



**MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2014 MEETING
OF THE
NEWCASTLE/OPHIR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Ophir Elementary School, 1373 Lozano Rd., Newcastle, CA**

Members Present

Karen Green
Elliott Rose
Joe Irvin
Ed Sander
Sam Moore

Members Absent

Steve Palmer
Lowell Jarvis

County Staff Present

Leah Rosasco
Supervisor Jim Holmes

County Staff Absent

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
Absent members: Steve Palmer and Lowell Jarvis

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2014 MEETING WERE APPROVED

Motion made by Karen Green, 2nd by Joe Irvin, motion carried.

4. THE AUGUST 21, 2014 AGENDA WAS APPROVED

Motion made by Ed Sander, 2nd by Sam Moore, motion carried.

5. 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:** No one in attendance
Supervisor Jim Holmes reported Placer County Offices of Education (PCOE) vandalism. Reported theft of copper and fuel. Holmes met with County Sheriff to discuss increasing patrolling of area – 2 deputies assigned to patrol area where suspicious characters were last seen.
- d. Placer County Fire Department:** No one in attendance

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None regarding agenda items.

7. COUNTY UPDATE: Supervisor Holmes reported on the following items:

- 2-1-1 System Proposition available now. County is working on the 2-1-1 system proposal. Placer County is the only county that does not have such a system. Discussions have been held

with Ventura and Yolo Counties on the benefits of the 2-1-1 to the community. The system is a telephone number that quickly connects people to vital community services, i.e., housing assistance, domestic violence, senior services, emergency shelters and any other community service.

- Laura's Law – Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution authorizing implementation of an assisted out-patient program, voluntary and involuntary, court imposed treatment for people with mental health problems. The program is called Laura's Law in memory of Laura Wilcox, a Nevada County resident killed by a man with severe mental illness.
- Regional Sewer Project – Construction of a pipeline is now going on in the Turkey Creek area – trenching and paving being done in Virginia Town.

8. Informational Non-Action Items:

a) Newcastle Fire Department

Newcastle Fire Protection District representatives provided an overview of the proposed fire station in downtown Newcastle.

Presenter: Phil Herzer, Roseville Design Group

The proposed fire station is to be located between Hwy 80 and Hwy 193, by the tunnel. The land was donated by Jerald Salidana.

The proposed 8,000 sq. ft. building, to be constructed all in metal, will be single story. The parking area will have lots of room for trucks to maneuver in without going out of the lot and on Hwy 193. Floor plan is to build offices, sleeping quarters, restrooms and showers, a kitchen, multi-purpose room, Fire Chief's office, single-story mezzanine - mainly for storage, all ADA compliant. Landscaping will include trees. Building will be visible from Old State Hwy.

Preliminary design has been completed. Company has worked with county and is going through the environmental process.

Phase 1 – This fall clearing of trees and brush and then grading - Bring in 13k cubic feet of yards. Try to stay on the North side of property to avoid burying Caltrans' existing drainage holder. Once grading is completed, winterize, do erosion control, utilities.

Phase 2 – Design parking lot, building by spring.

Raising/replacing the existing sewer line – the sewer main on the east side of the property is under the jurisdiction of Placer Municipal District and company is working with their representatives.

Avoid Pacific Railroad tracks. Working with PG&E to relocate or go underground with power lines.

Build storm water pollution plant – a state requirement – submit to Water Board before anything else.

Coordinating with Caltrans on grading on their property, and submit a water mitigating report re flood by releasing water on their property.

Parking lot will have drainage inlet with a cds unit mechanical device – water will go into pipe then into chamber, will swirl around and filter solids, grease, and then water will go into grass swells. Trucks will

pick up the solids.

Projected cost is \$79 mil. Project will go to bid next spring. There will be an environmental review, a geotechnical investigation, source of materials.

All information is available on the Fire Protection District website: www.newcastlefire.org

Public may attend Fire District Board meetings every Wednesday to find out additional information or to voice concerns.

Question: Any traffic issues regarding location

Answer: Traffic study already included in mitigation report.

Questions: Exhaust in building.

Answer: Office will be ventilated, efficient system.

Question: Will location by the tunnel pose concerns during emergencies.

Answer: Same concerns as they currently are now.

b) Gold Hill Road Bridge Replacement

County staff and project representatives presented an overview of the Gold Hill Road Bridge replacement project and solicited comments and questions.

Presenter: Jean Hanson, Placer County Engineering and Surveying Division

Caltrans checks bridges statewide every 2 years to establish sufficiency with a rating of 1-100 and classifies bridges functional, obsolete or structurally deficient compared with current requirements. The Gold Hill Road Bridge, built in 1930, has been found to be too narrow, with corrosion, not meeting seismic performance criteria and with sub-standard hydraulic capacity. Cost to rehab the bridge is prohibitive. The new proposed bridge will have widened lanes, while maintaining its rural look. It is scheduled to be completed in 2018. There will be a 6 months closure of the bridge from spring to fall.

Cost of new bridge is \$5.3 mill. Primary funding will come from the FHWA – Highway Bridge Project. Federal Funds plus county funds will be used to finance project.

The project will require cutting down many trees and replace mobile home park entrance adjacent to it to a different nearby location.

Speed requirement is to be 35mph. Speed surveys determined 35 mph. to be the required speed for the designed road of today. Speed bumps cannot be put in to slow down drivers, but radar enforcement can be done.

c) Winery Ordinance

Staff presented an overview of the proposed content and process of the Placer County Winery Ordinance

Presenter: Sherri Conway, Placer County Planning Services Division

Since Placer County amended the County Zoning Ordinance in 2008, there have been concerns regarding issues of traffic, noise, accessibility, road sharing, number of events, and other issues which were voiced by the public at MAC meetings and workshops. At the last Planning Commission Workshop July 24, 2014, Planning staff was directed to solicit input and comments from the MAC's regarding changes to the Winery Ordinance, and incorporate the comments into a working documents to be brought back to the Commission in the Fall of 2014.

All comments and input on any issues regarding wineries in the County, and specifically on the following issues:

- Should there be a minimum number of vines or acres of grapes that need to be planted in order to qualify as a Winery?
- Should Wineries be permitted to share a private road access (big issue)
- Should Wineries be permitted an unlimited number of small events, such as winemakers dinners?
- How can we better ensure compliance? Should Code Enforcement phone numbers be placed on a permanent sign and on-call 24 hours?
- Should Wineries be limited to “tastings” only, or be allowed to serve glasses of wine?

Concerns were raised regarding winery ordinance, that if approved to tasting regulations as California’s State laws, possibility of more tastings and more events at wineries. Public should attend workshop before the wine ordinance is formalized, then voice their concerns to the Planning Commission before they draft the final ordinance.

Question: What is the rule in Placer County regarding the minimum number of vines or acres of grapes that need to be planted in order to qualify as a winery?

Answer: Placer County is very unique in that it is very fragmented – a large parcel of land may be close to a small parcel of land.

Phill Maddux, owner of Lone Buffalo Winery – people do not know much about the subject of wineries. He has operated his winery for almost 3 years, with many events without any problems. Encouraged people to come to his winery and see and find out for themselves.

Carol Rubin, Newcastle resident – Recommends wineries offer tastings only
Maddux - California State law allows consumption by the bottle. Planning Commission has not indicated County has power to restrict consumption, but to defer to State law – by the glass, by the bottle.

9. Action Items: None

10. MAC Member reports and Correspondence: None

Steve Veninga of American River Gas Company Inc. distributed flyers showing his new company’s sign.

Karen Green - 120 fawns saved, some returned to acreage. Currently there are 90 fawns housed, some of them will be returned to the wild.

11. The next scheduled MAC meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2014.

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.