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PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA
ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
September 12, 2024

Agency Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 9:30 am

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FULL AGENCY

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Welcoming Remarks (John Ernst, Chair)
3. Public Comment

Public comment will be available to members of the public who attend the Agency meeting in person as well as those who attend the meeting remotely. If you would like the opportunity to speak remotely during public comment, please send your name, the phone number you will be using to call into the WebEx (noted above), and the topic on which you will be commenting to AgencyMeeting.PublicComment@apa.ny.gov. Commentators will be limited to no more than three minutes each.

The Agency encourages public comment that will assist us in improving our practices, procedures, and our responsibility to the public. However, to promote fundamental fairness, and in consideration of the substantial time available for written comment, the policy of the Agency is to exclude public comment on matters pending decision until the

conclusion of Agency business. This includes: (1) any matter which is before the Agency for action at this meeting; (2) any enforcement case which is before the Agency; (3) any matter for which an adjudicatory public hearing has been convened. Conduct of the meeting is always at the discretion of the Chair or Committee Chair.

4. Approval of July 11, 2024 Draft Agency Minutes
5. Recusals
6. Motion for Executive Session
7. Executive Director's Report (Barbara Rice)
8. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Agency Chair may serve as a voting member of any of the committees.

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

State Land Committee

Ken Lynch (Chair), Benita Law-Diao, Zoë Smith, Joe Zalewski, DEC

1. Planning Division Report (Megan Phillips)
2. Cranberry Lake Campground Unit Management Plan Amendment (Oliver Miller, DEC, Josh Houghton, DEC, and Mitchell Jones, APA)

For action: Staff from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and APA staff will present a summary of public comments received regarding the proposed amendments to the 2016 Cranberry Lake Campground UMP. APA staff will share a staff recommendation for conformance with the State Land Master Plan and the board may adopt a resolution following the presentations and discussion.

3. Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan Amendments Package (Mitchell Jones, Matt McNamara, Kevin Prickett, Megan Phillips)

For action: Agency staff will present a summary of the 2024 package of proposed amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan, and will seek authorization to initiate coordinated review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and proceed with public hearings and a public comment period.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Executive Session & Lunch

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Park Policy and Planning Committee

Benita Law Diao (Chair), Mark Hall, Brad Austin

1. Hudson River Black River Regulating District Overview (John Callaghan, HRBRRD)

For information: The Executive Director of the Hudson River Black River Regulating District will give an overview of the Regulating District's authority and projects and how their work intersects with the Agency's jurisdiction.

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

Park Ecology Committee

Chair: Zoë Smith, Benita Law-Diao, Brad Austin, ESD, Joe Zalewski, DEC

1. Park Ecology Committee Report (Dr. Lizz Schuyler)
2. For information: 100 Years of Natural Resource Decision Making in the Park – SUNY ESF

For information: Professor Stacy McNulty from SUNY ESF (Huntington Forest campus in Newcomb) will give a presentation to the Board during the September Thursday board meeting on A History of Adirondack Natural Resource Policy Decisions - What Can We Learn From a Retrospective? The lecture will be followed up on Friday morning visiting several field sites with SUNY ESF's ecology, forest management and educational team. The site visit will occur on SUNY ESF's campus in Newcomb.

2:45 PM

Full Agency

9. Committee Reports

State Land (Ken Lynch)
Park Policy and Planning (Benita Law-Diao)
Park Ecology (Zoë Smith)

10. Interim Reports

Local Government Services (Dan Wilt)
Public Awareness and Communications (Mark Hall)
Enforcement (Art Lussi)
Economic Affairs (Mark Hall)
Legal Affairs (Art Lussi)
Administration (John Ernst)
Regulatory Programs (Dan Wilt)
Local Government Review Board Report (Gerald Delaney, LGRB)

11. Member Comment

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

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On Friday, September 13th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. the Agency will host a site visit at the SUNY ESF Newcomb Campus with university faculty and staff. This will build on their presentation to the Board and include overviews of the university's ecology, forest management, and educational programming at the campus. The tour will conclude by 2:00 p.m.

The visit is open to the public. The meeting location is the Adirondack Interpretive Center ([5922 State Route 28N, Newcomb, NY 12852](#)). Space is limited and advanced RSVPs are required to attend. To RSVP, please email your name to Angela.Bates@apa.ny.gov by Thursday, September 11. Attendees will be responsible for their own transportation and are encouraged to bring a lunch.

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