County of Placer GRANITE BAY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. 5455 Eureka Road, Granite Bay, CA

1) Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Introduction of MAC Members

- A. Vice-Chairman Eric J. Teed-Bose, Virg Anderson, Dr. Gloria Freeman, John Thacker (new to the Council) and Walt Pekarsky
- B. County Staff: Linda Brown, EJ Ivaldi, Ann Hobbs and Dorothy Walsh Interim Secretary
- C. Two vacant seats remain on the Council at this time.

4) Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Approve the agenda as proposed. Pekarsky/Anderson - Unanimous **Motion Carried**

5) Approval of the Minutes from January 5, 2010

Motion: Approve the minutes as written. Freeman/Pekarsky – Unanimous Motion Carried

6) Public Safety Reports:

<u>Division Chief</u> Bob Richardson, Fire Marshall, presented for the South Placer Fire Department – As the weather becomes increasingly nicer, be cautious of bicyclists. Also, check smoke detector batteries to be sure the smoke detectors are working well in your homes. As fire season comes closer, it is never too early to begin vegetation management and maintain awareness of clearing vegetation around your homes to maintain adequate defensible space. Be pro-active to take precautions to guard against fire dangers.

7) **Public Comments:** Any member of the public may address the Municipal Advisory Council on any matter that is NOT listed on the agenda. Comments will normally be limited to three (3) minutes per person at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Kurt Ransom -

A representative of the Humane Society of Sierra Foothills & Friends of Placer County Animal Shelter attended to introduce the organization and invite the community to look at their services on-line at their website <u>www.animalplace.com</u>. Their vision is to create a humane environment for animals. Their mission is to minimize animal abuse and euthanasia in the communities through education, collaboration with other organizations and the community <u>and</u> offering community programs. Their phone number is 530-823-6828.

8) Supervisor Report:

Supervisor Kirk Uhler announced:

- Susan Jones as was introduced as the new secretary for the Granite Bay MAC after John Thacker's appointment to the Board. She is an elected representative on the Board of Education.
- The two open positions on the MAC are expected to be filled by the next meeting. Supervisor Uhler has been interviewing and is looking at placing on the Board of Supervisors February 22nd agenda recommendations to appoint two selected candidates so they can begin serving at the next Granite Bay MAC meeting.
- The Placer County Board approved submitting the Placer County Conservation Plan to the federal agencies for review. This has been in the works for several years and marks a major accomplishment to move the plan forward for federal review. The next steps involve completing the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There are many more steps to go but the progress is exciting.
- The proposed state budget cuts will have a dramatic impact on the County. We are looking at \$12.5 billion reductions that for the most part will be accomplished through, "Realignment". That means taking a state requirement for services and making them county responsibilities. The two areas of greatest impact include HHS service and the jail population. The state intends to reclassify approximately 50% of their population from state mandated sentencing to county sentencing. That means that the population of criminals housed in our jails will predominately be for higher level violations of the law; which in turn will require alternative sentencing for the lower level criminal offenses requiring county jail time currently. Unfortunately, only \$300 million of the reduction is from salary reductions and savings. Therefore, the transfer of responsibilities to the counties will have major impacts. The only way the impact can be absorbed is to increase the size of our government; which will ultimately complicate our own financial responsibilities.

Public Question: What is the expected start date for the budget?

Supervisor Answer: The Governor would like to start immediately and make the budget an 18 month budget but the target date is July 1st after the special election in June.

Public Comment: It should be expected that there will be additional impacts on our fire districts and the service to the community.

Supervisor Comment: The County contracts with Cal Fire for service but there will still be an impact on their service levels and availability.

Public Question: Could you explain the stories in the news regarding the Tahoe situation? Supervisor Answer: All Board members sit on a variety of committees as representatives of the Placer County Board of Supervisors and each year at the first board meeting of the year, the Placer County Board of Supervisors votes on who will sit on each committee and commission to represent the board. TRPA is one of those committees and Supervisor Montgomery (District 5 Supervisor which includes the Tahoe area) has been the representative for Placer County in previous years since she has been elected to the Board of Supervisors. Last December, the board voted to approve recommendations from staff regarding some issues in the Tahoe area. Supervisor Montgomery made the motion to approve the recommendations and Supervisor Holmes seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations. It

was Supervisor Montgomery's responsibility to represent the board when the recommendations went before the TRPA. At that time, Supervisor Montgomery reversed her approval of the recommendations brought before the TRPA and voted against the recommendations approved by the Board of Supervisors in December. As a result, when the committees and commissions were brought before the Board of Supervisors January 11th, the recommendation was made to replace Supervisor Montgomery as the representative for Placer County on TRPA with Larry Sevison whom is a long term resident of the area and sat on the TRPA for many years as the representative for Placer County. Supervisor Montgomery was voted as the alternate for the committee.

9) MAC Committee Reports

a) Granite Bay Community Plan policy review committee:

Policy Review Subcommittee: Virg reported that notes from the first meeting held on January 5th were in the back of the room for review. Included in the information in the back of the room was a draft of the plan assumptions for the Granite Bay plan.

The <u>3rd</u> meeting was held just before the MAC meeting and proved very productive. They discussed the general plan, policies and goals. They made it through 7 of the 10 goals. The general thought was to make the plan easy to understand for everyone. The County staff will type up the subcommittee notes and submit them to the committee for review. Notice will go out regarding the next meeting. They are considering a 5:00 p.m. start time. The meeting will be held <u>at the Granite Bay Branch Library.</u>

Public Comment: Post a note on the door of the MAC meeting room directing people to the library for the next meeting so people do not get lost or confused about the location of the meeting.

Chairman Comment: The subcommittee meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited. See EJ to register on the email list if you are interested.

10) Action Item: (No Items)

11) Informational Items (non-action):

a) <u>Douglas Boulevard Self Storage & Granite Bay Garage Condos:</u> Presented by Al Johnson – Al Johnson Consulting (10 min.)

This project consists of two phases – 73,975 sq. ft. of Self Storage Units on the western parcel (APN: 047-060-016) and 74,902 sq. ft. of Garage Condos on the eastern parcel (APN: 047-060-033). The Self Storage portion includes a two-story office with a sales/rental area and a residence for the manager. The Garage Condos include a two-story club house with restrooms, lounge area, meeting rooms, and kitchen space for condo owners. The Garage Condos would include a self service vehicle wash area. The project is located on the north side of Douglas Boulevard, approximately 0.08 miles east of its intersection with Auburn-Folsom Road.

<u>EJ Ivaldi</u> – Planning Staff - This item has been requested to be postponed by the applicant.

Motion: Postpone until the March meeting as requested from the applicant.

Pekarsky/ Freeman - Roll Call - Unanimous

Motion Carried

Some questions were raised regarding the project but the audience was requested to reserve their questions until the matter is heard at the next MAC meeting and encouraged to read about the project on the County website. However, EJ did clarify that the condo element to the project refers to the units being sellable. He clarified that the surveys referred to about the project are not typically found on-line but are instead used in the comprehensive environmental analysis. Also, any zoning questions should be referred to EJ separately.

b) Overview of Placer County Air Pollution Control District Burn Rules and Responsibilities: Presented by Ann Hobbs, Air Quality Specialist, Placer County Air Pollution Control District (15 min.) The Placer County Air Pollution Control District staff will present information on amending the current District's Burn Rules, along with an overview of the District's responsibilities. There have been no regulatory changes in burn rules; the newly organized guidelines simplify and consolidate rules and bring them into compliance with State regulations; the document makes the information more user friendly.

Ann Hobbs reported on the changes and emphasized that the changes are intended to make reading and understanding the regulations much easier. There are no changes to permits or fees and all changes can be found on the County website. There were two workshops about the changes held on Jan 19th and Jan 20th at 3:00 p.m. and there is a public hearing at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 10th at the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

Ms. Hobbs explained that the agency is a special district with their own governing board of directors. The Board includes three Placer County Supervisors and an elected official from each of the six municipalities in the county. The presentation went over the regulatory framework federal, state and local, along with the primary pollutants of concern being ozone and particulate matter. Brief descriptions of some of the District's programs were presented including the District's smoke management program. The District has proposed new burn rules which will replace the current 25 burn rules. There is expected to be no change in the stringency of the burn rules. The rules will change their format only to make them easier and clearer to read and bring them into compliance with State regulations; the document makes the information more user friendly. Information can be found on the sparetheair.com website. A public hearing on the new rules is Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 2:30 pm in the Placer County Board of Supervisors' chambers in Auburn. Comments can be emailed to Ms. Hobbs.

Public Question: Is there intent on a regional air quality district like what exists in the Bay area? Answer: Not at this time. However there is some coordination of the rules with neighboring counties.

Public Question: How are the burn days determined for Granite Bay?

Answer: Virg gave a brief history of the multiple meetings held to determine burn day regulations for Granite Bay. When the discussions were held there were two <u>predominating</u> populations with concerns; one regarding health issues and the other regarding vegetation management. A compromise was agreed upon to allow burning (based on allowable burning determined by the Air Pollution Control Division) in Granite Bay between the 1st and the 15th of the month leaving the rest of the month no-burn days regardless of the Air Pollution Control Division determinations for each day in the month after the 15th. That is why residents in neighboring Loomis may have burn days where Granite Bay does not even though residents may be next door to one another. The overall determining factors are based on zip codes, air quality control and Granite Bay regulations. The number for reporting illegal burning is 530-745-2330.

Comment: The chipper program is operating again and that has proven very helpful towards air quality control and handling vegetation waste in the rural areas of Granite Bay and throughout the County.

- 12) Correspondence Found on the Table at the rear of the room.
- 13) Next Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:50 p.m.

 Note: The Policy Review Subcommittee meetings will be held at the Eureka Union School District Office starting on March 2nd. The meetings are held before the MAC meetings each month. The

MAC meetings will continue to meet in the same building as usual.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 p.m.

For additional information and calendar for Supervisor Uhler see his website at: http://www.placer.ca.gov/bos/District4.aspx

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