

County of Placer  
**WEIMAR/APPLEGATE/COLFAX**  
**MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
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**Members Present:**

Randi Swisley, Chair  
Dave Johnson, Vice Chair  
John Gagnon  
Alan Shuttleworth  
Lynn Tausch

**County Staff Present**

Jocelyn Maddux, District 5 Aide  
Teri Ivaldi, Senior Administrative Aide  
Shari Teal, Contract WAC MAC Secretary

**Member Absent:**

Hank Lee

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**

Colfax City Hall  
33 South Main Street  
Colfax, CA 95713

1. **CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MAC MEMBERS**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION was made to approve with the following change: Move Item 8 to follow Item 12**

**JOHNSON/GAGNON/UNANIMOUS/5/0**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 18, 2015**

**MOTION: JOHNSON/TAUSCH/5/0**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Any member of the public may address the MAC on any matter NOT listed on the agenda. Comments will normally be limited to THREE MINUTES at

the discretion of the Chairman. **None**

**7. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

- A. Placer County Sheriff's Office** – None
- B. CAL FIRE-** Chief Paulus reported on fire incidents. Fourth of July works will be cancelled this year. CAL FIRE Staffing includes 51 additional fire fighters. Burn permits are effective May 1. Councilmember Tausch offered compliments for excellent service to Chief Paulus and staff.
- C. California Highway Patrol** – Lt. Dave Jenkins introduced himself as the new Commander of the CHP Gold Run District. April is Distracted Driver's Month. Boundary change will occur on May 19 between Auburn and Gold Run Districts.
- D. Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council** – Jocelyn Maddux reported that Ken Delfino is the new appointee to this Council and was not able to attend this meeting. Chief Paulus reported on fire prevention projects that are in process. SRE fee dollar funds are helping to fund these projects.
- E. Placer Hills Fire Protection District** – Chief Gow presented the monthly call report indicating that calls were up. Two (2) structure fires occurred in Foresthill. Consolidation of functional districts are seeking funds.

**8. COUNTY UPDATE - Jocelyn Maddux, District 5 Aide**

- Supervisor Montgomery is in Lake Tahoe for a previous commitment.
- Budget processing will begin May 19, 2015.
  - Areas being covered are 1. Fire districts; 2. Library funding; 3. Homeless assessment and plan; and 4. Criminal Justice Plan.
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**9. COMMUNITY REPORTS**

- A. City of Colfax** – None
- B. Colfax Cemetery** - None

**10. INFORMATION ITEM /NON-ACTION ITEM**

**a. Placer County Visitor's Bureau – Destination Placer:**

**Mora Rowe, Executive Director, Placer County Visitors Bureau & California Welcome Center-Auburn** spoke about tourism as a critical economic engine and how it is promoted in Placer County. Her presentation included an update on the Visitor's Bureau and California Welcome Center-Auburn.

Ms. Rowe was available for questions and comments.

**11. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. County Mitigation Funds Project Request from the County Parks Division – Group Picnic Shelter Barbeque Grill at Applegate Park:**

**John Ramirez, Parks Administrator, Placer County Parks Division** provided a presentation of the County Parks Division's request for MAC's support for County Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #14, Bear River-Applegate Recreation Area, in the amount of \$10,000 to remove and replace a group barbeque unit from the Group Picnic Shelter at Applegate Park. The group barbeque was constructed by a Boy Scout in 2004 and has deteriorated to the extent that it is no longer useable. The uncommitted fund balance in Recreation Area #14 is \$30,886.

Mr. Ramirez said the actual amount required for this project would be more accurately \$11,000.

MAC discussion included a suggestion to investigate community resources to assist in this project, including possible Boy Scout contribution to help with the project. Scott Perrenod said that he would contact Scout resources. Vice Chair Johnson indicated he could also communicate with resources through his association with the Boy Scouts District organization for any possible resources and assistance in this project.

**MOTION:** Recommend support of County mitigation fees from the County Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #14, Bear River-Applegate Recreation Area, in the amount of \$11,000 to remove and replace a group barbeque unit from the Group Picnic Shelter at Applegate Park, with the conditional stipulation that efforts be made to complete the project for less total expenditures and utilizing donations for equipment and labor where possible and to build more than one barbeque unit if within budget. Any unused funds to be returned to Recreation Area #14.

**SHUTTLEWORTH/JOHNSON/UNANIMOUS/5/0**

**LEE – Absent**

**b. Placer County Winery Ordinance Update:**

At its February 24th hearing, the Placer County Planning Commissioners directed Planning Staff to present proposed winery ordinance updates to the Municipal Advisory Councils (MACs) for feedback. Planning Staff will present the proposed updates to the current winery ordinance and requested changes by the Placer County Vintners' Association. The MAC is being requested to make a recommendation on each of the proposed updates.

**Sherri Conway, Placer County Planning Services Division** presented the proposed county updates to the current Winery Ordinance and requested changes by the Placer County Vintners' Association. The MAC is being requested to make a recommendation on each of the proposed updates. She provided documents of the Draft Winery Ordinance Update which detailed features of the Existing Winery Ordinance, Proposed Winery Ordinance Revisions (per Planning Commission) and Vintners' Association Proposed Revisions. She also provided as a copy of Chapter 17 – Planning and Zoning.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Marilyn Jasper, Sierra Club**, was in favor of the County's Proposed Winery Ordinance Revisions.

**Mora Rowe, Placer County Visitor's Bureau and California Welcome Center**, was in support of the Vintners' Association Proposed Revisions.

**Gary Durst** was concerned with traffic and road fees and sharing expenses of the same.

**Craig Wilkins, Vina Castellano**, explained taxes that are associated with owning a winery. Asked for support of the Vintners' Association Proposed Revision.

**Chief Paulus, CAL FIRE**, said that parking plans need to be carefully addressed; consider emergency vehicle access.

**Stewart Perry, Fawnridge Winery**, asked that the wine industry be considered as important members of the community. He supported the Vintners' Association Proposed Revision.

**Tina Wilkins, Vina Castellano**, supported the Vintners' Association Proposed Revision.

**Teri Stevenson, Loomis Winery, President of the Vintner's Association** was in support of the Vintners' Association Proposed Revision.

**MAC DISCUSSION:**

**MOTION:** Johnson recommended that the Vintners Association Revision be adopted.

Motion failed for lack of second.

**Concerns raised by the WAC MAC included but were not limited to:**

Safety issues – too liberal  
Compromise and/or blending of County proposed revisions and Vintner's Association Revision.  
Code Enforcement and consequences for violations  
Unpermitted events  
Noise Ordinance Requirements  
Encourage viable winery businesses without being destructive to others.

**MOTION:** Support recommended Proposed Winery Ordinance Revisions (County) with additional consideration of liberalizing the restrictive Noise Limits.

**GAGNON/SHULTTLEWORTH**

**REVISION TO MOTION:** MAC Member Tausch revised motion on the table to include a less restrictive permit process

**FINAL MOTION:** Recommend adoption of the Proposed Winery Ordinance Revisions with additional consideration of liberalizing Noise Limits and the size and number of events to allow vintners to have a viable opportunity to be a strategic business for Placer County tourism.

**GAGNON/SHUTTLEWORTH/TAUSCH/SWISLEY– YES**

**JOHNSON – NO**

**LEE – ABSENT**

**MOTION PASSED: 4/1**

## **12. ACTION ITEMS – MAC BUSINESS**

### **a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2015**

**MOTION:** To elect Randi Swisley as Chair and Dave Johnson as Vice Chair

**JOHNSON/SHUTTLEWORTH/UNANIMOUS/4**

**TAUSCH – Abstained**

**LEE - Absent**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b. Make recommendation on size of the Weimar/Applegate/Colfax MAC and Frequency of Meetings. If needed continued discussion and action on the possibility of down-sizing the MAC from seven to five members.**

- 1) WAC MAC to retain seven (7) members on the Municipal Advisory Council –**

**GAGNON/SHUTTLEWORTH/UNANIMOUS/5/0 – LEE - Absent**

- 2) WAC MAC to schedule monthly meetings; cancel if there is insufficient business to warrant a meeting.**

**GAGNON/SHUTTLEWORTH/UNANIMOUS/5/0 – LEE - Absent**

**13. MAC Member Roundtable\*** - each MAC member may provide informational comments on topics relevant to the MAC mission. Topics include, but are not limited to Seniors, Parks & Recreation, Waste-water, Water, and Fire/Public Safety.

**None**

**14. FUTURE BUSINESS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next Meeting May 20, 2015

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**JOHNSON/TAUSCH/UNANIMOUS/5/0**

Minutes recorded and prepared by Shari Teal, Contract WAC MAC Secretary

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