

County of Placer  
**FORESTHILL FORUM**

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**Minutes –February 3, 2014**  
**Foresthill Municipal Advisory Council**  
Foresthill Memorial Hall, Leroy E. Botts Memorial Park

**Members Present:**

Chase Dowling, Acting-Chair  
Gail McCafferty  
Larry Jordan  
Sheryl Petersen

**County Staff Present:**

Paula David, Contract Secretary

**Members Absent:** Michael Whittle, Sharon Page, Duane Frink

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The regular meeting of the Forum was called to order at 7:00 PM by Acting-Chair Chase Dowling.
2. **ROLL CALL PERFORMED BY CONTRACT SECRETARY-** A quorum of the Board was present.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** The Forum was led in the Pledge by Mr. Dowling.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM January 6, 2014-**

**MOTION:** Approve minutes from January as written.  
**JORDAN/ PETERSEN UNANIMOUS 4-0**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2014-**

**MOTION:** Approve agenda as presented.  
**MCCAFFERTY/ PETERSEN UNANIMOUS 4-0**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** Patti Wade described her recent experience on Foresthill Road with three motorcyclists who were driving in a reckless manner; Amber Taxiera, of the Sierra Fund, announced a public meeting to discuss their research results regarding abandoned mines, handing out a flyer describing the event.
7. **FORUM MEMBER COMMENTS-** None

8. **COUNTY UPDATE – Contract Secretary** Paula David read the County update sent in by Jocelyn Maddux:

- Western States Trail Foundation support letter is on hold per request by the Foundation;
- Parks/Hall Project list is updated and available, a porta-potty restroom has been installed for use in the park during winter months;

- Supervisor Montgomery had meetings with new director and health officer at HHS;
- BOS focused on Tahoe/Kings Beach issues in January and will receive water/drought information from Placer County Office of Emergency Services at tomorrow's meeting.

## 9. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS-

- A. Placer County Sheriff's Department- Glen McNama was reporting for Officer Walton, and since he did not have any information on calls, he took questions from the audience.
- B. CHP- No report
- C. Foresthill Fire Protection District/Fire Safe Council- Gary Kirk, Deputy Fire Marshall, reported:
  - 46 calls, with 32 calls for EMS/rescue calls and three fire calls;
  - They will be hosting a town hall meeting March 27 to address fire issues due to the drought, including several other agencies;
  - He urged people to call for burn status.

## 10. COMMUNITY REPORTS

- A. Foresthill Chamber of Commerce: No report
- B. Foresthill Public Utility District: Tamra West reported there are no water restrictions, but please use water wisely and conserve.
- C. Bioenergy Meetings Update: They are looking for funding/grants to conduct a feasibility study.

## 11. INFORMATION/ NON-ACTION ITEMS- US Forest Service Update

American River District Ranger Victor Lyon discussed current projects, including those resulting from the American Fire:

- Hodad Planting Project, which includes reforestation of approximately 557 acres;
- Hazard Tree Removal Project;
- Big Hope Project, to include hazard tree removal, 7,000 acre reforestation and fire salvage.
- Total fire area is approximately 27,000 acres, 6,000 of which is private land;
- They will be repairing and/or replacing a pedestrian bridge and the swinging bridge
- There was discussion of possible ramifications of historic designation for the Western States Trail;
- The pedestrian trail around Sugar Pine will be further paved this season.

## 12. ACTION ITEMS- Election of New Chair and Vice Chair for 2014

**MOTION:** Postpone elections until next month.

**PETERSEN/ MCCAFFERTY UNANIMOUS 4-0**

## 13. FUTURE BUSINESS, CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS—

Next meeting will include Chair/Vice-Chair elections, an update on drought from Placer County Office of Emergency Services. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2014.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by Contract Secretary Paula David