

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

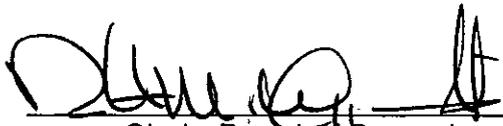
In the matter of: A Resolution approving findings and statements of fact related to the closure of Locust Road

Resolution No: 2016-143

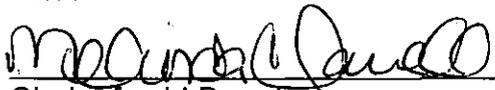
The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held July 12, 2016, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: DURAN, HOLMES, UHLER, MONTGOMERY, WEYGANDT
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

Signed and approved by me after its passage.


Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:


Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California heard and considered public testimony and other evidence regarding the proposed roadway closure on January 5, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the following findings and statements of fact:

1. As part of the PVSP planning process, the County heard testimony from land owners in the Special Planning Area (SPA) of the Placer Vineyards Specific Plan related to the potential for a northern closure of Locust Road at the boundary the active properties. At the conclusion of the public planning process, the Board of Supervisors elected not to pursue a potential roadway closure with the project approval, but required the PVSP project, by way of a condition of project approval, to commission a study of the potential impacts associated with a closure of Locust Road.

2. On July 16, 2007 Placer County certified a final EIR (EIR) and approved the Placer Vineyards project. The Placer Vineyards FEIR did not analyze or redistribute any trips associated with a future closure of Locust Road.
3. In April 2015, Fehr and Peers (transportation consultant) submitted a draft technical study to the County for review which began the public review process. The report included two potential closure options, one on the northern boundary to the Placer Vineyards property and one on the southern boundary.
4. On May 13th, 2015, County staff and Placer Vineyards owners group representatives attended the West Placer Municipal Advisory Council with an informational item related to the Locust Road Circulation Study and the findings from the technical report. At this meeting, the County received many comments in support of implementing both the north and south closure. Concerns from the public included speeding, future traffic volume projections, school zone impacts and traffic safety
5. On September 16, 2015, County staff headed a community meeting in Sacramento County in an effort to obtain feedback from the neighborhood immediately south of the Placer Vineyards properties on Locust Road and within Sacramento County (Elywn Ave). At this meeting options to a full closure, including traffic calming and volume reducing devices, were presented. Again, comments from the community were unanimously in support of a full roadway closure to the north.
6. County staff attended a meeting with Sacramento County Public Works staff to discuss the implication and solicit comments on a closure of Locust Road/Elywn Ave in relation to regional traffic circulation projections. Sacramento County was supportive of the idea in the near term but reserved the right to reevaluate in the future.
7. On January 5, 2015, County staff presented the findings from the Locust Road Circulation Study to the Boards of Supervisors. The Board held a public hearing and heard testimony from the public related to the findings from the Circulation Study. The Board gave direction to County staff to prepare environmental documentation which would identify the impacts of both a northern and southern closure of Locust Road.
8. In June 2016, the County prepared an Addendum to the Placer Vineyards EIR to analyze the impacts of closure of Locust Road at the northern and southern boundaries of the Placer Vineyards properties.
9. Reservation of the public right of way would be maintained for emergency access and potential public trail crossing in the future.
10. The public interest is served by Locust Road Closure because the County has a substantial interest in ensuring that the public is presented with accurate planning information such that all interested persons have an opportunity to provide input during the public hearing process.

11. The public interest is served by closure of Locust Road as an alternative roadway network exists which would be consistent with the County's General Plan.

12. The public interest is served by closure of Locust because the use of Baseline Road, Watt Avenue and Dyer Lane will help maintain traffic flow with the Placer Vineyards project.

13. Based on the above findings and statements of fact closure of the public road in the Resolution presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016 is therefore in the public interest.