

# PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

The Placer County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2007, in the County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn. Supervisors Rockholm, Weygandt, Holmes, Uhler and Kranz present. Chairman Kranz presiding; Ann Holman, Clerk of the Board. Also present were County Executive Thomas Miller and County Counsel Anthony J. La Bouff.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Deborah Dahl, California Disability Network Advocacy Group, stated she will be sending a letter to the Board regarding the Department of Mental Health and mental health services. Major Ed Loomis, Salvation Army, thanked the Board and Placer County employees, for their financial generosity with the Auburn Thanksgiving Dinner. Jim Durfee, Facility Services Director, announced the Community Development Resource Center was selected as the best civic institutional building built in California last year by McGraw Hill Magazine and California Construction Magazine. Rick Ward, Commander, Auburn-Newcastle California Highway Patrol, provided an update on the Placer County Vehicle Theft Task Force.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Supervisor Holmes announced the Mental Health Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board has vacancies and interested parties should contact Maureen Bauman. Supervisor Uhler advised Nevada County announced its intention to withdraw from the Golden Sierra Job Training Agency, Joint Power Authority, and discussed potential impacts. Supervisor Weygandt spoke about the Sierra-Nevada Conservancy distributing its first block of money and that Placer County was the first county in the State to pass a resolution in support of creating the Agency.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 15-29)** – Consent Agenda approved with action as indicated. The Board adjourned as the Placer County Redevelopment Agency Board for Item #26.

**MOTION** Rockholm/Holmes/Unanimous

15. **ORDINANCE** – Second Reading:

- a. Emergency Services – Ordinance 5495-B adopted amending Chapter 2 §2.08.010 of the Placer County Code and adding Chapter 2 §2.26 which, combined, reflects creating a County Fire Warden as an unpaid County Officer, and provided the Board authority to appoint the Fire Warden, delineate duties and provide for administration and oversight. This item is a necessary companion action to the Board's October 23, 2007 adoption of the Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Ordinance.

16. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- a. Agreement - Approved one-year District Aide Employment Agreement with Linda Brown, at a base annual salary of \$62,504 plus benefits, for general administrative and technical assistance to the District 1 Supervisor.
- b. Agreement - Approved one-year District Aide, Tahoe Area, Employment Agreement with Collier Cook, at a base annual salary of \$68,931.20 plus benefits, for general administrative and technical assistance to the District 5 Supervisor.
- c. Agreement - Approved one-year District Aide Employment Agreement with Brian Jagger, at a base annual salary of \$62,504 plus benefits, for general administrative and technical assistance to the District 4 Supervisor.
- d. Commendation – Approved commendation recognizing Arthur Anderson, #8584, California Highway Patrol Assistant Commissioner, upon his retirement for over 30 years of service to the State of California.
- e. Commendation – Approved commendation congratulating Jeff Finn, Wildlife Biologist, California State Fish & Game Department, upon his retirement.
- f. Contract - Approved six-month contract with Roger Canfield, in the amount of \$10,221.56, for Services for District 5 Web Page maintenance and other general administrative assistance.
- g. Contract - Approved six-month contract with Kathy Carroll, in the amount of \$10,221.56, for Services for District 1 Web Page maintenance and other general administrative assistance.
- h. Contract - Approved six-month contract with Lyndell Grey, in the amount of \$10,221.56 for Services for District 2 Web Page maintenance and other general administrative assistance.
- i. Minutes – Approved minutes of October 2, 22, 23, November 6, 7 and 27, 2007.
- j. Resolution – Resolution 2007-388 adopted commending Steve Eubanks, Supervisor, Tahoe National Forest, upon his retirement and recognizing his exemplary service to the people of the Tahoe region.

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17. CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY - Rejected the following claims, as recommended by Counsel:
  - a. 07-115, Schallenberg, Frederick, Unstated, (Personal Injury)
  - b. 07-116, Denderuk, Viktor, \$25,000+, (Personal Injury).
18. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS:
  - a. Auburn Veterans Memorial Hall Board - Accepted letter of resignation from Helen Kieckner, Seat 8 (VFW 1942 Aux).
  - b. Foresthill Forum Municipal Advisory Council - Accepted letter of resignation from Brenda Dabovich, Seat 7.
  - c. Gold Run Cemetery - Approved reappointment of Al Baker to Seat 1, Karen Winter to Seat 2, Claudia Snyder to Seat 3, Daniel Ellison to Seat 4, Rosemary Frazelle to Seat 5, Richard Snyder to Seat 6 and Beverly Clark-Hunter to Seat 7.
  - d. Kings Beach Area Design Review - Approved appointment of Wyatt Ogilvy to Seat 6 and reappointment of Hugh McBride to Seat 1, Julie Wainscoat to Seat 2, Chris Oberle to Seat 3 and Andrew Ryan to Seat 4, as requested by Supervisor Kranz.
  - e. Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board - Approved reappointment of Don Basham as a Public Interest Member for District 5; and appointment of Wesley Lamb as a Public Interest Member for District 2, and Kimberly Woodall as a Consumer Member for District 3.
  - f. North Auburn Municipal Advisory Council - Accepted letter of resignation from Georgia Emslie, Seat 1; and reappointment of Ken Gregory to Seat 2, Chuck Rydell to Seat 5 and David Keyes to Seat 7, as requested by Supervisor Holmes.
  - g. Older Adult Advisory Committee - Approved appointment of Julie Nencini to Seat 5 (District 5), as requested by Supervisor Kranz.
  - h. Penryn Municipal Advisory Council - Approved reappointment of Mike Bishop to Seat 2, Judy Bennett to Seat 3 and Gayle Russell to Seat 5, as requested by Supervisor Holmes.
  - i. Planning Commission - Approved reappointment of Larry Sevison to Seat 6 (At-Large).
  - j. Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council - Approved reappointment of Deirdre Lefty to Seat 4 and Karla McAnally to Seat 5, as requested by Supervisor Weygandt.
  - k. Squaw Valley Design Review - Approved reappointment of Russell Poulsen to Seat 4 and Christine Horvath to Seat 5, as requested by Supervisor Kranz.
  - l. Tahoe Cemetery District - Approved reappointment of Robert Scoville to Seat 2 and Steve Glazer to Seat 4, as requested by Supervisor Kranz.
19. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE AGENCY:
  - a. Planning/Penryn Park Subdivision, Tract #947, Project #8381- The Department has inspected the construction of all improvements within the project, located adjacent to Boyington Road in Penryn, and find the work to be in accordance with the approved standards. The Board accepted the improvements as complete, authorized the Faithful Performance to be set at 25% immediately upon Board approval and Labor and Material at 50%, or the total of all claims, whichever is higher, for six months or longer if claims exist.
  - b. Planning/Refund Request - Approved Refund Request #PMLDT20070551 to Ron Baumgarten, in the amount of \$1,200, for a Minor Land Division.
  - c. Planning/Request to Withdraw - Accepted a Request to Withdraw Appeal of the Premier Granite Bay Townhomes Project (PSUB-20070571).
20. COUNTY CLERK/ELECTIONS - Approved contract with Graebel Van Lines, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$175,411, for Election Drayage Services.
21. COUNTY COUNSEL - Approved a merit increase for Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer, from Grade 708, Step 3, to Grade 708, Step 4 at \$101.02 per hour, retroactive to September 1, 2007.
22. COUNTY EXECUTIVE - Resolution 2007-389 adopted granting a special four-hour holiday for County employees during 2007 in observance of the Christmas or the New Year's holiday.

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## 23. FACILITY SERVICES:

- a. Agreement - Approved a blanket purchase order agreement with Placer County Resource Conservation District, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 per year, renewable for up to four years (not to exceed \$120,000 in total for four years), to provide vegetation management, water pollution prevention and grant writing consultation services; and authorized the Purchasing Manager to execute.
- b. Agreement - Authorized the Chairman to sign agreement with SCS Engineers, in an amount not to exceed \$160,819, for water quality monitoring services at the Meadow Vista, Loomis, Foresthill and Eastern Regional Landfills.
- c. Sheriff's Boat Barn Relocation, Project #4796 - Approved plans and specifications and authorized staff to solicit bids for the project, located in the Placer County Government Center, in Auburn.

## 24. PROCUREMENT SERVICES - Authorized the Purchasing Manager to sign the following:

- a. Blanket Purchase Order #14302, Credit Card Aviation Fuel Purchases/Sheriff - Renewed based on Defense Department Contract with Multi Service Corporation, in the maximum amount of \$70,000
- b. Blanket Purchase Order #14330, Road Sweeping Services/Public Works - Renewed as a result of Competitive Request for Quote #RQ041472 with Wells Sweeping LLC, in the maximum amount of \$80,000.
- c. Blanket Purchase Order #14352, Passenger Car, Truck & Heavy Equipment Tires/Public Works - Renewed from a competitively bid Public Agency Cooperative Contract, in the maximum amount of \$205,000.
- d. Competitive Bid #9753, Various Chemicals/Facility Services - Awarded to Sierra Chemical Company, in the maximum amount of \$80,000.
- e. Sole Source Blanket Purchase Order #14281, Bio-Zyme Lift Station Maintainer/Facility Services - Renewed with Brulin & Company, in the maximum amount of \$85,800.
- f. Sole Source Blanket Purchase Order, Rescue Equipment//Placer County Fire Department - Awarded to L.N. Curtis & Sons, in the maximum amount of \$60,000.

## 25. PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. Amendment - Resolution 2007-390 adopted authorizing the Chairman to sign and approve Cooperative Agreement #03-0231, Amendment #2, with Caltrans which outlines changes in County and Caltrans responsibilities and secures additional funding for the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project.
- b. Blanket Purchase Order Contracts (BPO) - Resolution 2007-391 adopted approving BPO contracts with Andregg Geomatics, Inc., Carter-Burgess, Inc., David Evans and Associates, Inc., MHM-Sacramento, Mackay and Soms Civil Engineers, Inc., and Wood Rodgers, Inc., in an amount of \$150,000 per contract, not to exceed a total combined amount of \$900,000; for surveying services for various public works projects in Placer County west of Donner Summit and authorizing the Purchasing Manager to sign and execute and to transfer funds between BPO contracts as needed.
- c. Tahoe City Transit Center - Resolution 2007-392 adopted committing matching funds, in an estimated amount of \$40,000, to establish eligibility for Bicycle Transportation Account funding for the project.

## 26. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD - Resolution 2007-393 adopted approving the 2007 Annual Report of the Redevelopment Agency.

## 27. REVENUE SHARING - In approving the following appropriations, the Placer County Board of Supervisors makes the finding that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants; therefore, the County benefits.

- a. Approved appropriation in the amount of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Roseville Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, as requested by Supervisor Rockholm.
- b. Approved appropriation in the amount of \$150 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Woodcreek High School, Safe and Sober Grad Night "Cruz'n into the Future", as requested by Supervisor Rockholm

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- c. Approved appropriation in the amount of \$400 in Revenue Sharing monies to The People to People Student Ambassadors Program, as requested by Supervisor Rockholm (\$150) and Supervisor Weygandt (\$250).
  - d. Approved appropriation in the amount of \$150 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Roseville Host Lions Club, Christmas Food Basket Program, as requested by Supervisor Rockholm.
  - e. Approved appropriation in the amount of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Installation and Awards Dinner, as requested by Supervisor Holmes.
28. SHERIFF - Approved modification to the Master Fixed Asset List and approved a budget revision for the Cal-MMET Program, in the amount not-to-exceed \$20,000, for an Advanced Generation Tracking System; approved the sole source purchase of the system from Coleman Technologies, Inc. and authorized the Purchasing Manager to execute related documents.
29. TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR:
- a. Placer Hills Fire Protection District - Approved the temporary borrowing of Treasury funds for FY 2007/08, in the estimated amount of \$179,000, by the Placer Hills Fire Protection District.
  - b. South Placer Fire Protection District - Ratified the temporary borrowing of Treasury funds for FY 2007/08, for an additional amount estimated to be \$850,000, by the South Placer Fire Protection District, Fund 531, Sub-fund 430.

\*\*\*End of Consent Agenda\*\*\*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** - Presentation of the Commemorative Coin awards for 2007. Recipients were: District 1, Carol Garcia, Bill and Norma Santucci; District 2, Stacie Longmire (in memory of her son Michael); District 3, Ruth Alves and E.J. Ivaldi; District 5, George Lay and Sandra Poulson (Posthumous Award). The recipients were personally chosen by the Supervisor for their district in recognition for either their acts of heroism, longstanding community service, or exceptional acts that have dramatically improved or impacted people's lives.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Resolution 2007-394 adopted reorganizing the Economic Development Board. MOTION Holmes/Rockholm/Unanimous

Rich Colwell, Chief Assistant County Executive, explained the reorganization will re-engineer, refocus and revitalize County-wide business attraction, expansion and retention efforts. The reorganization recognizes the professional growth of the cities and the County, and places an emphasis on cooperation and coordination between the two. The reorganization places a high value on collaboration between the public and private sectors and provides for development of a County-wide, multi-jurisdictional strategic business master plan. The reorganization replaces a structure that no longer effectively serviced Placer County, the cities, the business community or residents. This effort was started in 2006, under the direction of County Executive Officer, Thomas Miller. The Economic Development Board was challenged to develop a way to re-energize or disband. Mr. Colwell commended the Economic Development Board's two past presidents, Lyndell Grey and Susan Rohan, current President, John Allard, Economic Development Director, David Snyder, and Supervisor Robert Weygandt, for an outstanding effort.

David Snyder, Economic Development Director, stated in 1982, the Placer County commission on Business & Industrial Development Commission (BICD) was formed to advise the Board on matters of commerce and trade and with the Placer County Manufacturers' Association (PMA) was formed, consisting of 20 private sector members. PMA's role was to influence public policy on issues such as land use, taxes, fees and regulations. In January 1991, the BICD was replaced with the Placer County Economic Development Board (PCEDB) with goals of realizing a broader base of support to attract new business and industry and to advise the Office of Economic Development on business attraction and retention efforts. In the late 1990's PCEDB assumed the role of advisor to the Placer-Lake Tahoe Film Office.

Lyndell Grey, previous Economic Development Board President, stated it was her suggestion to disband the Economic Development Board. She said the end result is not perfect but is very viable.

Susan Rohan, previous Economic Development Board President, provided an overview of the September retreat where Commission members and stakeholders came together to look at new ideas.

John Allard, Roseville City Counsel and current Chair of PCEDB, discussed issues of the past two years, including: creating a smaller board (recommendation to reduce number of members from 17 to 13), importance of peer-to-peer relationships with the Board of Supervisors (recommendation that two members of the Board of Supervisors serve on the Economic Development Commission); continued

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representation by the cities; the importance of North Lake Tahoe being involved; emphasis on including the Economic Development professionals from the County and the cities and including representatives from key industry sectors throughout the County. On June 14, 2007, the Executive Committee of the Economic Development Board approved the reorganization plan and the Economic Development Board approved the reorganization plan.

Rich Colwell referenced the recommended outline of the organizational structure contained in the Board package. The structure establishes a 13 voting member County-wide Economic Development Board along with the following elements:

- The committee recommended the first two Board members appointed be Supervisor Weygandt and Supervisor Kranz
- All cities are represented.
- Five specific technical advisory resources, representing agriculture, education, manufacturing, tourism and utilities.

David Snyder stated one of the elements of the movement to reorganize is the emphasis on building cooperative relationships with city and County economic development professionals. As a result, an Economic Development Professionals Committee has been formed, meeting quarterly, and rotating throughout the County, including North Lake Tahoe. The Committee promotes the spirit of friendly competition for new jobs and investment and will provide policy recommendations to the Economic Development Board. Another resource for the reorganized Board is to draw upon the Technical Advisory Resource Representatives or industry experts. There are five representatives from key growth industries proposed to be appointed by the Executive Committee initially. The 2008 County-wide economic development strategy will guide future selection of technical industry sectors. These representatives will work closely with the Economic Development professionals and the Board to formulate additional policy recommendations.

Supervisor Weygandt stated economic development is important for the creation of new jobs as our populations grows. There was discussion regarding the Economic Development Board's mission statement. Mr. Weygandt clarified that Technical Advisory Resource members will be chosen by the existing Economic Development Board Executive Committee. Supervisor Weygandt discussed the Economic Development Professional Group being composed of professionals only, with no electives.

Supervisor Holmes asked if the District 2 and District 5 positions serving on the Board would rotate. Staff replied this is the recommendation for the first term. There was talk about representation for the North Tahoe Resort Association. Mr. Holmes asked if the members appointed from the Technical Advisory Resource would be approved by the Board. Staff replied they would be approved by the Economic Development Board, including two members of the Board and city council representatives. Supervisor Holmes wanted to make sure that the agricultural industry and the growth industry of agro-tourism are represented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/PROCUREMENT** – Resolution 2007-395 adopted authorizing the award of contract to Foresthill Telephone Company, in the amount of \$2,248,763, for construction of the Community of Iowa Hill Telecommunications Infrastructure, funded by State of California Assembly Bill 140 Grant Program and approved a budget revision, in the amount of \$665,100.  
MOTION Rockholm/Holmes/Unanimous

Clark Moots, Administrative Services Director, stated the project has been on-going for several years. The action requested today will allow the final one year phase of building out the telecommunications infrastructure for Iowa Hill to begin. Jerry Gamez and members of the Iowa Hill Telephone Committee have been instrumental in keeping the project moving forward, and have been successful in obtaining additional project funding from the California Public Utilities Commission, and for the formal approval for Foresthill Telephone to provide the community with phone service.

Jerry Gamez, IT Division Manager, said on August 10, 2004, the Board approved a resolution accepting a grant, in the amount of \$1,834,900, from the California Public Utilities Commission for the construction of a rural telecommunications infrastructure to serve the community of Iowa Hill and authorized the Administrative Services Department to serve as the Fiscal Agent for the AB140 grant project. AB140 became law in January 2002, creating a grant program for the purpose of expanding telecommunication services to households in un-served rural California communities. Each community selected for the grant was eligible to receive up to \$2.5 million for construction of a telecommunication service infrastructure. Foresthill Telephone Company, a local public utility company, submitted an infrastructure plan that meets all grant criteria. In June 2007, the Administrative Services Department submitted a request to the California Public Utilities Commission to extend the grant period, approve the Foresthill Telephone Company Project Plan and increase the grant agreement amount from \$1,834,900 to \$2,500,000. In November 2007, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adopted the request for grant period extension, change to the project scope and increase of the grant agreement amounts. The Department requested the project be exempt from competitive bidding as it is impractical to bid due to the unique geographic location and the public's interest would not be served

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by bidding the project. In accordance with AB140 and the CPUC's regulations, Foresthill Telephone Company will own the project components at the completion of construction.

There was public comment in support of the project.

**COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER** – Public hearing closed. Ordinance 5496-B adopted amending Chapter 2, Section 2.116.150, relating to various County Clerk-Recorder fees and fee changes.  
**MOTION** Holmes/Rockholm/Unanimous

Gloria Coultts, Clerk-Recorder's Office, stated the fee changes are in part to update statutory required State changes. One of the most significant permissive changes is a \$1.00 fee on each recorded document to offset the costs for electronic recording. Another significant new fee would be the \$1.00 permissive fees for redaction or truncation of social security numbers, to reduce the possibility of identify theft on recorded documents. The proposed fee would commence in January 2008 and requires us to begin a process of redaction or truncation of social security numbers on new documents. Computer software would be used to detect the nine-digit social security numbers. We will also perform retroactive-redaction back to 1980, as funding permits. Computer software cannot alone perform the redaction; it will require some manual examination to oversee the process. Ms. Coultts reviewed the Notices of Determination relative to environmental impacts on fish and wildlife increase to \$50, along with other increases. The Department would like to begin providing copies of recorded maps on CD and propose to provide a set of 10 CD's for maps recorded from 1863 through 2005, at a cost of \$217.00 per set, and annual CD's for maps recorded during the year, beginning in 2006, at a cost of \$21.50 each. The Department would like to move forward with civil marriage ceremony enhancements by providing DVD's of wedding ceremonies performed, commemorative wedding certificates and photos.

Supervisor Uhler made a clarification that the County is acting as a pass through agency for most of the fee increases

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Public hearing to consider approving an Engineering and Traffic Survey Study and Ordinance 5497-B adopted amending Chapter 10, Vehicles and Traffic, Article 10.04, regarding setting speed limits on several County roads as amended.

**MOTION** Rockholm/Holmes/Unanimous to close the public hearing and Ordinance 5497-B, adopted amending Exhibit A, Item 31a, Vineyard Road, from Crowder Lane to Cook-Riolo Road, from the proposed 40 miles per hour speed limit, with no radar enforcement, to 45 miles per hour, with radar enforced.

Phil Vassion, Public Works, explained the Board can set and modify speed limits by ordinance to facilitate the orderly movement of vehicles as determined by an Engineering and Traffic Survey. The Department prepared a survey in order to review speed limits identified by Department staff, Board members, the public and California Highway Patrol (CHP). In summary, out of the 33 roads studied, two are proposed for new posted speed limits, 15 are proposed for a lower speed limit, one is proposed for a higher speed limit, with the remaining unchanged. Thirty-one out of 33 roads would be radar enforced. The downtown area of Foresthill Road is proposed to increase from 25 mph to 30 mph to allow radar enforcement. The Foresthill Forum supported the change.

Captain Rick Ward, CHP, supported the efforts of the Public Works Department. He stated on Exhibit A, 31a, Vineyard Road, from Crowder Lane and Cook-Riolo Road, the speed limit is currently at 40 mph, with the recommendation to remain at 40 mph. He said if the speed limit stays at 40 mph, CHP would not be able to use radar. He requested the speed limit be increased to 45 mph, to allow for radar enforceable

Public comment – Roy West spoke in favor of the item Gloria Marie spoke about giving the CHP the tools to perform its job and speed consistency from Lincoln Way to the end of Foresthill Road.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE AGENCY/PLANNING** – Public hearing closed regarding agricultural preserves:

- a. **Liberty Ranch Big Hill Preserve (PAGP 20070687)** - Resolution 2007-396 adopted approving an Open Space Agricultural Preserve Contract (Super Williamson Act), located in the Auburn area.  
**MOTION** Rockholm/Weygandt/Unanimous

Alex Fisch, Community Development Resource Agency, said the property Preserve contains 321 acres and includes a portion of one of the largest, un-fragmented blue oak woodlands in Placer County. In October 2007, the Placer Land Trust completed purchase of a perpetual conservation easement, over 313 acres, with monies provided from the Sierra-Nevada Cascade Foundation, the Wildlife Conservation Board, California Oaks Foundation and Placer County, for the acquisition of a trail

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easement across the property. The trail easement will provide future connections to Didion Ranch, Taylor Ranch and Hidden Falls Regional Park. At the October 29, 2007 Agricultural Commission hearing, the Commission unanimously approved a motion to recommend the Board approve the open space preserve contract (minimum term of 20 years). Chairman Kranz and staff discussed fire issues.

- b. **Brenner Ranch Agricultural Preserve 133 (PAGP 20070619)** - Resolution 2007-397 adopted approving an amendment to include an additional 30-acre parcel, located in the Lincoln area.  
**MOTION** Weygandt/Rockholm/Unanimous

Alex Fisch, Community Development Resource Agency, explained the property is contiguous with the existing agricultural preserve, located on State Highway 193, in the rural east Lincoln area. The Agricultural Commission unanimously recommended (Commissioner Brenner abstaining) the amendment be approved.

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/FEE INCREASES

- a. Public hearing to consider revising the permit, annual facility monitoring and inspection fees, as well as one-time construction plan check and inspection fees, in order to cover the cost of services provided by the Environment Health Division of the Health & Human Services Department.  
b. Approve two resolutions revising Environmental Health fees as contained therein.  
c. Adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2.116 100 to remove references to current Environmental Health fees, which will be set by resolution.

**Approved staff recommendation to withdraw and present at a meeting in February 2008.**

Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer, said the request to withdraw is to allow the department more time to meet with affected parties to explain the purpose of the increase.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE/EMERGENCY SERVICES** - Received an update on Placer County's fire response to Southern California/San Diego fires.

Chairman Kranz announced that Brad Harris was selected as the new Fire Warden.

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE/2008 LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY PLATFORM:

- a. Adopted the 2008 Legislative/Regulatory Platform for Placer County, directed staff to pursue action items and support or oppose legislation in accordance with the Platform. Authorized staff to coordinate an advocacy program to support the goals and objectives of the 2008 platform.

**MOTION** Uhler/Holmes/Unanimous

Mary Herdegen, County Executive Office, stated through the Board's leadership and efforts Placer County has achieved several Federal and State accomplishments in 2007. At the Federal level, \$2.7 million, including House appropriations for the Board's Federal priorities, including \$1.2 million in continued funding for the Sheriff Department law enforcement communications upgrades; \$1 million in continued funding for the Regional Wastewater and Treatment Facility and \$500,000 for the County's biomass utilization program. A \$400,000 House earmark for the Children's Health Center/Emergency Shelter, was derailed in mid-November when the House failed to override the President's veto of the Labor-HHS Bill. For the last 10 years, the County's Federal advocacy efforts have resulted in more than \$100 million in Federal funding for County priorities.

Ms. Herdegen explained at the State level we are completing the first year of a two-year session. The County successfully advocated its position on several legislative and budgetary proposals relating to State bonds, health care, affordable housing, Williamson Act and public contracting. At the State level for 2008 the County will sponsor a bill that would allow the Board to ban alcohol at the Truckee River during specified periods. We will continue to seek Placer County's fair share of the billions of dollars in State infrastructure bond funding approved by voters in 2006. Federal 2008 priorities continue to focus on funding the Board's priorities including the Regional Wastewater Facility, public safety communications upgrades, Children's Health Center Emergency Shelter, transportation assistance, Placer Legacy/Placer County Conservation Plan and biomass utilization. In 2008, the County also plans to seek Federal funding to advance the methamphetamine education and treatment efforts.

Don Peterson, Peterson Consulting, Inc., provided an update on State issues for the coming year. He spoke about Health Care Reform and its impact on Placer County's Health Care and on the funds received from the State. According to current negotiations, the Speaker and Legislative leadership are proposing to take \$1 billion from counties in the aggregate from the realignment system. They propose Counties be given a fixed responsibility for providing health care and the health care would be capped, however, there would be an opportunity for the State to open the cap and come back to the counties for more money. There is concern regarding the possibility of changes regarding the Health and Welfare Code, which imposes on the counties the responsibility as the provider of "last result" for

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indigent health care in California. Mr. Peterson said there needs to be a system established where counties are protected against having an influx of care beyond what we provide and beyond what is envisioned in the health care reform proposals. He discussed concern regarding Health Care Reform. Wastewater treatment is a big item; funds for new construction are almost exhausted. A number of legislators are urging the Governor to declare a state of fiscal emergency.

Richard Gold, Holland & Knight LLP, presented an update on Federal issues for the coming year. The President and Democratic leadership in Congress are trying to negotiate a final appropriation bill containing all of the funding for the County's priorities previously described. He stated Congressman Doolittle has gone above and beyond to fight for County priorities.

Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer, stated the County will be facing fiscal challenges next year. As we start reviewing budget status, we will have to be very careful about our revenues and making sure that future executed agreements protect us.

- b. Approved Federal Advocacy Contracts, in the amount of \$186,000, with the firms of Holland & Knight, LLP (\$144,000) and Van Scoyoc Associates (\$42,000) for a 12-month period beginning January 1, 2008; approved State Advocacy Contracts, in the amount of \$101,407, with the firms of Peterson Consulting, Inc., (\$46,411) Conservation Strategy Group (\$24,996) and Platinum Advisors, LLC (\$30,000) for the same period of time. MOTION Rockholm/Weygandt/Unanimous

Mary Herdegen, County Executive Office, advised that Holland & Knight LLP and Peterson Consulting, Inc., have served as the County's primary Federal and State advocates. The County Executive Office recommends approval of agreements with the additional advocacy firms for the upcoming calendar. Van Scoyoc, at the Federal level, focuses on wildfire protection and biomass utilization; Conservation Strategy Group focuses on Placer Legacy, Placer County Conservation Plan and natural resources; and Platinum Advisors assist the County at the State level on wildfire protection, biomass utilization, public safety, communications and aviation needs.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE** - Received a report regarding the June 30, 2007 Actuarial Retiree Healthcare Valuation; approved agreement and the Election of Placer County to Prefund Other Post Employment Benefits through CalPERS and authorized the Chairman to sign two originals and Resolution 2007-398 adopted for Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements. MOTION Rockholm/Weygandt/Unanimous

Therese Leonard, County Executive Office, advised a few years ago, the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement 45 which measures and provides standards for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB). These are benefits paid to retirees that are primarily health related. There is an implementation formula that the GASB 45 Statement indicates and our County will be required to implement the standard in 2007/08 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. In 2007, the County undertook an actuarial report for this CalPERS trust, and places our unfunded liability at \$231 million, with our annual required contribution at \$25.9 million. With the implementation of good financial planning, the Board previously directed the following proactive measures to address this issue:

- \$25 million was placed in an interest bearing trust account
- Charging a percent of every dollar of salary paid began to be deposited into the OPEB trust. The OPEB payroll rate will grow with future budget cycles until the actuarial determined annual required contribution is fully funded.
- Engaged labor groups with regard to cost sharing of health insurance costs and moved from an essentially 100% paid employer plan to a 90/10% cost sharing plan.
- Adopted the Placer County Other Post Employment Benefits Policy on November 7, 2006 which states: Irrevocable Trust Fund: When available, establish and transfer OPEB plan assets to an irrevocable trust in order to maximize the investment's long-term rate of return.

Ms Leonard asked the Board to consider entering into the CalPERS Trust, the California Employers Retiree Benefit Trust, effective immediately.

Supervisor Holmes stated when the issue was first addressed the figure was \$328 million. Ms. Leonard replied the original report came with a 4.4% discount rate and a 20 year amortization schedule. The \$231 million quoted today is a 30-year amortization and a 7.75% discount rate, reducing the liability by \$100 million.

Anthony La Bouff, County Counsel, congratulated the Board and prior Boards, the County Executive and staff, Auditor and Treasurer on achieving a good, successful management of local government of solving a real fiscal problem.

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**PUBLIC WORKS** - Approved a budget revision to appropriate \$159,068 from a Placer County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee grant for road repairs and resurfacing of Sunset Boulevard West and East Catlett Road in rural Lincoln.  
MOTION Holmes/Weygandt VOTE 4:1 (Rockholm temporarily absent)

Kevin Taber, Public Works, explained in 2006 the County received a grant from the Placer County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee, in the amount of \$159,068, for a lime treatment project, road repairs and resurfacing of Sunset Boulevard West and a mile of East Catlett Road in rural Lincoln. The grant program is used to address impacts from the Thunder Valley Casino. The County has been the recipient of three grants. In 2004 the County received \$65,000 for overlay work performed on Fiddymont Road; in 2005, the County received \$48,000 for overlay work performed on Industrial Boulevard.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE AGENCY/PLANNING** - Received an update on Waddle Ranch

Michael Johnson, Planning Director, stated on October 2, 2007, the Board directed staff to move forward with the acquisition of the Waddle Ranch property in the Martis Valley.

Loren Clark, Planning, reported ranch acquisition was completed. The property consists of 1,481 acres in Martis Valley. The Truckee Donner Land Trust purchased the property with the financial support of Placer County (\$10 million). The Board has committed \$5.6 million, with an additional \$4.4 million to follow. Other funding partners included:

- California Wildlife Conservation Board - \$6.5 million
- Truckee Donner Land Trust - \$1.15 million
- The California Resources Agency - \$2.025 million
- Truckee Tahoe Airport District - \$3 million
- Capital Campaign/Fund Raising - \$2 million

Mr. Clark stated this acquisition sets the property aside for conservation and has ecological benefits. The property is situated between large areas of public land in the Tahoe National Forest and areas the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers manage in Martis Creek and Martis Creek Lake.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/PLACER COUNTY CONSERVATION PLAN (PCCP)** - Supervisor Weygandt and Supervisor Uhler updated the Board on the status of the PCCP Ad Hoc Committee, deliberations since the Board took action to form the Ad Hoc Committee and approve a map for discussions with the Resource Agencies on January 23, 2007.

Supervisor Weygandt presented a power point presentation. The Board started the Placer Legacy effort in 1997, to negotiate a habitat conservation plan/natural community's conservation plan. Mr Weygandt referred to a map that the Board adopted approximately one year ago as a basis to initiate negotiations with the regulatory agencies. The purple area (Reserve Area) indicates the area set aside for conservation; the white area is the proposed development opportunity area; and the gray area (Non-participating Cities of Roseville, Rocklin, Auburn & Town of Loomis).

Supervisor Uhler stated they have been involved in 20 committee meetings with the resource agencies. It wasn't until a few months ago that the committee felt comfortable with the map and general policy agreements with the participating agencies (Placer Water Agency and City of Lincoln) and had something viable to report to the Board.

Supervisor Weygandt described the attributes of the map:

- The purple (Reserve Area) has to protect adequate resources in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act.
- It has to be manageable from a biological perspective. It has to minimize fragmentation.

Supervisor Weygandt described the purple area, (Reserve Area) adopted in January 2007, which was not adequate for relating to the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act. It would not provide the protection to the Parkway and the Sacramento River diversion. Utilizing purple and white areas were the methods the committee was trying to deal with the issue. The committee decided they will add to the reserve by using the color purple (Reserve Area), in a manner that is compliant to the regulatory agency needs. In addition, 50% of the remaining County vernal pool habitat will be protected added to the purple (Reserve Area).

Supervisor Uhler stated the first step they took with the map was to add in the areas we will not modify and areas that the development impact will be minimized, which added more area to the purple area

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Supervisor Weygandt said the blue area represents the property in the County that is zoned agricultural, with the exception of the remaining Memorandum of Understanding area in Roseville. We will add to the purple (Reserve Area) from the blue (Development Transition Area). The white (Development Opportunity Area) may also be added to the reserve area. As long as there is preservation in the white and it minimizes fragmentation, it should receive the same type of credit that turns purple from the blue area. The white (Development Opportunity) area receives the majority of regulatory relief through the implementation of the Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP). In addition to preserving a significant portion of all remaining vernal pool resources, the PCCP will incorporate vernal pool restoration in areas previously identified as having these resources.

Supervisor Uhler noted that it has taken 11 months to be ready to meet with the agencies and move forward. The Ad-Hoc Committee wanted to insure that policies established adequately address the mandates of the agencies. The goal is to achieve regulatory relief and certainty for project applicants.

Public Comment – Terry Davis, Sierra Club, appreciated the flow of information from the meetings. He had concerns regarding the amount of vernal pool grass land lost, the uncertainty of restoration, the development transition area being a major challenge, the regulatory streamlining and the largest vernal pools being located in the blue (Development Transition Area). Paul Richardson, City of Roseville Planning & Redevelopment Director, stated the City appreciates the opportunity to work with the County on this project, and stated concerns regarding Reason Farms, the PCCP interfering with their three specific plans and future landfill expansion site. Michael Lee, stated he has been working on a petition with 200 Placer County residents supporting Placer County's Conservation Plan, Placer Legacy and the Placer Land Trust. Mr. Lee stated 120,000 continuous acres must be protected in Placer County. Rob Haswell, supported the proposal concept, but was concerned about the blue (Development Transition Area). There was discussion regarding the purple (Reserve Area) and the percentage of vernal pools.

Supervisor Holmes read a letter from the regulatory agencies dated November 16, 2007, and asked if those areas have been identified by the regulatory agencies. Supervisor Weygandt said there is certainly consensus among staff, ad-hoc committee members, and the regulatory agencies as to where the more sensitive resources are. They did not do specific on the ground delineations but that has been known from the beginning. They also made it clear if there was consensus to make a particular area purple they would have made it purple. They chose blue instead and the letter knows that in its response before it was written and reflects the fact that this basis is one in which they are going to engage upon and hang their hat on the confidence that the standard based approach will not get them all of the places that they want preserved and everything that they want also but will achieve the standards, after 50 years, that are far better than the status quo.

Supervisor Holmes asked if he could assume if that would be the basis of their discussion today with the regulatory agencies. Supervisor Uhler said yes and from this point forward. This is where they will start to drill down with the agencies and begin negotiation outside of ourselves.

Supervisor Rockholm spoke about his concerns regarding: not having updated data; he voted for regulatory relief, not bureaucracy, how we develop standards (the agencies will take all of Placer County and preserve it); where will people live; the addition of a new color on the map, no credit being received for oak woodlands for timber in Tahoe National Forest or Waddle Ranch; the majority of Placer County is in open space; Reason Farms should count as some type of conservation saving. He was also concerned about giving the regulatory agencies another 38% of additional land. He suggested a 30-day time out to update the data.

Supervisor Uhler stated that all of the comments were well timed with where we are in the process. All the comments have been raised within the meetings. Now that the Committee has something it feels comfortable moving forward with, discussion can begin. Mr. Uhler did not feel they needed the 30-day time out. The Committee can gather updated information as it moves forward.

Supervisor Weygandt suggested Supervisor Uhler meet with staff regarding answers to his concerns and added that there will be plenty of opportunity for him to vote on the plan.

Chairman Kranz stated he agreed with Supervisor Rockholm. He does not see regulatory relief. The blue (Development Transition Area) leaves a high level of uncertainty. A year ago, he stated that unless he saw his district in purple (Reserve Area), he would vote against it.

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**COUNTY COUNSEL/CLOSED SESSION REPORT:**

**(A) §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

(1) Existing Litigation:

(a) County of Placer vs. Michelle Burris, et al., Placer County Superior Court Case No.: SCV-22068 – *The Board received a request for a tender of defense by defendant Michelle Burris which was rejected by the Board of Supervisors. Direction was given to the Risk Management Division to communicate that decision.*

(2) Anticipated Litigation:

(a) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code §54956.9: Potential foreclosure proceedings regarding various properties in the Dry Creek-West Placer Community Facilities District – *The Board received a report from County Counsel and gave direction with regards to the Dry Creek-West Placer Community Facilities District defaults including the potential of retaining outside Counsel with the discretion of County Counsel to be confirmed by the next Board meeting in January.*

**(B) §54957.6 - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – *The Board received a report from its negotiators with regards to DSA and gave input.***

(a) Agency negotiator: CEO/Personnel Director  
Employee organization: PPEO/DSA/Management

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, the Board adjourned. Next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2007.

**ATTEST:**

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Ann Holman  
Clerk of the Board

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Bruce Kranz, Chairman  
Placer County Board of Supervisors

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Kathy Zick  
Supervising Board Clerk

