



**Draft of Minutes – May 26, 2015**  
**Horseshoe Bar/Penryn Municipal Advisory Council**

**Members Present:**

Wayne Russell  
Mike Bishop  
Patricia Neifer  
Anita Yoder  
Randy Maggert

**County Staff Present:**

Leah Rosasco

**Board of Supervisors:**

Supervisor Jim Holmes

**Members Absent:**

Susan Mahoney  
Diane Nicholas

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Introduction of MAC Members**

**3. The Agenda was approved**

The May 26, 2015 Agenda was approved as written. Motion made by Wayne Russell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Maggert, motion carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of March 24, 2015 were approved as written. Motion made by Anita Yoder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Maggert, motion carried.

The Minutes of April 23, 2015 Special Meeting for Bickford Ranch were approved as written. Motion made by Randy Maggert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anita Yoder, motion carried.

**5. Public Comment: None for Non Agenda items.**

Paul Costas – reported sending and DVD addressed to BOS, asking if both had been seen. Letter outlined conformance of meetings to Brown Act. DVD recorded meeting of 11-6-2012 proceedings of Board of Supervisors meeting and additional Public Hearing regarding the proposed Orchard at Penryn project. All the rebuttals regarding the proposed project were on the DVD, except the voting.

The 3/26/12 MAC meeting regarding the Strategic Plan to save libraries, as reported by a librarian, did not mention lack of funding. Costas questioned choice of Loomis library closure out of eleven libraries.

Mr. Costas read a letter dated 5/26/15 addressed to the Presiding Officer, Members and County Legal Representatives of the Placer County Horseshoe Bar/Penryn MAC outlining what he believes was a substantial violation of the central provision of the Ralph M. Brown Act regarding lack of information re actions taken by the BOS, their lack of transparency, and possible violations of the Brown Act, and that since 2007, the Supervisors performed a number of actions contrary to the taxpayer's best interest.

Mr. Costas' letter is hereby included with the MAC meeting minutes.

Gordon Robbins – Questions the decision to raise the salaries of the BOS while cutting back on existing services.

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

- a. Placer County Sheriff's Office:** Sheriff's Deputy Brown reported thefts of electronics in Penryn/Newcastle area. Home burglaries due to homes left unlocked. Let neighbors know when going on vacation. Thefts are more common in rural areas.

Patrolling Clark Tunnel is being done often and and kids are chased away from entrance area. Not aware of new vandalism.

- b. California Highway Patrol:** No one in attendance
- c. Penryn Fire:** No one in attendance
- d. South Placer Fire Staff – Captain John –** New hire to swear in. John Sheer resigned. Caltrans agreed to staff with second engine.

This is the worst year for fires due to dry fuels. Some calls due to fire piles rekindled. Keep piles 100-150 ft. away from homes.

South Placer Fire received 450 calls for this year, 270 for medical emergencies and miscellaneous calls in between. New recruits were hired and are going through training, more services will be provided. The message to the public is about general safety. The fire season is here, so keep defensible space mowed down and area clean.

- e. Cal Fire:** No one in attendance

Paul Costas asked if what can be done to improve communication between Fire and the public regarding defensible space measures. New people moving in the area should be made aware of things they have to do. He is willing to make video for Fire staff to improve public awareness of fire burning.

Brett Storey –Pollution Control provides funding to increase fuel reduction. It is a simple process. Contact him or his department regarding wood piles, how to dispose of them without burning.

**7. County Updates – Supervisor Holmes:**

The Board of Supervisors renewed contract with Cal Fire to provide fire protection services and to keep the Ophir Station opened. Ophir Fire Station was slated to be closed due a projected revenue shortfall.

LAFCO and consultants' study of all the western slopes and all the fire divisions will be out for studying consolidation of all fire districts.

**8. Information/Non-Action Items:**

**a. Placer County Water Agency**

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) will provide an update on the ongoing drought and the effects of Governor Brown's direction to the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water reductions in cities and towns across California to reduce water usage by 25 percent.

**Presenter: Linda Yager, PCWA**

**Presentation cancelled. To be rescheduled in July**

**b. The Middle Fork Project**

The Middle Fork Project (MFP) is a multi-purpose water supply and hydro-generation project designed to conserve and control waters of the Middle Fork American River, the Rubicon River, and several associated tributary streams in order to meet municipal, industrial, and agricultural demands within western Placer County, to provide recreational experiences, to contribute to the natural resource preservation and enhancement of the river and to generate power for the California electrical grid. In 2006, the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) and the County of Placer entered in to a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in order to obtain a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license to approve Future Electrical Energy Sales, fund the necessary operational costs and to distribute revenues from Future Electrical Energy Sales to both PCWA and Placer County. The presentation will provide an overview of the project, the re-license process and the policies (financial, administrative and operational) and potential revenues involved. Get a more detailed description of the project at:

[www.placer.ca.gov/projects/middle.fork-project](http://www.placer.ca.gov/projects/middle.fork-project)

**Presenter: Brett Storey, Senior Management Analyst, Placer County Planning Department**

Middle Fork Water Shed – built in the 1960. Is a series of tunnels using the same water to generate electricity. It is the best project and engineering feat in a beautiful area.

In 1961, Placer County voters approved a \$14mil revenue bond issue to finance the Middle Fork Project. In 1963, PCWA entered into a 50 yr. contract with PG&E. In 2011, PCWA and Placer County adopted policies to have all legal, financial, administrative, operational and revenue distribution power for the project.

Annual MFP operational budget is \$26-27 mil., with a capital portion of \$10-15 mil. on top. There is a \$1.5 mil/ year of costs to be paid to state agencies for rent and fees.

County related projects are road contributions, communication upgrades, fuel programs and

additional sheriff operations and equipment costs.

The re-licensing process - What's ahead? The State Water Board has to reissue a new FERC license to PCWA and the County, which will be in 2017-18. The relicensing process has been costly. Costs went for required technical studies: fish, water, temporary studies on endangered species. Also costs for infrastructure, for tribal studies, negotiations. It is a long process, involving a lot of meetings with stakeholders. Although the relicensing process is long and costly, it saves money in the long run. The stakeholders were all participatory agencies making sure that everything was being done correctly.

Policies – Financial, Administrative and Operational:

Financial - A taskforce of experts made up of auditors, CEO, budget analysts, finance committee members, set up policy and prioritize annually. They address budget, capital planning, reserves, net revenues distribution and other financial policies. Only the MDP Board can use funds and has to have transparency into where money goes

Administrative – Establish administrative policies for operation with administrative procedures, grants, loans and public reporting.

Operational – Establish basic equipment and operating protection policies such as physical asset management and project emergency operations which are critical obligation of PCWA to be reviewed annually.

There are always unanticipated project impacts as the King Fire, which caused the Rubicon forest area devastation, potential hillside slides into the river, the PGE power lines burned.

Revenue volatility – The MFP relies on two major impacts that have high volatility:

- Hydrology – Rain and Snow
- Power Price – Market Conditions

River rafting activity will bring in more revenues which will be used to build new infrastructure, monitor protected species, and alter water flow for wildlife and for recreation.

There is a lot of manufacturing to replace old parts of the system. Instead of replacing old parts, PCWA engineers are looking at new design, to have the ability to change the way the power system works.

### **c. Placer County Parks Department**

Placer County owns and operates the Griffith Quarry Park and Museum Site at 7504 Rock Springs Roads in Penryn. Parks Division staff will discuss the needs of the Griffith Quarry site including improvements to the parking area, fencing, and amenities as well as discussing priorities and funding opportunities. With input from the community, Parks staff will refine the project description and return at a future MAC meeting for a recommendation on Park Dedication Fee funding.

**Presenter: Andy Fisher, Planner, Placer County Parks Department**

This is the beginning of a difficult project and it needs improvements visioning. The site covers 24 acres which have been canvassed to assess what needs to be replaced. It is a multi-phased project and there are several parts that are not up to standards.

- Fencing – Some parts the split rail fencing need to be replaced with more custom rod iron fencing. It would cost \$75 to \$300/linear ft. It will be of good quality, although not opulent. 1600ft. to be replaced, 42”in. in height.
- Parking Area – next to the Valencia Club. The lot is in need of rehabilitation. Looking to narrow it down and redo the parking lot entrance.
- Trails and Vegetation – 22 acres of park need clearing and rehabilitation of trails. California Conservation Corps spent their funds to rehab some of the trails last year.
- Kiosk – Could use new interpretative panels.
- New garbage cans, new benches, tables, drinking fountain replacement, bear boxes. Portable restrooms could be upgraded to permanent restrooms. The present bridge’s wooden structure is rotted away and needs to be replaced.
- Preliminary cost estimate \$689,250 actual bid

There will be a park bond issuance that could generate funds. Funds could be from grants, park dedication fees and other funding. Area #7 Park Dedication Fees account balance is \$186,840. Fisher encourages thoughts be given on Scope, Priorities, Funding and Volunteers on the Project.

Public concerns were about poison oak, abundant on trails, how often were trails maintained, restoration of water fountains, bigger, portable restrooms, multi-purpose trails, signage of trails and for museum, water holes clean out, vandals’ proof signage, maps for trails.

Fisher – Most of the trails rely on volunteers for maintenance. Most new parks funds now come from assessments. Older parks predate Prop 13. General Funds are scarce, that is why parks are now suffering.

Some of the ideas from the audience in how to come up with funding were to hold a Farmer’s Market, to make the quarry a destination, getting rid of poison oak and keep the park in its natural state, making it attractive with new fencing, pave small area off the road, and consider it as a potential wedding site.

**9. Action Items:** None

**10. MAC Committees Reports:**

- Chair report/correspondence – Patty Neifer –None
- School Report – Randy – None
- Parks, Recreation and Service – Diane Nicholas
- Traffic, Safety and Fire – Mike Bishop – None
- Land Use and Planning – Anita Yoder – None

**11. Future Agenda Items:** Placer County Parks Department – Andy Fisher to come back to MAC with slides and pictures. Project may be turned to volunteers and committee.

**12. Next Meeting:** July 28, 2015

**13. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.