



MINUTES FOR MARCH 20, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS;

Chairman Fowler called the 121st Lincoln Rural MAC meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Fowler, Karla McAnally, Mike Whitney, George Alves, Deirdre Lefty

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pereira, Lois Clausen

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Don Chandler.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: *To approve Minutes for February 27, 2006:*
Lefty/Alves/UNANIMOUS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve Agenda for March 20, 2006:*
Lefty/Alves/UNANIMOUS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A citizen suggested lights or reflectors be placed at the entrance gate to Mt. Pleasant Hall for easier access from Mt. Pleasant Road.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY and COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Fire Department:

Greg Guyan reported a fairly quiet month with several medical calls. He had hoped to have information at this meeting regarding addressing but will take sign-ups at the April meeting. Sun Cal has contacted the fire department regarding a new fire station to be built for the Bickford Ranch project. He reminded citizens to change batteries in smoke detectors when daylight savings time begins next month.

B. Placer County Sheriff:

Deputy Lew reported many mail thefts and check fraud cases are taking place countywide and cautioned citizens to be alert. The Sheriff's Department also had a fairly quiet month, possibly due to the rainy weather, with only a few DUI arrests.

C. California Highway Patrol:

Mark Williams reported a second fatality occurred on Highway 65 on 3/19. Compared to the same time frame in 2005, statistics for the first two months of 2006 show a 56% increase in traffic accidents on Highway 65. On 3/14, CHP, Placer County Public Works, and CalTrans met regarding the Highway 65 safety improvement project. Improvements are expected to begin on 4/1, with improvements north of Lincoln city limits to the county line including the installation of signs lowering the speed limit from 65mph to 55 mph, and making that section a "no passing" and daylight headlight zone. CalTrans plans a media blitz and wishes to place a safety billboard on private property along the highway. Installation of 12" rumble strips placed in the center of the roadway will begin when the weather improves, with the project is expected to be complete by the end of 8/06. From 4/1 to 6/1/06, Nicolaus Road will be closed due to a bridge replacement, with detours along Dowd, Moore and Pleasant Grove Roads. Hopefully, a 4-way stop sign will be placed on Dowd Road. The CHP is testing a new pilot program with cameras mounted on several cruisers to photograph and run vehicle license plates to search for stolen cars or stolen license plates. Mr. Williams noted several minor accidents have occurred in the past month, and CHP ran a DUI sweep on 3/18 in conjunction with the Lincoln Police Department.

D. Western Placer Unified School District:

No report.

7. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:

A. Western Placer Waste Management Authority

Eric Oddo, Placer County Department of Facility Services, gave an overview of the WPWMA and its benefits for Lincoln. The WPWMA was founded in 1998, under a joint powers agreement, and consists of the following facilities: Materials Recover Facility (MRF), which processes over 1,000 tons daily; Household Hazardous Waste (HHW); regional landfill; and a buyback center. Under AB 939, the State previously mandated a 50% reduction in garbage by 2000. All of Placer County has now reduced by over 50%, with unincorporated areas exceeding 60%. As of 2/06, batteries can no longer be routinely discarded, but should be taken to the HHW for disposal. The MRF now accepts all home electronics free of charge. A citizen suggested that, to avoid litter on roadways, the WPWMA require all loads to be tarped or charged an extra fee. Mr. Oddo suggested citizens make their suggestions known by attending the board meetings held on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The WPWMA is working on expansion to double the plant's capacity in order to accommodate regional growth. This expansion will be funded by reserves that accrued through cost saving measures by WPWMA. Council Member Nakata questioned the diversion rate and if WPWMA had considered curbside recycling. Mr. Oddo noted that, following research, it appeared more economically feasible to run the MRF with the present process. The city of Lincoln wants to put in a curbside recycling program and is now in talks with WPWMA. Further information can be obtained from the facility website: www.wpwma.com.

B. Local Area Formation Commission

Kris Berry, Executive Director, gave an overview of LAFCo processes, with special attention to the annexation procedures. The Placer LAFCo, an independent agency formed in the 1960s, regulates boundaries of cities, agencies and special districts and redefines their spheres of influence upon application by those agencies. Following adoption of the General Plan, the city of Lincoln is expected to come to LAFCo regarding their sphere of influence maps. LAFCo will require a municipal service review at that time. Regarding the Lincoln 270 Project, which is in the existing sphere of influence, the city has applied to LAFCo. A tax-sharing agreement between the city and the county is still required. More information can be found at the local website: www.placer.ca.gov/lafco or the state website: www.calafco.org.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

None.

9. MAC COMMITTEE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

A. Traffic & Public Safety:

No report.

B. Schools & Parks:

No report.

C. Land Use:

See Item F.

D. Health Issues:

Mr. Bostick noted a bird infected with West Nile Virus had been found in Sacramento County recently. Ms. Pereira replied that Mr. Dill of the Placer Mosquito Abatement District was always very responsive and could be contacted for an update.

E. City of Lincoln:

Council Member Nakata reported Tower Market's request for a hard liquor conditional use permit failed due to lack of a motion. The city council approved an agreement with HDF & LCA for a comprehensive reuse plan regarding the abandoned wastewater treatment plant. The council accepted committee recommendation to rename one city park "Thomas Wilson Lincoln Park", with seven other parks to be renamed in the future. The council also approved the Deer Crossing commercial site at Highway 193 & Oak Tree and a Mercy Ministries facility near the Lincoln airport for young women 18-28 years of age. Demolition of existing buildings is expected to start in 6/06 to make way for the new city hall-WPUSD building in downtown Lincoln. Regarding water rates being raised 78%. Mr. Nakata noted this increase was mandated by the PCWA. He also reported Lincoln Ace Hardware was rechecked for any safety violations, and none were found. Mr. Chandler reported Joiner Parkway between Highway 65 overpass & Moore Road has become a "raceway" and suggested Lincoln police monitor this stretch of road.

F. County of Placer:

Ms. Pereira gave the following updates:

Bickford Ranch - No change since last month.

Teichert Aggregate Associates - Revised EIR will be circulated pursuant to law, and includes anyone who previously commented on the document.

Patterson Sand & Gravel - Working toward FEIR, with public hearings anticipated to begin in spring, 2006.

Placer Ranch - Release of DEIR scheduled for June 30, 2006. Public hearings likely in late 2006/early 2007.

Regional University and Community - Working on Administrative DEIR, which was anticipated 12/21/05. However, additional work needs to be done and revised date not reached.

Placer Vineyards Specific Plan - Applicant has changed project description, resulting in some chapters of DEIR needing revision and recirculation. Recirculation expected in late March, with public hearings in fall.

City of Lincoln Annexation Proposals - LAFCo has received application for Lincoln 270 project. Still need tax-sharing agreement between city and county.

Sunset Blvd./Athens Connector Road - Construction for 2-lane road from western termination of Sunset Blvd westward for .5 miles, turning northward for 1.5 miles to connect with Athens Avenue is underway and expected to be complete January, 2007.

Sunset Blvd. /State Route 65 Interchange - Currently in environmental review, with Neg Dec expected to go to Board of Supervisors in spring. Will take one and one-half years to design and two years to construct.

Signage for Closure of Moore Road - Incorrectly displayed signage has been corrected.

Highway 65 Bypass Construction Correction - Reference made last month by county staff person that construction would not begin for another five years. Correction - construction still on schedule to begin end of 2007-mid 2008.

Nicolaus Road Closure due to Bridge Replacement - Press release with map was distributed with the agenda, posted at post office, and additional copies made available at the meeting.

Garden Bar Signage - "To Garden Bar Road" signs to be installed in four-five weeks to alert drivers to continuity of the road.

Odor Near Amuroso - Previously residents on Amuroso reported a strong odor near their homes. Ms. Pereira contacted the Solid Waste Division who, following their investigation, thought the odor may be coming from a dairy farm in the area. The residents again reiterated their belief that the odor was instead coming from the dump. Ms Pereira will follow up.

Future Agenda Items - Ms. Pereira reported Rod Campbell, Lincoln Director of Community Development, is tentatively scheduled to update the MAC in April regarding Lincoln's General Plan Update. Placer County's Paul Thompson, is also tentatively scheduled for that meeting to provide an update on major county projects.

Mr. Chandler noted he would appreciate a representative from SACOG attending a meeting to show the MAC a map of the 500-year flood plain.

Mr. Bostick suggested the county monitor water downflow to get a baseline and then measure to see if downflow rises due to population growth.

Ms. Pereira will contact Amy Terrell, Regional Water Quality Control Board, to update the MAC on alphas per chlorate.

Mr. Alves reported significant erosion of property along Auburn Ravine. Ms. Pereira suggested Placer County Conservation could possibly assist in this matter.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION:

Lincoln "Creek Week" will be held 4/22-4/29/06 as part of the national effort to clean up waterways.

Mr. Whitney reported the recent "Crab Feed" was successful in raising funding to convert the old Valley View School to a much-needed community center.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 9:35 p.m.