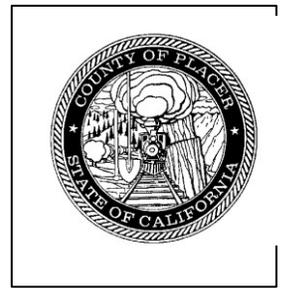


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**MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2013 MEETING OF THE  
NEWCASTLE/OPHIR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Ophir Elementary School, 1373 Lozano Rd., Newcastle, CA**

Members Present

Steve Palmer  
Elliott Rose  
Ed Sander

Members Absent

Joe Irvin  
Karen Green  
Sam Moore

County Staff Present

Ruth Alves  
Supervisor Jim Holmes

County Staff Absent

**1. CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Steve Palmer**

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order by Steve Palmer at 7:03 p.m.  
Absent members: Sam Moore, Joe Irvin and Karen Green

**2. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2013 MEETING WERE APPROVED**

Motion made by Elliott Rose, 2<sup>ND</sup> by Ed Sander, carried.

**3. THE JUNE 20, 2013 AGENDA WAS APPROVED**

Motion made by Ed Sander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elliott Rose, carried.

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

- a. **California Highway Patrol: No one in attendance**
- b. **Newcastle Fire Department: No one in attendance.**
- c. **Placer County Sheriff's Department:** Supervisor Holmes announced amendment to contracts between Placer County's Sheriff's office and the City of Colfax and the Town of Loomis for law enforcement services. Budgeted amounts are \$603K for Colfax and \$1.4 mil for Loomis, from July 1, 2013 till June 30, 2014. Also approved agreement between Placer County Sheriff's office and Placer County Superior Court to provide security services from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015 for \$4 mil.
- d. **Placer County Fire Department: No one in attendance**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Wineries** - Marilyn Jasper, Newcastle resident – Brand new July report regarding wineries planning enforcement review can be viewed on line. Report deals with terminology, enforcement problems and new recommendations.

Carol Rubin, Newcastle resident – Encouraged the public to attend the Planning Commission review on July 25. A series of community workshops are going to be held as part of the approval process. There will be a meeting June 27 and if anyone has issues regarding wineries' approval and wants to see the new procedures, they are welcome to attend.

Patricia Burke – Newcastle resident, read her letter to the Newcastle MAC suggesting the Newcastle/Ophir MAC send a letter to the Planning Commission, asking them to direct the Planning Department to give a committee of non-winery property owners equal time and weight in their deliberations, and to make them part of the larger discussion in the Placer County's re-visiting of the Winery Ordinance. To date, the planning Department has been meeting solely with winery representatives. The only public input afforded residents were the brief remarks available during the Planning Commission workshop held June 13, 2013.

**6. COUNTY UPDATE:** Supervisor Jim Holmes gave a quick overview:

**2013-14 Interim Proposed Budget** was approved and the final budget will be finalized in early September. The BOS will have a series of workshops on the budget. Designation of unassigned carryover fund balances from 2012-13 will be decided.

**Several Accomplishments** - new buildings, new jail, all paid, no debt remaining. The phasing of the new jail and moving minimum security people into South Placer Jail. On Tuesday, County contracted with maintenance security at the North County Jail at a saving of \$350K. This outsourcing is a great saving to taxpayers.

**Regional Sewer Project** – Bid out in July and correct amount will be known. Sewer pipe to Lincoln is estimated to cost \$73.2mil, 13 miles.

Re accountability regarding process of choosing contractors: Most of these projects are federally funded and County has worked with these providers over the years.

**Ruth Alves** explained the role and duties of the MAC: A Municipal Advisory Council is not a decision-making body. It does not have authority to make, set, provide interpretation of or enforce county ordinances, policies or laws.

MACs are tasked with gathering input from the community on matters of concern which relate to the area served by the MAC, such as land use, roads, public health and safety concerns, Placer County fire protection, Placer County Law enforcement, and Placer County Parks.

The public is encouraged to attend MACs' meetings to make their voices heard regarding projects affecting their community, and the MACs should encourage public comment and maintain an impartial viewpoint regarding any topic until all information has been presented.

**7. Informational Non-Action Items:**

**a. Placer County Veterans Services Office Overview**

For those individuals who have so proudly served our nation, Placer County has an office where veterans, their dependents and survivors, can be assisted in obtaining entitlements from federal, state and local agencies administering veteran's programs. Some of the services consist of benefit counseling, claim preparation and assistance, initiate and develop appeals, disability compensation and much more. If you know a veteran who is interested in finding out more about what kind of

benefit may be available, encourage them to attend. Presenter: Jonn Melrose, Placer County Veterans Services Officer

There are 30,000 veterans in Placer County, 3,100 in need, and 25,000 in need to be educated on their entitlements. The VA administration has focused its efforts on processing 65,000 old claims and is now 97% done. Its goal is to process claims one year old or older by October 2013.

Melrose went over veterans' benefits, like VA pension, how is calculated, the periods of war covered, eligibility, countable family income, net worth of the assets of veterans and their dependents and how net worth is calculated.

Pension – Paid to wartime veterans who have limited or no income, and who are age 65 or older, maximum paid \$1,732/month.

Net Worth – Depends on the totality of countable income.

VA Health Care – Complex

Eligibility – Can go back sixty years from discharge under conditions other than dishonorable and served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which was during a period of war. And, countable family income is below a yearly limit set by congress.

There is much information to wade through, but the process of applying for benefits has been changed from what used to be an individual and his doctor initiating a claim, to a team approach identifying the patient's specific needs and sending the case through the system. Claims take 6-8 months to be processed. The state has several homes, care facilities, that are not yet staffed.

Veterans who need help filing a claim are encouraged to contact Jonn at the Veterans Service Office located at 1000 Sunset Blvd., Suite 115, Rocklin, CA 95765, Main phone number: 916-780-3290. Website: [veterans@placer.ca.gov](mailto:veterans@placer.ca.gov)

**b. Septic System Regulation – AB 885 – California State Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Maintenance of On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems**

Do you live in the rural area of Placer County and utilize an on-site septic system? Then you'll want to attend this meeting to find out what the current status is of the State's policy on septic systems. AB 885 establishes a statewide, risk-based, tiered approach for the regulation and management of septic system installations and replacements and sets the level of performance and protection expected from septic systems. Placer County Environmental Health personnel will be present to give an update on the latest information and how it may affect you. Presenter: Wesley Nicks, Director Environmental Health, Public Health and Animal Services

Mohan Ganapathy and Kurtis Zumwack, Placer County Environmental Health Staff, presented the changes and timeline of AB 885.

State of California does not have policy of sewer disposal. In 2000, AB 885 directed the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt statewide septic system regulations in order to standardize the regulations throughout California. It has taken the state 12 years to develop a set of regulations. In June 2012, the State adopted the policy of onsite wastewater treatment standards, and on May 2013, the policy went into effect.

The state regulation is called "Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems or OWTS Policy.

The State Water Regional Board gives regulations to the various Regional Water Boards. Placer County Regional Water Board is in the central region. Placer County has been working on amending their regulations to align with new state policy and to make the regulations specific to Placer County. Staff worked on which part needed to be amended to be in alignment with the state policy and what type of choice the county can make.

Counties have 3 years from this date to submit to the State their plans on how to implement this policy.

How to comply with the state. There are 2 choices:

1. Implement Tier 1, Tier 3 and Tier 4 requirements (set by the State) or
2. Implement Tier 2 (a customized Tier tailored specifically for each County called the “Local Agency Management Plan” or LAMP).

Tier 0 = No requirements, no fees. System is functioning properly

Tier 1 = State requirements for new or replacement septic systems – restrictive. Adopt Tier 2

Tier 2 = Modified user friendly for Placer County for new or replacement septic systems. Needs to be approved by the State prior to implementation

Tier 3 = Systems close to impaired water body – does not apply to Placer County, no impaired water body. To be included in the LAMP should that be the case in the future.

Tier 4 = System failing or needs corrective action – Included in the LAMP

LAMP – Local Agency Management Plan is the local manual. LAMP development process and Septic system Ordinance, and some of the Manual’s changes completed so far:

1. Clarified appeal procedures
2. Variance application for hardship
3. Increased definition section to include terms clarification used in ordinance and manual
4. Rewording existing septic system manual
5. Changed assumed flow rates for dwellings built after 1994
6. Changed (increased) minimum effective soil requirement to install a septic system from 18 to 24 inches
7. State requires maintenance monitoring system on any repaired sewage system
8. Supplemental treatment units for seepage pit systems
9. Regulations for people who live remotely – they will be helped by regulations already in place

To be developed:

1. LAMP development has to be consistent with state regulations
2. Development of a water quality assessment program
3. Submission of annual report to the State regarding permits issued and water quality assessment

The draft LAMP will be submitted to the State for approval and must include adequate detail. The Central Valley Regional Quality Control Board will be the reviewing authority.

Questions can be directed to:

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/owts/docs/owts\\_policy.pdf](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/docs/owts_policy.pdf)  
Placer County Environmental Health Land Use and Water Resources Section

**9. MAC Member reports and Correspondence: None**

Elliott Rose – The Newcastle Business Association meeting venue has been moved to the Catholic Church, 661 Newcastle Road.

**10. The next scheduled MAC meeting is Thursday, July 18, 2013.**

**11. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**