

National Park Service—SEKI & Wilsonia Meeting  
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, Visalia CA  
Agenda and Minutes—October 1, 2013

Attending: Gus Collin, Dick Moss, Susan Doyle, Scott Edgerly, Neal Mixter, Dutch Scholten, Drew Sorensen.

NPS personnel were unable to attend due to US Government shutdown.

Meeting called to order at 3:30

1) Wilsonia's Representation and Process

Representatives of respective organizations—Our authority is what they give us. Decisions must be approved by our boards.

Discussion—All Wilsonia residents have opportunity to comment. Minutes will be printed in the Wilsonia Village Newsletter and the website. Each member of this committee will contact their respective organization to seek comment and direction before any action will be taken.

Communication is key to develop broad community support, but this takes time and effort.

Discussion—We are all in agreement, both in communicating with our respective groups and also communicating with the NPS. A major goal of Wilsonia is to maintain constant and consistent communication with the park, especially when there is leadership change at the top.

2) Initial Goals of the NPS-SEKI

Unknown. Representatives were unable to attend.

3) Initial Goals of Wilsonia:

Maintain Effective Communication with the NPS Superintendent and staff including management transitions

Discussion—We are very pleased with our initial communications with Superintendent Woody Smeck. We are hopeful of a change in how we are communicated with by those representatives working on behalf of Superintendent Smeck. We are in agreement that this change in communication must occur for us to achieve our goals.

Preserve Wilsonia, the Wilsonia Historic District, and associated landscape in perpetuity

Discussion—We had discussion about moving this to our overarching goal of the committee, as we believe the consensus of the residents of Wilsonia is that we want to know that our family members that follow us through many generations will be able to enjoy Wilsonia just as we have as well as those before us.

Define, formalize and streamline the construction/remodeling permit process

Jointly develop Wilsonia Architectural Guidelines and NPS and SHPO

Improve communications with SHPO

Discussion—We need to find out from Wilsonia cabin owners who have had construction permit issues to share with us what those issues were. We also need to learn the permit process as it relates to Tulare County and SHPO. We will need a smaller committee to serve in this group.

4) Define our shared goals and roles in accomplishing them

NPS was unable to attend due to government shutdown.

5) Process for and procedure for accomplishing our mutual goals.

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6) Establish schedule for future meetings, date, time, place.

Unknown at this time.

7) Other

Discussion on Land Protection Plan as an addendum in the Environmental Assessment and our concern with it. We do not feel it was properly noticed and are concerned about the management of the use of cabins in Wilsonia (pp 94-99). This was tried in the 1970's and can cause major conflict between the NPS and Wilsonia residents.

8) Next Steps

When shutdown ends, we will set up meeting with NPS.

Adjourned—5:10 pm