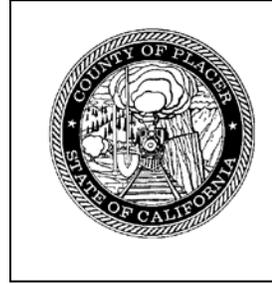


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**APPROVED MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2013 MEETING  
OF THE  
NEWCASTLE/OPHIR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Ophir Elementary School, 1373 Lozano Rd., Newcastle, CA**

Members Present

Elliott Rose  
Joe Irvin  
Steve Palmer  
Sam Moore

Members Absent

Gaytrell Lapp  
Dick Dal Pino  
Ed Sander

County Staff Present

Supervisor Jim Holmes  
Ruth Alves

County Staff Absent

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m.  
Absent members: Dick Dal Pino, Ed Sander

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2012 WERE APPROVED**

Motion made by Joe Irvin to approve the Minutes of November 15, 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Palmer, motion carried.

**4. THE JANUARY 17, 2013 AGENDA WAS APPROVED**

Motion made by Steve Palmer to approve the January 17, 2013 Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Irvin, motion carried.

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

- a. California Highway Patrol: No one in attendance** – Steve Palmer mentioned two burglaries, one on Geraldson and one on Bald Hill. No determination has been made, but let the public beware of leaving doors unlocked.
- b. Newcastle Fire Department: No one in attendance**
- c. Placer County Sheriff's Department: No one in attendance**
- d. Placer County Fire Department: No one in attendance**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Carol Rubin – Newcastle resident, updated the MAC on the development re Gold Hill application for 'community center' application. She asked the MAC to write a recommendation to the BOS regarding the definition of a community

center. She requests this to be an agenda item at a next meeting. She also requests the Board of Supervisors to open a task force to look into the Gold Hill application. The Planning Commission has approved the B&B, nursery and denied the “community center”. Gold Hill applicant, Mike Carson, has appealed to the BOS.

Wise Hill application approved. Several groups have appealed the approval.

Mike Giles – Believes Dr. Lee, who is in the process of building a community center, has been coached by the Planning Department. He requests MAC’s involvement to fight the approval, since BOS listens to the MAC. Parameters of ‘community center’ definition are wide open. There’s no harm in acting, but tremendous consequences in not acting.

**7. COUNTY UPDATE:**

Ruth Alves gave the update in lieu of Supervisor Jim Holmes who was attending the Loomis Chamber of Commerce dinner installation of all officers. Supervisor Holmes was chosen as the Chairman of the Board.

- a. Western Placer Growth** – There are several projects in the Western Placer area that could double the current population in that area. Projected to be built twenty thousand more homes and one university campus.
- b. Recycling Center at Cabin Creek, Tahoe Forest** – The Planning Commission approved the Use Permit for the proposed Cabin Creek Biomass Facility, a co-generation plant to burn biomass, on December 20, 2012. The proposal is part of the County goal to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires by removing woody biomass from forest lands in the County.

**8. Informational Non-Action Item:**

- a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – George Alves, Placer County Fire Mitigation Coordinator**

Placer County has completed the update of the 2007 Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This plan is the result of a community wide planning effort that included extensive field data gathering, compilation of existing documents and geographic information systems data, and scientific analysis and recommendations designed to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and fire related damages to values at risk. This will be an overview of the Plan and elements of potential projects.

The plan is in the final stage and will be going into print. Project emphasize collaboration among local governments, local fire agencies and State fire agency, identifying and prioritizing fuel reduction projects while recommending measures to reduce structural damage. Core teams representing their community have been formed and things have moved fairly quickly due to their involvement.

County used centric approach for the plan – fire departments working together with the people in order to drill down into communities and projects for each community, identifying places where fires can be fought, and the critical infrastructure at risk. The 320 plus pages identify the need and actions to be taken and fire prevention methods. Majority of funding is through grant funding.

Implementation – Plan will be presented to organizations and groups affected by the plan and will go in front of the Municipal Advisory Councils.

Approval – Plan will be presented to supporting agencies for signoff and adoption, and will go to the BOS in February.

**b. Placer County Housing Element Update – Presenter: Crystal Jacobson, Community Development Resource Agency (CDRA)**

Placer County is currently updating its 2009 Housing Element that will cover an eight year planning period: January 1, 2013 to October 31, 2021. The relatively minor update will ensure compliance with State Housing Element Law that requires local governments to adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community.

Overview: The Housing Element Update is one of the seven mandated elements of the local General Plan. Identifies existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community and will not need to be updated for another eight years. Draft started in August 2012, MAC and public review will be Jan-Feb 2013, to Planning Commission and BOS review, Feb-April 2013.

Programs completed since 2009: Zoning Text Amendments: Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, Supportive Housing, Farmworker Housing and Single-Room Occupancy Housing Units (pending).

For more information: Christ Schmidt, 530-745-3076

Web: [www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/Planning.aspx](http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/Planning.aspx)

**c. Ophir Pipeline Project Update – Rick Lund, Placer County Water Agency Project Manager**

The construction includes three major pipelines in Ophir Road corridor to convey irrigation and treated water to PCWA customers. Work also includes improvements at the Ophir Road Pump Station and at two locations at Dutch Ravine. This will be an update from PCWA staff.

Everything has been graded. The guts of the project and the most challenging part remain to be done. Lozano, Geraldson and Ophir Roads present the most challenge. Deep excavation will cause traffic delays. There will be no road closure. There will be flagmen on construction's sites, and work will proceed overnight and on week-

ends. Trenches will be fenced around with signs. There will be security for all equipment and county inspectors will be on site all the time. Businesses to remain opened, and feedback from the public is encouraged. PCWA has website with updates on the construction progress.

**d. TKO Recycling Center – Lisa Carnahan, Placer County Planner, Jeffrey Trimble and Oliver Johnson, Applicants/Owners**

TKO Recycling is proposing a recycling center at 9390 Old State Highway in Newcastle, APN 040-150-006. They would accept and pay for CA CRV (aluminum cans, plastic bottles and glass bottles), E-Waste (TV's computers, microwaves, cell phones, etc.), ferrous metals (steel, iron and tin) and non-ferrous metals (aluminum, brass and copper). The existing 6,000 square foot building would be utilized for the majority of the recycling operations. The only material that would be kept outside would be the ferrous metals, which would be kept in 40 yard roll-off containers. Containers and bins would be transported off the site when full. Proposed hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week. They expect to have 4 employees and serve approximately 30-40 patrons per day.

The operation is a zero landfill operation. Nothing taken will end up in Placer County landfills, or any other landfill. TKO currently has 3 sites in operation, TKO 1 in Rancho Cordova, TKO 2 in Sacramento, and TKO 3 in Stockton. TKO shipped 12 million pounds of material in 2012, some of which could have ended up in our landfills. No light bulbs, oil, hazardous material, or vehicles will be taken, and there will be no shredding done at the site.

Application is before the Planning Commission on January 28, and it will be an Action Item in February. Applicants want to provide the citizens of Newcastle, Ophir, Auburn, and Loomis, a clean and convenient way to recycle, not only aluminum cans/plastic bottles, but a clean, convenient, and profitable way for them to get rid of old electronics, lawn mowers, lawn furniture, Christmas lights, etc.

**9. Action Items: Election of 2013 Chairperson** – The Newcastle MAC will select a new chairperson and vice-chair person for 2013.

Motion made by Joe Irvin to elect Steve Palmer as Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elliott Rose, motion carried.

Motion made by Joe Irvin to elect Elliott Rose as Vice-Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Palmer, motion carried.

**10. MAC Member Reports and Correspondence: None**

There a social this Saturday at the center stage consignment for the Mandarin Harvest.

Joe Irvin – there's a grass root movement to protest the length of the Rattlesnake Bar closure. Degradation of resources, budget shortage and low level of water, are concerns behind the gate being closed longer. Irvin stated that he has lived here 20 years and has not seen any changes for the gate to be closed for longer periods of time. There is also a large contingent of kayakers that would like to use the site. He suggested item be presented on the agenda to have gate opened with more frequency.

- 11. The next scheduled MAC meeting is Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**
- 12. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**