



MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2006

**1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS;**

Chairman Fowler called the 126th Lincoln Rural MAC meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pereira, Lois Clausen

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mr. Alves.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION: *To approve Minutes for July 17, 2006:*  
*Lefty/McAnally/UNANIMOUS*

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

UNANIMOUS

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Council Member Nakata introduced Lincoln Police Department Sergeant Labrecht, who reported the department is very busy working on cases involving sex offenders and several recent suspicious fires.

**6. PUBLIC SAFETY and COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

**A. Fire Department:** Dan Rabe reported on several recent wildlands fires, stolen cars that were stripped and set on fire, and fireworks complaints mainly in the Sheridan area. He warned residents to mow weeds before noon and have water handy. Responding to Ms. Pereira's question regarding addressing grants to supply residents with correct house numbers, Mr. Rabe noted the signposts have been received and the department is awaiting further directions.

**B. Placer County Sheriff:** Lynn Harrison reported National Night Out on 7/31 at Thermal Lands was very successful. Garbage has been reported dumped at Manzanita Cemetery and along Gladding Road. Regarding the residential burglaries reported last month, several suspects are in custody and about 10% of stolen property has been located and recovered. A crystal meth lab was found on Virginiatown Road, and the department responded to many calls regarding fights.

**C. California Highway Patrol:** Mark Williams noted that, during "Zero Tolerance" 8/16 on Highway 65 from Highway 80 to the Bear River, the department issued 112 speeding and daylight headlight non-compliance tickets. Regarding the safety campaign on Highway 65, CalTrans has ordered the "mandatory" signs to be attached to the daylight headlight zone signs and expects the entire project to go to bid 9/28, award the contract in 10/06, and complete the project by mid to late 11/06. Upcoming concerts at the Sleep Train Amphitheater include: "Los Lonely Boys" on 8/26; "Def Leperd" and "Journey" 8/27; "Tool" 9/2; and Mary J. Blige 9/8. CHP fixed-wing and helicopter aircraft returned permanently to Auburn 8/1. With school starting 8/23, he reminded drivers on a two-lane road to stop when school bus red lights are flashing. "Zero Tolerance" will be held 9/2 on Highway 80. Mr. Williams reported several recent accidents, including one fatal on 8/19 in north Auburn. He also noted the department is responding to many calls regarding abandoned vehicles. Ms. Pereira noted the Board of Supervisors had received calls complimenting the CHP on their monitoring of Highway 65.

**D. Western Placer Unified School District:**

No report.

**7. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Placer County Agriculture**

Placer County Agriculture Commissioner Christine Turner introduced Nancyjo Riekse, the new Agriculture Marketing Director, replacing the retired Joanne Neft. Ms. Riekse distributed information on "Placer Grown" produce. She noted upcoming events include: the Eggplant Festival 10/7; Farm & Barn Tour on 10/8; Second Annual Wine Crush 10/21 at Via Castellano; and the Cowboy Poetry Festival in 11/06. Ms. Riekse noted she can be contacted at 530 889-7336 or by email at [nriekse@placer.ca.gov](mailto:nriekse@placer.ca.gov). Ms. McAnally complimented Ms. Riekse on her commitment and recognized how important her work is to local growers and ranchers. The Agricultural Commission Chairman and Mr. Fowler also commended her for her hard work promoting local growers. Ms. Turner thanked the MAC and agricultural community for their support.

**8. ACTION ITEMS:**

None.

**9. MAC COMMITTEE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS:**

A. Traffic & Public Safety: No report.

B. Schools & Parks: No report.

C. Land Use: Ms. Turner noted she has been very active the last six and one-half years at planning meetings for new developments so that the voice of agriculture can be heard. She advised the MAC to be aware that developments should support a buffer between projects and agriculture.

D. Health Issues: No report.

E. City of Lincoln: Councilmember Kent Nakata reported on a four-day Charrette held to obtain ideas for development of the old Lincoln wastewater plant site of 75 developable acres. He stated the majority of residents polled agree with the conceptual plan which includes open space, a nature trail and kiosk at Markham Ravine, a 300-person mixed-density residential development, and approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of retail space. The Council recently approved the \$10,000,000. Foskett Regional Park located adjacent to Sierra Pacific site, which will contain a sports complex, with an aquatic center planned for the future. Mr. Nakata reported Lincoln's neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV) transportation plan has become a model for other cities. Responding to Mr. Fowler's question, Mr. Nakata noted the city wishes all residents to be able to use NEVs to access Lincoln's retail, medical and other amenities in the future. Construction began 8/1 on the Lincoln Joint Use Library, with completion expected in about one year. The footing was dug for the City Hall-WPUSD building at 6<sup>th</sup> and F Streets. Responding to a citizen's question regarding higher water rates, Mr. Nakata noted state mandates and higher PCWA rates required the city to pass this cost on to users. Ms. McAnally suggested the city sponsor presentations on water conservation. Mr. Nakata reminded residents to call the public works department to check for leaks, etc. In response to Ms. Lefty's question, he reported groundbreaking was held for the Lincoln Crossing School, expected to open next year.

F. County of Placer: Jennifer Pereira offered the following updates:

Bickford Ranch - No change. Only litigation remaining involves the Town of Loomis regarding traffic-related issues.

Teichert Aggregate Associates - No change. Draft EIR will be recirculated to address environmental issues and is expected for public review in approximately four months.

Cemex (formerly Patterson Sand & Gravel) - No change. Working toward FEIR, with public hearings anticipated in spring, 2007.

Placer Ranch University - No change. Draft EIR expected late 2006-early 2007.

Regional University and Community - Draft EIR expected prior to end of 2006.

Placer Vineyards Specific Plan - As result of change in project description, some chapters of DEIR revised and recirculated, with comment period ending 9/14/06.

The new Placer County Community Development and Resources Agency (CDRA) building has opened at 3091 County Center Drive in Auburn. It will house the Planning, Building and Engineering//Surveying Departments among others.

City of Lincoln Annexation Proposals - LAFCo has only received an application for the Lincoln 270 project. A tax-sharing agreement between the City of Lincoln and Placer County is not yet completed.

Ms. Pereira reported no change since last report for the Sunset-Athens connector road, Sunset Blvd./State Route 65 Interchange, or Highway 65 improvements north of Lincoln. She noted road improvements on Nicolaus Road and Sunset West are moving ahead, and offered to follow up for Ms. Hilbert regarding road striping on Sunset West from Amuroso to the county line.

Concerning reports of trash being dumped on Garden Bar Road at Doty Ravine, Ms. Pereira suggested the county explore installing fencing to prevent access.

A representative from Placer County Air Pollution Control District is scheduled to attend an upcoming MAC meeting to provide information on naturally occurring asbestos. A representative from Placer County Water Agency is tentatively scheduled to share more information about the availability and use of water in the western county. As the MAC would like to track the Lincoln Area Water Treatment Plant project, a representative from NID will be invited to attend a future meeting. Lincoln Police Chief Brian Vizzusi is expected to update the MAC at the 9/18 meeting.

PCAPCD Executive Director Tom Christoflk has invented the revolutionary "Advanced Locomotive Emission Control System" which could have important implications in reducing pollution from idling locomotive engines throughout the world.

Funds from the UAIC, collected by state law through the Indian Gaming Distribution Fund, were recently awarded to local government agencies. These grants are to help fund local government agency projects to offset the impacts associated with tribal gaming. This year \$765,127.93 was distributed. This funding is separate from the annual \$1 million Community Giving Program the UAIC distributes to non-profits.

The Board of Supervisors held budget hearings and expects the final FY 06-07 budget of \$638 million to be approved in 9/06.

Ms. Pereira noted a Newcastle man is the first confirmed human West Nile Virus case in Placer County. Former Manager Charlie Dill will be presented a commendation at the 9/12 Board of Supervisors' meeting for his years of service with the Placer County Mosquito Abatement District.

Placer County's exhibit won one of only thirteen county gold ribbons at the California State Fair.

In response to a citizen's question regarding the opening date for the new Gladding Road Bridge, Ms. Pereira offered to follow up.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION:**

A pancake breakfast will be held 8/26 at the firehouse at Thermal Lands. Mr. Whitney introduced Thermal Lands firefighter Rick Hartman, who has taken on the Neighborhood Watch responsibilities. Ms. McAnally reported the Second Annual Melodrama fundraiser held the past weekend at Fruitvale School was well attended. Also included in the program were three biographies of prominent early settlers.

**12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**September 18, 2006** at 7:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 8:53 p.m.