

County of Placer



RURAL LINCOLN MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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RURAL LINCOLN MAC MINUTES

April 22, 2014

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Members

Members Present: George Alves
Joyce Bachman
Deirdre Lefty
Karla McAnally

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Approval of Minutes:** March 17, 2014 - Deirdre motioned to approve; Joyce seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved 4-0

4. **Approval of Agenda:** April 22, 2014 Deirdre motioned to approve. Karla seconded motion. Agenda approved 3-0

5. Public Comment:

Any member of the public may address the Municipal Advisory Council on any matter that is NOT listed on the agenda. Comments will normally be limited to five minutes at the discretion of the Chairperson.

6. Public Safety and School Reports:

A. Placer County Fire (530) 277-2317 –Battalion Chief Jim Mathias –
jim.mathias@fire.ca.gov –

- This is going to be one of the worse fire seasons of record due to the drought.
- Folsom Lake is at 75%
- The snowpack is only 14-20% of normal
- Things to do to protect your property
 - a) Daily upkeep of property
 - b) Mow early in the mornings and on non-winding days
 - c) Keep tree branches at least 10 feet above the ground
 - d) Keep eaves and overhangs cleaned out
 - e) Keep roadway open
 - f) Ensure your address is well see.

- g) If you have gates on your property, they have to be wide enough for fire apparatus to enter through
 - h) If you have 10 acres or more, you should disc at least 20 feet around your property.
- Current stats so far this year:
 - a) Last year at this time there were 466 fires statewide burning 1302 acres
 - b) So far this year there have been 953 fires burning 2372 acres (this is 150% above normal)
 - Things that the Department is doing to conserve water:
 - Shorter showers
 - Not washing their vehicles as frequent as they had been
 - The Stations will not be watering the landscape.
 - Current Things coming up:
 - Starting April 28th the department will start staffing more engines. There will be one engine at each station. In Southern California, 60% of the engines will be four man staffed.
 - There have been 3 current grass fires
 - There was a tragic accident on 4/19 when a vehicle full of kids made an unsafe turn at a high rate of speed ejecting an individual from the back of the vehicle.

B. Placer County Sheriff (916) 652-2419 – Lynn Harrison – “No Report”

C. CA Highway Patrol – (916) 663-3344 – Dave Martinez – “No Report”

D. WPUSD – “No Report”

E. Greater Lincoln Fire Safe Council – George Alves –

They have the address list for those with 10 acres or more. They will be sending out letters of introduction to community soon. There will also be information regarding the disking program in the letter.

7. MAC Committee & Local Government Reports:

A. Traffic & Public Safety – George Alves and Joyce Bachman –

B. Schools & Parks – Karla McAnally /Joyce Bachman – “No Report”

C. Land Use – Karla McAnally, Deirdre Lefty – Farmers are starting to farm. Be aware of farming equipment.

- D. Health Issues – Deirdre Lefty – Be prepared for West Nile. There is a new mosquito carrying a new virus. The MAC may want to have Mosquito Abatement to come back to the MAC.
- E. City of Lincoln, Mayor Gabriel Hydrick – Council Member Spencer Short for Gabriel
- The City just approved Village 7 annexation. This is in the area located south of Moore Road,
 - Village 1
 - Village 5 – near Nelson Lane – Zoned for 10,000 housing and commercial sites. This is located in the southwest area of the City, west of Highway 65 and Nelson Lane.
 - The City is still moving forward with the conservation plan.
- F. Placer County – Jennifer Merino/Lyndell Grey
- The Planning Commission will hold it's 5th workshop on the Community Center/Event Center ordinance on April 24, 2014 at 10:20
 - The AM Gem Bike Race will be coming through Lincoln on May 11, 2014. The race kicks off at 10:20 downtown Sacramento will come down Fiddymont to Moore Road to Ferrari Ranch Road to highway 193
 - The I80/Highway 65 Interchange project is seeking public input on improving the interchange to remove the bottleneck.
 - Retrofit work on the Foresthill Bridge has just been completed. The project began in 2011.
 - Placer County is the second healthiest County in the State following the healthiest County of Marin according to Groups National Rankings.
 - April is National Distraction Driving Awareness Month.

8. Information/Non-Action Item:

A) Proposed Community / Event Center Ordinance Update presented by George Rosasco

There will be a 5th workshop on April 24, 2014 at 10:20.m.

At the upcoming Planning commission meeting they will consider the comments presented by the MACs.

The following are the MAC's concerns as documented in the Staff Report:

- An Ag Event Center should be required to demonstrate to the County Ag Commissioner that they have onsite agricultural production of \$1,000 gross per acre per year
- No Ag Event Center building or component shall occur within current Ag production areas on parcels designated as prime farmland, farmland of statewide and local importance

- Ag Event Centers shall not be protected by Placer County Right to Farm Ordinance
- The proposed minimum acreage for each Ag Event Center should be doubled (from 10-20-40 to 20-40-60)
- Ag Event Center should not be accessed by a shared private road.
- The suggested number of events per year should be reduced.
- Code Enforcement should be available on the weekends to deal with the Event Center issues.
- Define how long an event can be and what constitutes an event (can an event take place over multiple days, is a family wedding an event?)

The Negative Declaration is out for comment until May 7, 2014 and on May 8, 2014 the Planning Commission will make their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

B) Regional Sewer Project

Project overview: The Midwestern Placer Regional Sewer Project will consolidate wastewater treatment for Placer County's Sewer Maintenance District 1 and the City of Lincoln to capitalize on economies of scale, facilitate compliance with water quality regulations and reduce water quality impacts on the foothill streams.

The project includes construction of a new pump station at Placer County's SMD 1 facility on Joeger Road in North Auburn, with construction of the pipeline from the SMD 1 facility to the City of Lincoln's Wastewater Collection System with improvements to the City of Lincoln's Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility which will provide increased flows from SMD 1.

Traffic impacts during construction process will be as follows:

Virginiatown Road between Fowler Road and west of Daniel Drive the road will be closed between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Flagged traffic will be allowed outside these hours for local traffic, emergency vehicles and school buses. Delays could be up to 15 minutes.

9. Action Item(s) Andy Fisher, Placer County Parks Division,

The seven year old Hidden Falls Regional Park, located in the foothills between Auburn and Lincoln, has been expanded from its original 221 acres to 1,200 acres. Already built during the first phase was an observation deck allowing close-up views of the 30 foot waterfall that gives the park its name, multiple-use trails, picnic areas, and

fishing access.

The expansion offers new sweeping views of the Sacramento Valley to the Sutter Buttes and beyond. Two new bridge crossings connect trail users to both sides of the Coon Creek watershed. You can also enjoy more picnic areas and a second observation deck above another waterfall.

The park is open from sunrise to sunset, 365 days a year at no charge to visitors.

Placer County recently acquired the final three links needed to lay out a public trail network that someday will connect Hidden Falls Regional Park to the Bear River.

These latest acquisitions will allow the County to build trails that connect Hidden Falls to more than 3,500 acres of foothill wilderness preserved by the Placer Land Trust.”

When completed, the network through Hidden Falls and the Land Trust parcels to the Harvego Preserve is expected to offer 50 miles of public trails.

The three acquisitions will help conserve an east-west corridor used by wildlife migrating between the valley floor and the Sierra Nevada and a north-south corridor through the oak woodlands.

The Parks Division is looking to add 25 additional parking stalls in the current gravel area and double the equestrian area which will make the need to move the Helistop. The cost will be approximately \$450,000. The Parks Division is asking the support for the County Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #6 Funding, Lincoln Recreation Area in the amount of \$15,000 for the parking lot expansion project. Area#6 uncommitted fund balance is \$26,033.

Karla motion to do a letter to Supervisor Weygandt and the Board of Supervisors to release the funds of \$15,000 in support of adding the additional parking stalls. Joyce seconded the motion and it was voted 4-0 in favor of releasing these funds.

10. Correspondence: “None”

11. Announcements & Information:

- Thermalands breakfast is May 17th beginning at 7:00 a.m. The cost is \$6.00
- The Fruitvale BBQ is May 18th

12. Action Item: N/A

13. Next Regular Meeting: May 19, 2014

14. Adjournment