

**COUNTY OF PLACER  
NEWCASTLE/OPHIR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2014 MEETING  
OF THE  
NEWCASTLE/OPHIR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Ophir Elementary School, 1373 Lozanos Rd., Newcastle, CA**

Members Present

JOE IRVIN  
LOWELL JARVIS  
STEVE PALMER  
KAREN GREEN  
ED SANDERS  
ELLIOTT ROSE  
SAM MOORE

Members Absent

County Staff Present

LEAH ROSASCO

County Staff Absent

SUPERVISOR JIM HOLMES

County Staff Absent

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Joe Irvin**

**3. THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2014 MEETING WERE APPROVED**

Motion made by Joe Irvin to approve the Minutes of January 16, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elliott Rose, motion carried.

**4. THE FEBRUARY 20, 2014 AGENDA WAS APPROVED**

Motion made by Ed Sander to approve the February 20, 2014 Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Irvin, motion carried.

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

a. California Highway Patrol: No one in attendance

b. Newcastle Fire Department: Board of Director Joanie Elder of the Newcastle Fire Protection District reported:

- They lost a member this week and are looking to fill the spot on the Board.
- The department will be looking at getting a new engine for them (old OES engine)
- They have received a letter of donation for a piece of property but they Board has not accepted it. This could happen at the next Board meeting.

In the interim, they are doing some clean up work around the property.

- c Placer County Sheriff's Department: No one in attendance

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

**7. COUNTY UPDATE:**

- o There is a new program at the county library. Zip Books. If you want a book that is not in stock at the library, the library can order it for you through Amazon and it will be shipped to you and then will become property of the library. You have to be a member of the library.
- o Drought has been declared and there are multiple options for learning more about how to conserve water and how the drought might affect residents. Information is available from PCWA, NID, and Resource Conservation District.
- o Karen Green asked about Supervisor Weygandt's and Supervisor Uhler's trip to England. What were the benefits of their efforts? Could staff provide an update on that?

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

- A) Overview of Placer County Mental Health Services (Maureen Bauman)

The County offers the following services for adults:

Crisis services provide urgent outpatient and inpatient evaluation and stabilization for emotional/behavioral issues.

Mental health services include assessment, brief therapy, case management, support group, housing assistance, and psychiatric medication support.

Substance abuse services provide education, screening, and treatment for substance abuse.

Adult Protective Services

In-Home Services – assistance to the elderly or disabled

Public Guardian/Conservator is designed for the financial and personal protection of those who are deemed gravely disabled.

They have a Welcome Center where anyone can drop in to enjoy a safe, warm, friendly atmosphere. They are also a consumer run program that helps individuals find resources to meet the needs/wants of the community.

The crisis numbers are:

(888) 886-7401 (adults)

(966) 293-1940 (children)

**B) PCWA Drought Update Deputy Director of customer service Linda Yager, PCWA Customer**

On February 6, 2014 the Directors of the Placer County Water Agency have declared a drought, emergency condition in western Placer County and outlined several steps that may be necessary to stretch limited water supplies.

The driest year on record is 1977. This season is coming close to tie or surpass this record. Prior to the February storm, rain total for the season was only 5.8 inches. After the February 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> storm that total increased to 11.4 inches.

The region's watersheds are now about halfway through the normal rainfall season. There is basically no snowpack and weather forecasters are not suggesting any significant departure from current dry conditions.

Most agency customers are normally supplied with water from the Yuba and Bear River watersheds that is delivered to PCWA by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

PG&E's allocation before the recent storm was 39% and after the storm increased to 49%. This number can change based on future rain events.

PG&E contract is 125,400 AF (normal delivery is 110,400AF, projected delivery for 2014 is 110,400). PG&E's allocation before the recent storm was 39% and after the storm increased to 49%

In addition to PCWA there are other water agency systems in the area including NID; SJWD and Roseville.

The year-to-year comparison is there would be an estimated supply shortfall of 1,400 AF.

Current planning is aimed at achieving a 25 percent reduction in indoor water use and 50 percent reduction in outside water use by all customers, with exceptions being studied for outdoor commercial uses.

The water agency is facing increased costs of dry year operation, including electrical pumping charges for backup water supplies from the American River, while facing

Revenue reductions from reduced levels of water sales. Revenue reductions were projected at \$1.5 million to \$4.2 million while increased expenses were estimated at \$1.5 million to \$4 million.

Anticipated demand reductions:

Treated water: indoor water use (shorter showers, optimal use of appliances)

Outdoor water use (2 to 3 days per week)

Canal Water: Reduce service connection along canal

Rotating canal outages may be determined necessary

Zone 5 (West Placer) under evaluation

Appeals procedure for cases of hardship

Question was asked about tapping into wells. Who monitors this? Answer: all agencies.

Has water table in ground been tracked? Nothing currently but the water tables are read every Spring and Fall.

Will rice farmers be limited? Yes with a cost increase.

Also discussion of how customers who voluntarily reduce size of delivery pipe would be billed. They would be billed in accordance with what they use, and their full share would be available to them next year.

Information on PCWA board meetings may be obtained through the Clerk to the Board at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030. The PCWA website, [www.pcwa.net](http://www.pcwa.net) now offers a Drought Update link with many water saving actions that customers can take to help do their part.

9. **Action Items: None**
10. **MAC Member Reports and Correspondence: None**
11. **The next scheduled MAC meeting is Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**
12. **Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**