Good afternoon. My name is
22 Matthew Piper. I'm the Off-Highway Vehicle management
23 Specialist in Mendocino. We would like to request
24 this -- this item be removed from the Consent Calendar.
25 We submitted a justification to you earlier

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1 today and would appreciate you considering it. And I'd
2 like to make one correction to an earlier statement.
3 The Mendocino hosts six MA-sanctioned events a year.
4 Not the Eldorado.

5 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Plumas.

6 KENNEY GLASPIE: Plumas National Forest,
7 applied for \$245,000. They got a score of 30 points,
8 for a zero percent determination.

9 FRED KRUEGER: Again, Commissioners, thank you
10 very much for the opportunity to address you this
11 afternoon. Fred Krueger from the Plumas National
12 Forest. I'm the Public Service Staff in charge of
13 Recreation and Engineering, Lands and Minerals.

14 During the last spring of this year we had a
15 storm event on the forest which was a -- a rain -- or
16 snow first and then a rain on snow event. And it
17 continued through 40 days, which caused a lot of damage
18 on the thousands of miles of routes, trails and areas
19 that we have across the forest.

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20 We think our application demonstrated better
21 than the scores reflected. And we'd like to request
22 this to come off the Consent Calendar.

23 With that storm event we also applied for
24 Federal highway dollars to assist us. And we have found
25 out that a lot of that is going to be granted.

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1 We're going to use those Federal dollars to
2 match any dollars that the Commission sees fit in
3 approving of this application. At least to a one-to-one
4 ratio if not more. And we're in the process of figuring
5 that out and will know that by December.

6 The work is being done by our engineering road
7 crews that I direct and I watch over. And we get the
8 job done very, very efficiently.

9 So, this will be a very best buy. We have a
10 large number of volunteers and we demonstrated that in
11 the application and we'd like to have that taken under
12 consideration, as well.

13 So, we'll present that further. Thank you very
14 much. Is there any questions?

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thanks, Fred.

16 FRED KRUEGER: Thank you very much for your
17 time as well as the Division's work on all of these
18 grants. It's a lot of hard work, I know that.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Redding Field Office.

21 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is the
22 Redding Field Office of the BLM. They requested
23 \$54,660.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Oh.

25 KENNEY GLASPIE: They received 54 points for a

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1 50 percent determination of \$27,330.

2 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I overlooked Sylvia. I
3 apologize.

4 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: I know -- I realize we're in
5 a real hurry to get out of here today. Everybody has
6 things to do and you guys are doing an excellent job,
7 but I'm a little slow today. I've had my feet operated
8 on. So, anyway I -- I agree with Fred Krueger from the
9 Plumas.

10 This grant getting a score of zero is -- is
11 really pathetic. And we have pictures that show how
12 well they work with the public. How much their
13 leverage -- or how much they're leveraging their money
14 by working with volunteers. They do an excellent
15 program and I hope you look really, really hard at the
16 funds for them.

17 I don't know where you're going to get them. I
18 hope you have a magic hat. But I hope you find some.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

21 Now Redding.

22 SKY ZAFFARANO: Sky Zaffarno, Redding BLM Field
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23 Office.

24 I submitted a written rationale for an
25 increased score on our trail maintenance to a 70 out of

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1 100. It was given a Division score of 43 out of 100.
2 And I just request that you read that and consider that
3 in final scoring determination. And go ahead and remove
4 it from Consent.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

7 DAVE PICKETT: Dave Pickett, District 36.

8 Again, I'm very, very familiar with this area.
9 High use. Heavy motorcycle. Again, the backbone of
10 this whole program. I'd like this pulled off Consent
11 and take a good look at this one. Once again, it's the
12 backbone of the program is maintenance.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

15 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: Sylvia Milligan.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: You didn't have your feet
17 operated on if you can move like that.

18 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: Well, Dave told me my brains
19 are in my feet, that's why I'm having such a problem.

20 Anyway, I'm with Recreation Outdoors Coalition.
21 Sylvia Milligan. And I agree, this is one of our best
22 programs in Northern California. When we don't have
23 trail maintenance, these people get out on the interface

24 and -- and ride in the community. We need to keep them
25 in the OHV area, the designated area. And we can't do

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1 it if our trails aren't maintained.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

4 Santa Clara.

5 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is the
6 Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department.

7 They requested \$235,048. They scored 46 points
8 for a 40 percent determination of \$94,019.

9 DAVE PIERCE: Good afternoon. I'm Dave Pierce.
10 I'm from Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation
11 Department.

12 Thank you for spending a long day listening to
13 the various comments that we have here. I'd like to
14 speak to this issue and have it removed from the Consent
15 Calendar for consideration for re-scoring.

16 And in the interest of time I'll make a few
17 brief comments here and follow up with written comments
18 with more detail.

19 We do believe it's necessary to comment on this
20 grant application as it really speaks to the heart of
21 our department's operating a quality facility for our
22 users. It's also something that is very near and dear
23 to the -- our user's hearts and something that we've
24 heard from our users over the last three years of
25 holding public meetings. Maintenance is something that

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1 is really critical for them.

2 The items I'd like to speak about, first of
3 all, is Item number 1, the maintenance plan. And in
4 that, specifically item B talking about deferred
5 maintenance, and you'll note that in the staff review of
6 that it mentions that we had scheduled routine intervals
7 and staffing levels to prevent unnecessary deferred
8 maintenance.

9 I'd also point out in the application we had a
10 13 bullet-point listing of the maintenance activities
11 that we do. Many of those activities are specifically
12 related to upkeep and safety issues.

13 We also attached a trail maintenance plan which
14 listed activities that we do either daily, weekly,
15 several are monthly, and one or two are yearly basically
16 because of seasonal requirements. I think this shows a
17 very clear commitment on our part to not defer
18 maintenance at our park and therefore I'm requesting
19 that we get an 8 out of 10 score, which would increase
20 it by six points.

21 The second one I wanted to address was the safe
22 riding conditions, and would request an 8 out of 10 for
23 that one. Again, as we've mentioned, we do routine
24 maintenance to prepare for safety.

25 The other two that I want to address really

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1 quickly here are completion of projects. In the staff
2 report it notes that in the 15 years that we've done
3 projects we've never had any extensions. We received a
4 five of 10. I would request a 10 of 10.

5 I don't see how we could do much better than
6 completing our projects on time.

7 And the final one would be accountability. The
8 staff report indicates that we have never had any audit
9 exceptions. We received a 3 out of 10. I would request
10 that be increased to a 10 of 10.

11 So for the total score it would increase 24
12 points for a 70 total score.

13 Thank you for your time.

14 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

15 BRUCE BRAZIL: Bruce Brazil, California Enduro
16 Riders Association. And here we've got an off-road
17 vehicle park that's open, operating, operating well.
18 Our OHV program here cannot seem to open up or expand
19 the existing SVRAs.

20 So, I'd like to really be sure that there's
21 some way that we can get some more money going to the
22 parks that are operating. It's a very good operational
23 park. And I'd really like to see increased funding
24 there, so please put it on the -- non-Consent list so
25 that it can be taken up in December and we -- see if we

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1 can't get these scores up.

2 Thank you.

3 DAVE PICKETT: Pave Pickett, District 36.

4 Again, this facility you've heard me talk about
5 before. I'm pleased this facility has never had to put
6 in a restoration grant. Because they take care of it,
7 just as the man had said. It's awesome. If you haven't
8 been there, you need to go look. They take care of the
9 place. The riders like it. They watch their pennies.
10 It works. What else can I say?

11 Pull it off the Consent, please, for review and
12 go with the score recommended by the speaker.

13 Thank you.

14 LISA KILLO: Lisa Killo, Santa Clara County
15 Parks. I would like it all taken off the Consent for
16 the reasons articulated by Dave Pierce.

17 RYAN CHAMBERLAIN: My name is Ryan Chamberlain.
18 I'm an ASI instructor here on behalf of Metcalf
19 Motorcycle Park.

20 A little information about the -- about
21 Metcalf. Over 2500 riders per mile per year, on 21
22 miles of trails. This year up to date over 52,000
23 visitors visited the park. Last year, same time, same
24 place, 32,000. It's continuously growing.

25 I have seven different types of tracks and

1 numerous different types of terrain throughout.

2 I'd like to say that this should be reevaluated
3 for these tracks because this is -- I've been going here
4 for 15 plus years, and the last, past three years this
5 park has been getting better and better. And I'd like
6 to see it continue that way.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Shasta Trinity.

9 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is the
10 Shasta Trinity National Forest. They requested \$46,695.
11 They received a score of 15 points, for zero funding
12 determination.

13 BRENDA TRACY: My name is Brenda Tracy from the
14 Shasta Trinity National Forest. I'd like to request
15 that this project be taken off the Consent Calendar for
16 further consideration.

17 There are a number of important items in the
18 application that I believe merit a higher score. Items
19 include actions that would sustain the long-term safe
20 use of the roads and trails in the restoration. That
21 restoration is an OHV area which is the only managed OHV
22 area within 100 miles of Redding, California.

23 Our application addresses maintenance
24 activities including dust abatement and soil
25 stabilization that would avoid soil deposits in the

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2 soils and hydrology of this area are largely resilient
3 to OHV use if regular maintenance is performed.

4 The application also states that the rolling
5 dips erosion features and water bars, if properly
6 maintained -- maintained in the area enhance trail riding
7 experiences while controlling runoff, reducing erosion,
8 improving water quality and extending the life of the
9 route.

10 In addition, without regular maintenance some
11 of these trails would have to be closed, which would
12 impact the other trails and could subsequently
13 compromise -- excuse me, safe riding conditions in the
14 Chappie Shasta OHV area.

15 Our application also mentions the safety
16 training area which provides a unique training
17 opportunity for clubs and groups.

18 I'd like to recommend increasing the score by
19 25 points from 15 to 40. Thank you for your
20 consideration.

21 Getting a little bored?

22 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: We're good.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

24 SYLVIA MILLIGAN: Sylvia Milligan, Recreation
25 Outdoors Coalition. And I go with what Brenda had to

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1 say. The Chappie is checkerboarded with BLM, private
2 and Forest Service lands. And if we don't maintain all

3 of these trails, one impacts the others. So, I hope you
4 dig a little deeper in that hat.

5 ELIZABETH NORTON: Elizabeth Norton with the
6 Lassen National Forest. And I just had a general
7 observation for all of the applications under this
8 particular project type of trail maintenance, which is
9 so important to the OHV program and providing
10 sustainable recreation and minimizing resource impacts.

11 But it occurred to me in looking at all the
12 scores, they range from zero to 60 percent, which is
13 generally far lower than the other project types.

14 And for this kind of important activity it
15 seems to indicate to me that there's a -- a common
16 reason or a theme as to why applicants are struggling in
17 addressing the Criteria not able to achieve a higher
18 scoring and get the funding that's so critical to their
19 programs.

20 So, I would recommend that the Commissioner and
21 the Division take a look at the Criteria, see if there
22 is some common reason with folks addressing these
23 Criteria, and either the Criteria may need to change,
24 it's not fitting the particular project type very well,
25 and that's why they're getting a lower score or else the

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1 Division could possibly provide some additional
2 information or clarification to the applicants so they
3 can do a better job of competing for this funding next
4 year.

5 But when scores are ranging from zero to 60
6 percent and every other project type has scores that are
7 higher than that, some up to 90 percent, then to me
8 Trail Maintenance project type, I would take a look at
9 the Criteria and see if we can provide some additional
10 assistance to applicants to do a better job.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Next.

13 KENNEY GLASPIE: Next applicant is the Sierra
14 National Forest. They requested \$48,242. They received
15 a score of 50, for 50 percent funding determination of
16 \$24,121.

17 The next applicant is the Six Rivers National
18 Forest. They requested \$31,477. They scored 56 points,
19 for a 50 percent determination of \$15,739.

20 RAY MC CRAY: Ray McCray, Six Rivers National
21 Forest.

22 Commissioner. Being second to the bottom of
23 the list, I have no choice but to request being removed
24 from the Consent Calendar. And I have provided a
25 recommenda -- recommended changes to the Criteria

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1 scoring because I believe I should merit -- or I
2 should -- it merits receiving a higher score.

3 I won't go through them. I have delivered them
4 to you. Basically what I did was I reviewed the other
5 applicants with the higher scores, saw what was said

6 about them, compared mine with that, and went by that
7 going, "I did answer that" comparatively to the other
8 ones.

9 So, anyway, I was requesting -- this is where I
10 may have shot myself in the foot. I was -- from 56 I
11 was requesting a total score of 63. And primarily what
12 that does is it allows me enough money to hire the CCC
13 crews that maintain my trails. It's more or less the
14 contractual section of the cost and deliverable section
15 in my grant.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Thank you For
18 being honest.

19 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Not greedy.

20 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Finally, to Tahoe.

21 Oop, finally Dave Pickett.

22 DAVE PICKETT: Finally. Dave Pickett. I'm
23 District 36. Look at the far right-hand column over
24 there, and we got a whopping \$15,700 for maintenance for
25 an entire year in a forest that has a track record for

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1 OHV. That's embarrassing. I would like this pulled off
2 the Consent, and I definitely will be addressing this at
3 the December meeting.

4 Thank you.

5 KENNEY GLASPIE: The next applicant is the
6 Tahoe National Forest. They requested \$149,800. They
7 scored 43 points, with a 40 percent determination of

8 49,920.

9 DAVID MICHAEL: Thank you. It's good to be
10 here, even if I am the last one.

11 The Forest would ask -- excuse me, David
12 Michael, Tahoe National Forest, OHV Manager. Thank you.

13 The Forest would request that you consider
14 removing this grant from the Consent Calendar and -- and
15 adjust the given score to 62. We specifically feel that
16 we have met the Criteria for questions 1B, 1D and 3C
17 that we have handed you and would like to address those
18 in the December meeting.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

20 DAVE PICKETT: I guess I'm going to get the
21 last word. Dave Pickett, District 36. I would like
22 this off Consent, also. I think Liz made a great
23 comment earlier about the scoring percentages. There
24 seems to be a pattern forming here.

25 I'm going to do a more serious review of all

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1 these, take a peek of what's going on here. It's -- 21
2 total maintenance grants for the entire program. 12 in
3 the north, nine in the south.

4 Well, I made some phone calls to an awful lot
5 of folks and asked them, "Why didn't you put in a
6 maintenance grant. It's your right to do that. It's
7 competitive."

8 And you know what they said? "Why bother."

9 They're not going to have any money left, anyways."

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: What's the pleasure of
12 the subcommittee?

13 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: I'd like to make a
14 motion. It would probably be easier to identify those
15 left on the Consent than those to be taken off. But I'd
16 like to remove Arcata Field Office from Consent.
17 Eldorado Trail Maintenance off Consent. Hollister
18 Field Office. Mendocino Trail Maintenance. Plumas
19 Trail Maintenance. Redding. Santa Clara Parks and Rec.
20 Shasta Trinity. Six Rivers. And Tahoe.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I'll second.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Somehow I had -- under
23 discussion I had Hollister Field Office as on Consent.

24 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I have them as coming
25 off.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Was it coming off?

2 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah. That's what I
3 have.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. All those in
5 favor?

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Questions or comments?

8 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Yes, the sort of wrap-up
9 comments from my fellow Commissioners.

10 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: We have -- on the

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11 conservation we had one that the gentleman -- I forget
12 who it was -- thought was pulled and we didn't pull it.
13 Or, no, we pulled it and he wanted it back on. It was
14 the --

15 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Oh, right, right, right,
16 right.

17 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: -- OR 2T 99, the Tahoe
18 conservati on.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you. Yeah, we need
20 to go back to that and he wanted it on Consent.

21 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: He wanted it on
22 Consent. So, I'll make a motion that that stays on the
23 Consent Calendar.

24 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: It's been moved and

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1 seconded for OR 2T 99 to remain on Consent.

2 All in favor?

3 IN UNISON: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Now, for --

5 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I have a question to
6 staff. Obviously, we've -- we've heard quite a bit of
7 commentary on the Trail Maintenance category. And I'm
8 just wondering if staff has any point of view on why the
9 applicants scored so poorly on Trail Maintenance.

10 JANELLE MILLER: I think I'll direct that down
11 the table to the team that was scoring, see if you can

12 provide any -- elaborate on that.

13 Trail Maintenance is part of the non-CESA team,
14 so the non-CESA team scores Trail Maintenance, Planning,
15 Safety and Education. So, there's a number of those
16 things -- Scientific Research.

17 Kenney.

18 KENNEY GLASPIE: Okay, I have to say I was
19 pretty disappointed, too, because that is my background,
20 is trail building and trail maintenance. And they were
21 pretty much all over the board. Very few -- a lot of
22 them that scored really low didn't follow the scoring
23 Criteria and formats.

24 We had to work really hard to search in the
25 grant to see where they meant that -- where it met that

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1 Criteria. You know, and it was difficult.

2 And some of them, honestly I think are probably
3 more trail builders than they are grant writers and
4 couldn't get the point across.

5 You know, we can't -- you know, some of them
6 that were the most disappointing to me are places where
7 I've been and it looks nice, but I can't color my
8 experience with certain forests or certain areas because
9 if I don't know other areas, you know, it's giving them
10 an unfair advantage. I can't do that.

11 I -- I can only go by what is written down
12 there, and that's about the only way I can address it.
13 You know, it -- it was disappointing to me.

14 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Well, I was just briefly
15 thumbing through the -- the Plumas application. It's 90
16 pages with all kinds of charts and photos, a lot of
17 narrative. I mean, it looks very, very complete, very
18 professionally done, and they only scored 30. Is it
19 that the -- the questions just aren't getting answered
20 even though there's a lot of information or --

21 KENNEY GLASPIE: Yes, the Plumas especially --
22 let me turn to that.

23 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Page 215, I think it
24 was, it starts.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: While you're looking for

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1 that, did they all come to the workshops that helped
2 them through the grant application process? Or do you
3 know? Did they happen --

4 JANELLE MILLER: Not everybody came to the
5 workshop.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: The Trail Maintenance
7 people.

8 JANELLE MILLER: People did. Oh,
9 specifically --

10 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Of that group?

11 JANELLE MILLER: Well, I don't know because
12 it's project by project. We have a listing of the
13 applicants or the Forests or BLM who attended. The
14 specific locations, not what they were specifically

15 attending for.

16 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: It looks to me like it
17 just --

18 FRED KRUEGER: Yes, the Plumas was represented
19 at the workshop, which we appreciated. I had three
20 people there.

21 KENNEY GLASPIE: The Plumas -- specifically I'm
22 looking at their analysis of project needs and benefits.
23 It would be in your volume 6, page 282, is where they
24 started. And the very first thing I could highlight
25 that they answered was -- addressed 1C, drop down at the

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1 end of that second paragraph and another line kind of
2 addressed 1C, the Criteria, and I don't have those
3 Criteria right in front of me this second.

4 And then they came to the next paragraph, got
5 to the bottom of it and kind of addressed 1B. And then
6 on the next page, sort of at the top of that paragraph,
7 they addressed 1B.

8 The next paragraph they addressed -- a sentence
9 in there addressed 2B. The bottom one addressed 2A.
10 And they weren't expanding on these at all. They were
11 just touching on the thing.

12 They were going to use CCC crews for brushing,
13 tree clearing, culvert clearing and other forms of
14 maintenance.

15 Okay, how big are the CCC crews? What kind of
16 contracts are you going to write up with these crews?

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17 How many -- how much work are they actually going to do?
18 Give me some specifics on what that CCC crew is going to
19 do. The -- gave them some points for --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I make a comment?

21 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Well, before we go into
22 this, I don't think we want to get into that kind of
23 detail right here, right now. I think that there's a --
24 there are some issues -- around fulfilling the needs of
25 your evaluations by the needs of specific information.

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1 I think that's been throughout many of the categories.

2 So, this is the second or third year of this
3 and the applicants are learning and you're learning.
4 and I think that without getting further into the detail
5 because we're going back -- to go back and forth here in
6 the audience, and I don't want to do that with these
7 applications right now.

8 Thank you, though. Is that fair?

9 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, though, that's
10 fine. I just was -- was wondering if here was some --
11 some reason that popped out that staff could say, oh,
12 yeah, you know, this is -- you know, this needs fixing.
13 I mean, do you think the Criteria should stand the way
14 it is?

15 KENNEY GLASPIE: Well, some applicants did very
16 well.

17 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Well --

18 KENNEY GLASPIE: Parts of Criteria. Not -- not
19 one applicant did very well on all of them. Some of
20 them -- the one that seemed to be a real hangup for a
21 lot of people was the third Criteria for the amount of
22 projects, the fiscal responsibility, and the staff that
23 they had, and that was where it was delineated ten
24 points, ten points, ten points?
25 Pretty easy to grade on. And a lot of

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1 applicants fell down on that. Some of them just really
2 aced that very well and that's -- that's where it's
3 confusing, is if everybody didn't get number 3, okay,
4 well, maybe we have a problem with number 3. Or if
5 everybody didn't get number 2. But it was kind of all
6 over the board.

7 You know, some people really nailed Criteria 1.
8 Some people really did Criteria 2. So, I don't have an
9 answer for you there.

10 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: It's enlightening to hear
12 some of the discussion but not specific to a particular
13 grant. I think that that analysis will help us in
14 future years.

15 So, I just want to commend the staff for the
16 thoroughness. I think that they took this year and
17 really -- really progressed in this process.

18 So, thank you. And I know there are other
19 comments from others and then I will want a -- a motion

20 for adjournment shortly.

21 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: I'll -- I'll make it
22 quick. It just does sound to me like even from the
23 staff's point of view, there -- there was a problem with
24 this entire group that would behoove I think staff to
25 work on what that problem is and perhaps make it a

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1 little bit more user friendly next year.

2 LARRY BELLUCCI: Chairperson, may I speak on
3 this?

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Certainly.

5 LARRY BELLUCCI: I believe the -- all of the
6 Criteria, not just the Criteria for trail maintenance
7 has been kind of an evolving document. And it's been
8 put together from input by the Commission, by the
9 Division, by stakeholders and the applicants. And I --
10 and I believe it's something that we intend to, you
11 know, kind of work on each year as we're -- as we're --
12 as we're trying to make the -- the whole process better.

13 So, I -- I would imagine that we're -- as
14 always, will accept input from the applicants and the
15 Commission, obviously, and continue to work on this
16 because maybe it is something that -- that does need a
17 little bit more work. Can't really specifically answer
18 that right now without looking at it in a little more
19 detail, but I -- I think part of the -- one of the
20 issues is that it has been a result of input from so

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21 many different groups.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Okay. Anybody want to
23 weigh --

24 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Well, I just --

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: -- in further on this?

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1 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: I just want -- yeah, I
2 just want to thank you all for -- for the work, the
3 effort. This is an extremely challenging and difficult
4 task to try to, you know, decide who gets what dollars
5 when there's so many worthy places for the money to be
6 spent.

7 So, you know, I for one really appreciate all
8 the -- all the effort. I mean, this is incredible, the
9 amount of work that went into all this. And I'm sure it
10 will -- will only get better.

11 So, again, thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I want to thank the
13 staff, also, but more importantly I want to thank
14 everybody in the audience for showing up and, you know,
15 we received about a hundred pounds of paperwork. And
16 now I know which ones to read. I did thumb through
17 them, but I'm going to go back through all the ones that
18 were pulled so that I'm more versed and more educated on
19 those come December.

20 So -- and I hear everybody loud and clear about
21 the CESA and the non-CESA money. That's one of my
22 personal agenda items. As a matter of fact, agenda item

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23 one, two and three for the next few years is to get more
24 money into that non-CESA, because it's things like Ryan
25 and Sarah back here dealing with the education and the

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1 stuff on the ground, that's the stuff that makes a
2 difference for me.

3 And so, when I -- I too, think there's a lot of
4 Federal agencies that could be possibly dipping in other
5 wells. But since we have limited funds and a lot of
6 requests and a lot of good requests.

7 But thanks to staff for -- this was my first
8 grant deal, along with Gary's. And, Mr. Chairman, it
9 started out a little rough. I think we had five down in
10 about 45 minutes. Then we got rolling. And I enjoyed
11 it.

12 So, I -- I hope that the four of us stick
13 together on the stuff that has been vented today come
14 the December meeting because I hate to see it all
15 re-drug through -- all the Consent items re-drug and
16 reopened up, although I'm sure some of them will be.

17 But if the four of us stick together on -- you
18 know, everybody was invited here today, all the public
19 and all the Commissioners. And I think those who showed
20 up, maybe we stick together on the Consent items that
21 we've -- we've listened to and -- and thought about.

22 So, that's my two cents.

23 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Commissioner Priznich

24 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Done for the day?

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1 COMMISSIONER PRIZMICH: I'd like to make a
2 motion that we close.

3 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I'd -- I want to echo
4 something before we do that, and I'll accept that motion
5 shortly.

6 I too, want to thank everybody for sticking it
7 out. We didn't fill the room but you're all to be
8 credited for putting your comments in, and we will
9 certainly consider all those. And we definitely need to
10 expand these pots in many directions.

11 And, lastly, I want to thank this new team,
12 John being the oldest member of the team. I think
13 everybody else has been here less than a year, or around
14 a year.

15 JANELLE MILLER: A year or less.

16 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: A year or less. So,
17 it's -- it's exciting to see what you've done in that
18 short period of time. And I look forward to the great
19 progress ahead.

20 So, thank you. Thanks to all. And we'll see
21 you in December. Okay.

22 Oh, motion to adjourn, and it's accepted.

23 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Yeah, second.

24 ED WALDHEIM: You'll see us in November.

25 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: November.

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1 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: I'm seeing you in
2 November, Ed. I see you everywhere, and all the time.

3 COMMISSIONER WILLARD: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN BRISSENDEN: Thank you.

5 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.)

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