

# County of Placer

## RURAL LINCOLN MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### RURAL LINCOLN MAC MINUTES April 20, 2015

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

George Alves – Chair  
Joyce Bachman  
Richard Lewis

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Deirdre Lefty – Vice Chair  
Karla McAnally

1. **Called to Order and Introduction of Members at 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** lead by Warren Bostick
3. **Approval of Minutes:** March 16, 2015 Minutes – Joyce Bachman motioned to approve. Richard Lewis seconded. Minutes Approved 3-0
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Joyce Bachman motioned to approve April Agenda. Richard Lewis seconded motion. April 20, 2015 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.

Fred Lopez of Cal Fire 2881 Local spoke about the County's proposed closing of two of their stations and fire chiefs from 3 down to 2. He wanted the public to voice their concerns, as their fire protection services will be cut.

#### 6. **Public Safety and School Reports:**

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

Burn permits still not required. Jim encourages the public to go to any of their stations for current burn permit status.

On Cal Fire side –

- All stations are fully staffed.
- Starting this week, they will be hiring their seasonal staff.

- He mentioned the tragic drowning of 2 individuals.
- There have been a few vegetation fires.
- There was a local structure fire. The cause is still under investigation. The house was a total loss.
- Disking letters will soon be going out. If you have 10 acres or more the fire department is asking that you disc 10 feet from the edge of your property.
- Fire crews will be coming around to LE 100 inspections.
- Jim has asked that your driveways have easy access onto your property. It has to be able to allow fire apparatus enter.

B. Placer County Sheriff (916) 652-2419 – Deputy Lippert

Mailbox thefts are down

Catalytic converter thefts are on an increase more so in Roseville area not so much out in the rural areas

C. CA Highway Patrol – (916) 663-3344 – Antoine –

Accidents are up.

- 3/17/15 – Mt. Vernon unsafe turn
- 3/18/15 – Big Ben collision
- 3/30/15 – Mt. Vernon unsafe turn
- 3/31/15 – Gladding Road – Unsafe turn
- 4/4/15 – Nicholas – collision
- 4/9/15 – Wise Road – unsafe turn
- For the period of 3/16/15 – 4/20/15:
  - I-80 / Highway 65 – 9 collisions
  - 65 Bypass – 5 collisions
  - Upcoming concerts: 5/20/15 and 6/10/15
  - 3/20/15 – fatal accident involving a pedestrian
  - There were 15 DUI arrests
  - The program “Every 15 Minutes” is coming to Lincoln High School in May

D. WPUSD “No Report”

E. Greater Lincoln Fire Safe Council – Warren Bostick

They are getting ready to send out disking letters.

At the Gold Country Fairground at the Fire Safe Alliance meeting, they were talking about things that can be done for prevent fires.

## 7. MAC Committee & Local Government Reports:

- A. Traffic & Public Safety – George Alves and Joyce Bachman – No Report
- B. Schools & Parks – Karla McAnally /Joyce Bachman – No Report
- C. Land Use – Karla McAnally, Deirdre Lefty – “No Report”
- D. Health Issues – Deirdre Lefty – No Report
- E. City of Lincoln, Mayor Gabriel Hydrick –Gabriel Hydrick –
  - Taco Bell is open
  - The County is taking over the Lincoln transit services starting with Dial a Ride the slowly working on the fixed routes.
  - Lincoln Blvd revamp is underway from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to McBean Park Drive. This is the first phase of 3.
  - The City has a new City Manager
  - The City is the second phase of keeping up with the State regulations regarding the drought.
  - They are hiring for a number of positions
  - The City is looking at reclaimed water rates.
  - May 6, 2015 is the Big Day of Giving
  - The City Council has moved into City Hall from the McBean Pavilion.
  - They are looking at developing a public forum hall
  - Village 1 is moving forward
- F. Placer County – Jennifer Merino/Lyndell Grey
  - Complaint hotline is up and operating. The number is 530-401-8229
  - At this year's Economic Summit, Lincoln High School Ag Dept received a 4.6 million dollar fund to improve the Lincoln High School Farm. This money will be used to upgrade the facilities at the farm. They were chosen out of the 1500 applications. Kim's Country Kitchen was also recognized.
  - The County is looking into the homeless problem. They are currently allowing housing at the Old Security barracks.
  - The County was going to close the Meadow Vista and Loomis libraries but due to the public's outcry in support of these libraries, the County is taking a back step at this time
  - The Board of Supervisors are in Washington, DC asking for money for the Placer Parkway, Sunset Industrial area, Lake Tahoe and the Placer Legacy program.

## 8. Action Item:

### **Wine Ordinance Proposed Order present by Sherry Conway**

- The Planning Commission has held 5 workshops
- They have presented to the MACs twice
- The Vintner Association wanted the County to review the present wine ordinance and wanted some changes made.

### **The primary issues are:**

- Number of events per year
- Number of persons at each event
- Tasting room regulations
- Noise regulations
- Code compliance
- Number of temporary outdoor events per year
- Private road

### **The Vintners' Association wants the proposed revisions:**

#### **Unlimited routine activities / events**

No permit required

Winery is on less than 10 acres, then up to 75 people allowed

Winery is on 10 acres or more then up to 100 people allowed

#### **Special Activities / Events**

If winery in on less than 10 acres, up to 100 people allowed

If winery is on 10 or more acres, then up to 200 people allowed

Additional special activities may be allowed with an ARP.

The public weighed in on these issues as follows:

- Lori Lewis – Does the Planning Commission look into the ARP saturation? **(Yes)** What prevents Vintner from turning into an event center? **(Answer – it's crafted that way)**
- Don Dupont (Rock Hill Winery) believes the property owners have rights for free and peaceful use of their property.
- Tina Wilkins (Vina Castellano) Thinks the County needs to have a winery task force; she agrees with asking for the minimum of what they need; she gives to 52 charities a year; supports the left side of recommendations for less restrictions.
- Marshall Davis – Agrees with less restrictions

- Mora Rae – Placer County Visitor's Bureau
- Karen McGulbright (Dene dal Cielo Winery) – lives on 30 acres. Thinks everyone should live their lives and be good neighbors.
- Susan Aimes – What is the rationale behind not having an event not contributed to Ag?
- Mark Frates – Believes people should be able to do what they want with their property.
- Kelly Harkinson – he is a pig farmer. He has had numerous complaints about his pigs and the smell. People should have respect for the small farmer.
- Carol Ruben – there are no controls going forward. The vintners' proposals are only going to cause abuse. We need to be looking at critical mass issues.
- Kathi Johnson – (Goat House Brewery) Contrary to beliefs, they are farming and growing crops. They have 1000 plants in the ground and are growing hops. She wants her business to support farming and tourism.
- Gant Smith – all for minimum revisions.
- Kevin Stevens – President of Vintners Association – they have to be able to have routine events; they cannot survive without changes; supports code enforcement.
- Marilyn Jasper – goal is to protect Ag land. She wants wineries to succeed but with the current proposed number of events.
- Stewart Perry – Owner of Fawnridge Winery – he is a small farmer trying to make a living.
- Zane Dobson – PaZa Vineyard and Winery – He feels that there are more problems with teenagers in country than the wine tasters. He just wants to do a normal business.

The MACs recommendations:

Richard Lewis – Is Code Enforcement going to have to respond to any and all calls coming in? Will there be a live person answering or a recording?

Joyce Bachman – Why can't wineries make a living on the sell of their

wines? She understands the complaints by her neighbors about the noise.

George Alves – He bought up some of the responses from the Ag Commission. Such as common ground opportunity, special event days such as Valentine’s Day; Great Days of Summer. Remove requirement for 6 events; allowable size; leave standard allowable number of events. TOEs – make them a maximum of 3 days. The way that some of the language it can be taken for granted.

Richard Lewis made a motion for the Lincoln MAC to take no action at this meeting and have the matter be brought back to this MAC when all members could be present.

Joyce Bachman and George Alves did not want to second the motion. It was further brought up that a public member was married to Richard Lewis. Those in attendance made noise about there being a conflict of interest on Richard Lewis’ part. Richard recused himself from any voting at the meeting and that this matter may have to be put before County Counsel regarding whether or not Richard’s voting would be a conflict of interests.

**9. Informational / - Non - Action Item:**

**A) Proposed Marijuana Ordinance**

At the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on May 5, 2015 at 9:45 staff will be asking the Board to consider 3 options on the marijuana ordinance.

- 1) Regulate outdoor cultivation
- 2) Ban outdoor cultivation, or
- 3) Do nothing

The public’s questions:

Dan Hawkins – a marijuana grower. He is a marijuana supplier

Marilyn Jasper – Wants the County to keep HEMP separate from the marijuana ordinance.

Others were saying as they were leaving – can’t go against what the California voters voted in.

This issue should be a voter’s initiative

**B) Mid-Western Placer Regional Sewer project update:**

The Midwestern Placer Regional Sewer Project will consolidate wastewater treatment for Placer County’s Sewer Maintenance District No.1 (SMD 1) and City of Lincoln to capitalize on economies of scale, facilitate compliance with water quality regulations and reduce water quality impacts on foothill streams.

The planning started in 2010 and in 2012 the County and the City of Lincoln entered into a regional agreement.

The project includes construction of a new pump station at Placer County's SMD 1 facility on Joeger Road in North Auburn, construction of a pipeline from the SMD 1 facility to the City of Lincoln's wastewater collection system, and improvements to the City of Lincoln's Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility (WWTRF) on Fiddymont Road to provide for the increased flows from SMD 1.

The project went out to bid in 2013

Construction began in February 2014 and is 80% complete.

The cost of the project is \$45 million dollars

The schedule of putting system online in July (95% complete)

Work at Joeger Road Pump station is 85% complete

SMD I Pump Station will at some point be completely demolished with exception of the pump station.

All lower reaches are done going east on Mt. Vernon to Joeger Road

Questions posed:

How soon will waste/reclaimed water be going to the City of Lincoln? **(It is going out to bid this summer)**

Is the process going to be accelerated due to the drought? **(No)**

Is water still going to be dumping into Auburn Ravine? **(Yes but it will be regulated)**

What about the road restoration? **(Virginiatown Road – the City is working with the County on repairs; Gold Hill Road – similar situation – The County is going out to bid next month for road construction)**

The project's estimated completion date is August 2015

**10. Correspondence:** "None"

**11. Future Agenda Items:**

- Update on Bickford Ranch
- Update on Virginiatown and Wise Roads
- Update on crude oil by rail

**11. Announcements & Information:**

On May 16, 2015 – the annual firefighters banquet and awards ceremony dinner at Valley Community Center

**12. Next Regular Meeting: May 18, 2015**

**13. Adjournment: 9:57 PM**