The following directors, constituting a quorum of the full board, were present:
Harriet Buckwalter
William Blake
Chris Schaefer
Ray Krauss
Megan Dehn

General membership present: Linda, Claudia, Karen, Richard, Carol, Lynn, Sue, Harriet
Approved May 2018 meeting minutes - no changes

- Financial Report – Activity since last meeting was 4 contributions totaling $700.
  $500 in Checking, $11,512.58 in Savings.

- Make/discuss general plan for some spring hikes/presentations and a fall fundraiser 2019 - the following members agreed to look into possible topics and come to January meeting with more information:
  - Fire Hardening - Fall or Winter - Oct/Nov...Karen & Megan
  - Monan’s Rill Trail Discovery Hike - Fall, Winter or Spring (do with LandPaths?) Scavenger hike, geo-caching...
  - Monan’s Rill - Controlled Burn Tours - technical group - Harriet
  - Information event about CWPP Grants
- RCD Tour of water tanks with info about funding for landowners - Karen
- Forest management plan tour (RCD) - what is one, how to get one...Karen
- Greg Guisti come back for tree health on Lynn's property...Garric
- Steve’s pond study...
- Hydrology study...RCD/Matt
- Family friendly/Richard et al...Linda

- Fall fire hardening presentation - Karen

Working with Caerleon, walking tour here? She can spend an hour here to discuss examples then walk to homes. Just set this up w/okay from Monan’s Rill and logistical reqs...

- Update on CWPP (Community Wildfire Prevention Plan) - Karen, Carol, Ray, Richard

Waiting for signatures, full document done with list of projects for community. RCD, Cal-Fire meeting will establish funding, timing. CDF grant deadline in the first week in December needs to happen to fund these projects. Ray needs graphs/tables links by 9/28 to complete prior to posting. Karen follow-up with Caerleon about signatures. We want RCD to do the grant writing, but it may be us having do it if we can’t get the signatures in time...or maybe post as draft if sigs not timely, etc.

  Technical Advisory Committee for Hydrogeology Study - Ray, Carol, Harriet
  Part of this study involves a tech advising committee that will ensure all is valid. This committee was formed! Monday is the meeting at SoCo Water Agency: Carol/Richard: scientists, Harriet: technical/landowner outreach. NOAA, Water Agency, Fish & Wildlife, NCRWQCB, So Co Regional Parks, RCD & us!

- Road Clean up - Richard, Bill

Sue Smith’s service is on the same date. Sunday, 10/14 is alternative date. Waiting to hear from Jim & Betty for approval. Bill will send out updated info. (Update: the date is October 14th, a Sunday, 9AM to noon.)
• Cannabis Ordinance Updates (Public Policy) - Ray, Carol, Richard, Harriet

We initially missed opportunities to impact the ordinance, but have been at meetings, written a letter and keeping FMWW updated. We received legal advice. Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger submitted documentation that protecting our watershed was right and expedient, and provided legal and scientific evidence to support our claim. This was submitted just prior to the hearing. Harriet spoke at the BOS meeting on revising the ordinance making sure they understood how critical making the watershed a zone that gets careful scrutiny before cannabis grows are approved. There are many grows in various stages of illegal and legal process in the watershed that have not been monitored or studied. The water consumption alone is way beyond what is scientifically advised. Our meeting with Tennis Wick at PRMD is 9/20. There have been numerous reports and documents released that describe the protection of groundwater resources that support our position. These have been sent along to the county as discovered. So, the 9/20 meeting will be full. We would like to have County add ordinance language to exclude grow permits based on water resources criteria. Given the myriad of issues around the cannabis ordinance we will stay focused on water given the legal strength that appears to be growing around preserving groundwater in impaired watersheds.

Cost of legal support for comment letter and next steps - Ray, Harriet

Ray has donated $9000 to FMWW for the legal support. This is important to him and he is able to do this. And, FMWW needs to do fundraising to continue to support our position with the county’s ordinance as we may have to go to court to fight this. A called meeting will be needed if the decision to sue seems necessary. Also, if that decision is made a discussion about officer liability insurance and other concerns needs to carefully considered.

• Outreach from lower MW Watershed - Ray

They are having meet & greet at 9am on 9/28. Ray will attend to let them know who we are and what we’ve done. They are interested in what we have been doing. They want some enlightened information about how to be more involved in protecting their end of the watershed.

The County office of Resiliency should also be informed with what we’re doing. Forestry working group is still being attended by Ray in lieu of Penny in her absence.
Organize Cannabis presentation/panel
FMWW Wildlife Cameras – report – Chris

Chris has a bunch of cameras, will fix them up and distribute

Committee Reports

- History Committee – (Linda)

Still looking for a transcriber. Need to interview Tom Graham, Kenton Clark.
Update: Linda sent out an email shortly after this meeting with the following information:
“It looks like we have 3 tapes to transcribe and it takes about hours per tape. When comparing transcribers, Arthur (transcriber) says the important question is: "How many words per minute?" He can do 25-30 words per minute and charges $40/hour. There are approx. 10,000 words in a 90 minute interview.” It was agreed among meeting attendees via email that we would address this in the next meeting.

- Emergency Preparedness – Bill

Another test call is tentatively schedule for Monday 9/24 with an email 24 hours prior.
(Update: actual call was moved to 2018-10-02 so as not to confuse recipient’s with a) County’s test calls and b) potential Red Flag days.)

Next Membership Meeting - January 10, 2019 – Monan’s Rill HUB
Directions to Monan’s Rill ~ 7899 St. Helena Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404. Approx. 4 miles on St. Helena Road from Calistoga Road. At the bottom of a sharp S turn, there are several mailboxes on the left at the base of the main drive onto the land. You will also see a sign for Monan’s Rill at the entry on the left side of the road. Go up the gravel drive. Please keep your speed below 15 mph. Monan's Rill community HUB is about a mile up the drive. When the road changes from gravel to pavement, take a left at the “Y.” It will turn back to gravel shortly. Once you get onto the property, keep going straight, curving around to the left until you get to a second “Y”. Take the right fork and make the next left at the mailboxes. The community building is on the left and parking is on the roadway or in the parking lot area on the right of the building. Please leave your pets at
home ~ stay clear of the ponds ~ no smoking. Please Note: All attendees at our quarterly meetings are asked to sign a general liability release for the benefit of Monan’s Rill.