



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE DONNER SUMMIT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Thursday, April 17, 2014**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the Donner Summit Municipal Advisory Council (DSMAC) was held on Thursday April 17, 2014 at the Village Hall Great Room at Sugar Bowl in Norden, California.

1. Call to Order

CHRISTOPHER PARKER called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Parker, Malberg, Wiggins, and Wexler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heald

STAFF PRESENT: Montgomery, Kastan and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by affirmation.

4. Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2013

MALBERG/WEXLER/Carried with abstention from PARKER

5. Supervisor / Tahoe Field Representative Reports

SUPERVISOR MONTGOMERY announced the Placer County Board of Supervisors is meeting in Tahoe April 21 and 22. She reviewed agenda items. MONTGOMERY discussed some of the issues at the Lake, including the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project and the proposed land-swap for Martis Valley West.

6. Community / Public Safety Reports

BOB BELDEN of the Truckee Fire Department, updated the group on the extreme fire danger anticipated this summer because of extended drought conditions. He described how fires can spread given the dry ground and overstocked and stressed forest. BELDEN answered questions giving suggestions on how to advise residents and visitors to be diligent and prepared. MONTGOMERY added that Placer County is allowing additional use of the dump sites for yard waste and additional chipping to create additional defensible space. ANNE CHADWICK of the Truckee Donner Land Trust reported the additional thinning being done this year. Ultimately they are hoping to create a ¼ mile perimeter around Serene Lakes.

7. Public Comment

There were no comments on unagendized items.

8. Information Non-Action Items

A. The Donner Summit Public Utilities District (DSPUD) Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion – Tom Skjelstad, General Manager, DSPUD

SKJELSTAD reported ground was broken in 2012 to upgrade and expand the existing Waste Water Treatment Plant in order to bring it up to current standards. He explained the challenges at this altitude in treating waste water and changes in the new system. The project is 72% complete and the plant is scheduled to go online this winter. It will take about 2 years to refine operations to ultimately meet water quality standards. The total

project cost is anticipated to be \$18.6 million. SKJELSTAD said the public can schedule tours and watch the building progress at www.dspud.com.

SKJELSTAD answered questions about the project, explaining the District's boundaries, regulations for the District operating out of the river, and anticipated additional capacity.

MONTGOMERY said the project is impressive and discussed funding.

B. Programs for Local Veterans – Jonn Melrose, Placer County Veteran Service Officer

MELROSE explained what the County's Veteran Service office does and how he can help veterans and their families navigate the system to receive benefits. He described the services offered and who is eligible.

MELROSE said there are about 30,000 veterans in Placer County. He goes through about 500 claims a year and has helped veterans receive approximately \$45 million in pensions and benefits. MONTGOMERY explained the work MELROSE is doing on a federal level to help Placer County veterans receive services in Auburn instead of Reno. Everyone was encouraged to refer veterans in need of help to MELROSE.

C. Nevada County Area Plan for Soda Springs – Pat Malberg, MAC Member

MALBERG explained how the Donner Summit Area Association (DSAA) was formed so the area would have a voice with Nevada County. She described how the Association has led the way to getting Nevada County to do a Soda Springs Area Plan, which is similar to Master Plans in Placer County. Nevada County asked DSAA to request a grant from the Citizen's Institute for Rural Design. That organization sponsored a 2 ½ day design workshop to inform the planning process. MALBERG distributed an outline describing the area plan purpose, authority, and goals, saying ultimately the Plan will help with economic growth. MONTGOMERY explained how Placer County is assisting the process. Nevada County is considering adopting a MAC-model and Donner Summit could be the first. There is also an opportunity for bi-county meetings and cooperation. MALBERG said the timeframe to complete the process is 18-24 months.

D. Update on Sugar Bowl / Royal Gorge – Chris Parker, MAC Member, and Director - Resort Planning and Development, Sugar Bowl Corporation

PARKER reported on development in the area. He showed a rendering of the new Sporthaus, a 10,000 sq ft facility that is a joint venture of Sugar Bowl Corporation and Sugar Bowl Ski Team. He explained how the 3 story training and athletic facility will be used by the Academy and public.

Regarding Royal Gorge, PARKER said the land exchanges have been completed, although there are still some outstanding issues. The biggest problem this year was water ponding and lack of snow. During the summer, CEQA and NEPA work will be addressed. As landowner, Sugar Bowl manages leases, licenses, and easements. Trails are not part of their programming.

The Lake Mary Cabin is part of the wedding program and will be used for rehearsal dinners, as well as the dinner series that benefits non-profits. The facility will continue to be open for public use. It's important to keep year-round staff working at the Cabin in the summer.

The Crow's Peak lift was completed this winter. People liked it, although with the lack of snow there was not a lot of use. A booster pump station is planned on Lincoln to increase snowmaking capability.

Phase 1 of the condominium project has been completed, but there is not a lot of appetite to continue the project right now.

9. MAC Member Reports

No additional reports were given.

10. Future Agenda Items

WIGGINS asked an update on Lake Van Norden when appropriate.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – July 17, 2014 at 6:00 PM

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary