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**Granite Bay MAC Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
5455 Eureka Road, Granite Bay, CA**

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**1) Call to Order 7:00 PM**

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Approval of the Agenda**

Motion was made (and seconded) to approve the Agenda. Motion Passed, 7-0

**4) Approval of the Minutes**

a) **February 6, 2013**

Motion was made (and seconded) to approve the Minutes. Motion Passed, 7-0

**5) Introduction of MAC Members**

Virg Anderson, Ken Prager, John Thacker, Walt Pekarsky, Suzanne Jones, Don DeSantis, Eric Bose and Secretary, Ashley Gibian.

**6) Public Safety Reports**

a) **Placer County Sheriff**

There has been an increase in residential burglaries in the Rolling Oaks subdivision during the daytime hours. In Whispering Oaks there have been a couple attempted car burglaries but alarms scared them away. Residents have been getting calls asking for Western Union payments to take viruses off computers. Do not send Western Union payments for services.

b) **South Placer Fire District**

Captain Eric Sects reported that February was a slow month. Station 15 went up to 4 shifts in a row with no calls. There has been no fires or significant calls and no bad accidents. The Station did work with Loomis on a trauma there. The Captain also reminded that South Placer does not have a hazardous vegetation abatement law. Please work any issues out with neighbors if possible. If it escalates, the Fire District will get involved. On March 13<sup>th</sup> they will raise fees for future build-out improvements.

**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.

**8) Supervisor Report (If Supervisor Kirk Uhler is not present, Linda Brown will present)**

Given the best projections, the Board has begun the process of creating the new five year budget model for the General Fund. They were able to put \$5M into reserves last year, some of which went towards roads. Some of the reserves this year will be put into road maintenance again as many of our roads are at risk of "failing completely" if not repaired. They are projecting a deficit right now because of the automatic cost increases, mostly related to healthcare. Right now, we are looking at 1% or less deficit but the Board is remaining very cognizant of this issue.

**9) Informational Item/Non-Action:**

a) **Stream Channel Maintenance Program:** Presented by Brian Keating, District Manager, Placer County Flood Control District (10 min.)

Present an overview on the County program to maintain flows in stream channels (typically near road crossings) by trimming vegetation in local creeks.

Ken Prager (Public Works and Placer County Flood Control) - The streams handle all the drainage in this area and keeping those streams open is paramount to preventing and/or minimizing flooding. Property owners through the creek are required to keep those channels open as well; some do while some do not. \$50,000-\$60,000 is spent per year to clear out the worst areas and permission from property owners is needed. They also try to respect homes of animals. Mr. Prager showed a map of areas that have been damaged by substantial floods in the past; some of these areas have been upgraded while others have not. Another map was shown of the areas they cleaned out last year. They have an agreement with Fish and Game not to use heavy equipment to minimize damage. Instead, they use tools such as weed-eaters and chainsaws. The vegetation is cut down to allow water to pass through but is not removed completely so that it will grow back.

Frank read some excerpts from the Granite Bay Community Plan that he believes are not being upheld by this clearing. Frank said that Linda Creek used to run by Barton Road year round and for the past few years it has been dry four or five months of the year. He read more excerpts relating to maintaining animal habitats including steelhead salmon in Linda Creek. He also mentioned that Barton floods at Linda Creek and thinks that the culvert should be upgraded.

If someone is aware of a water diversion please let them know and they will find out if it is legal or illegal.

- b) **Residential Care Homes:** Presented by E. J. Ivaldi, Supervising Planner, Planning Services Division  
County staff to provide an overview of the County's regulations as they relate to Residential Care Homes.  
(15min.)

Residential Care Homes are defined in the zoning ordinance as "any family home, group care facility or similar facility." There are two types: Those with six or fewer residents and those with seven or more residents. Six or fewer resident homes are allowed in any residential land use types. Residential homes with seven or more residents require a minor use permit and are only allowed in three zoning types in Granite Bay. Both types of care homes must be licensed. All Care Homes in Granite Bay, except from Eskaton, are six or fewer Residential Care Homes. Eskaton can house up to 110 residents. The County does have one request from a facility to go from 6 to 20 dementia care residents.

Sandy Harris found a list with more care homes online and doesn't think it's right that they shouldn't have to pay business fees. On 1.8 acres, a resident can only have a 1000 square foot "granny flat." On the same 1.8 acres, these care homes can put a 3600 square foot facility.

Another resident says there have been legal claims against care homes that cater strictly to dementia patients. Someone comes and says that it's discrimination under the Americans for Disabilities Act and the Minor Use Permit is considered void.

There were a lot of comments on the low acreage of the facility in comparison with the surrounding lots. Eskaton has such great facilities and services. These care homes are not like that, they are run down. They move into areas with CCnRs and have no intent to follow the CCnRs of the area. It's not fair to the people who live there and want the CCnRs followed and moved there because they wanted to live in a community with others who abided by those rules.

The majority of these provisions are mandated by the State, so the County and Cities have no say.

- c) **Veteran Benefits Overview:** Presented by Jonn Melrose, Placer County Veterans Services Officer, Veteran's Service Office (20 min.)  
Provide a basic overview of Veteran Administration (VA) Benefits, Pension and Compensation. Present information on how to get a certified copy of VA Discharge Documents.

Placer County Veteran's Services handles claims for VA benefits. These benefits are for veterans, widows and some dependants. In order to file for VA benefits a claimant must have a certified discharge document. To acquire this document, go to archives.gov to request your (or a family member's) discharge document. It will mail in a week or two. Wait time at the VA is 400-450 days so it's beneficial to get the process started as soon as possible.

Benefits include education (Fed and State), VA compensation and VA pension (means based benefit for veterans and their widows). This amount is about \$2,000 per month for a married veteran or about \$1,100 for a widow.

VA Compensation is for an injury or disease that was caused or aggravated by service in the military. Physical and mental disabilities are covered. Ratings of 10%-100% disability receive tax free money from the VA. Ratings of 30% disability or more receive an extra stipend for dependents. They must be able to relate their current diagnosis to military service.

VA Pension is supplemental income for wartime veterans. You just need one day at war to qualify, not in a war zone. It's for veterans and widows and is need based so there are net worth considerations.

**10) Action Item: (No Items)**

**11) Correspondence – Found on Table at the rear of the room.**

**12) Next Regular Meeting – April 3, 2013**

**13) ADJOURNMENT**