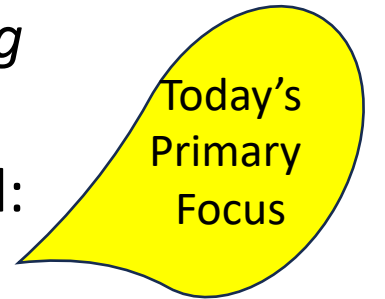


# Arch Cape Watershed Finance Committee Minutes - October 10, 2023.

- Public Comment
- Review Scope of Work
- Refinements/Feedback on Briefing to Water District Board and Community
- Identify / Assess Options for sustainable Management-Operations Model
- Next Steps and Meeting Schedule
- Public Comment

## Scope of Work - Deliverables

- 1) A long-range operations and financial assessment, building upon the work done in August 2021: *October 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting*
- 2) A Recommended sustainable management - operations model: *December 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting*
- 3) A Recommended governance model that is aligned with the management model: *January 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting*



## Briefing of Board and Community

- 1) Any Refinements/Feedback on the Briefing document ? NONE  
Rick will lead. Casey will be in support. Can anyone else participate?
- 2) Board Meeting: Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM
- 3) Community Forum: What is the best format
  - Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM - Zoom
  - Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM – in person at the Firehall

# Management - Operations Model

## 1) **Current Multi-Resource Management Plan**

- a) “The Board has overall responsibility for the management of the Arch Cape Forest”
- b) “The Forest Management Advisory Committee has responsibility for recommending periodic (5-year) operating plans to the Board, determining an optimum approach for executing the budget and working with staff / consultants / vendors / partners to execute the operating plan.”

2) **Assumption:** Over time, and likely in a short time, it will be difficult to find community members with forestry & finance expertise as well as the time and interest to fill Board slots and Committee slots. Bottom line – the level of experienced, knowledgeable and active involvement is unsustainable.

3) **Management - Operations Options:** How best to ensure sustainable and credible expertise for policy-operations direction and for operations activities? And at what cost (to incorporate into the long range plan)?

- a) District Staff – appropriate skill set? May not be full time job
- b) Hybrid of District Staff (for basic property mgmt) & Contractor for forestry expertise and planning
- c) Selected contractors / consultants, ala Springboard, ala Mason, Bruce & Gerard, Trout Mountain (no fiduciary responsibility)
- d) ~~Nuveen / Lewis and Clark Timber (they pay the bills and are reimbursed)~~

Recommended  
option at least for  
near term



## Next Step

- 1) Ben and Bill will review financial assumption to ensure costs for Hybrid option is included. The model will be updated if/as necessary. (see attached briefing document)
- 2) Ben and Bill will followup with Mark to assess his interest / fees in
  - Providing support as roads contract manager
  - Providing ongoing forestry management support
- 3) Following a & b, a recommendation will be forthcoming to Finance Committee and Forest Management Committee
- 4) The next meeting will be scheduled

Updated Briefing Document  
(see Minutes – Part II)