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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
SQUAW VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
January 7, 2016**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council (SVMAC) was held on Thursday January 7, 2016 in the Squaw Valley Public Service District Community Meeting Room.

**1. Call to Order**

ROMACK called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was established.  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Romack, Lange, Strange, Heneveld, Stepner, and Adriani  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None  
STAFF PRESENT: Montgomery, Kastan, and Friedman

**2. MAC Member Introductions**

**a. Introduction of new SVMAC Member, David Stepner**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**LANGE/STRANGE/UNANIMOUS**

**4. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2015**

**HENEVELD/LANGE/UNANIMOUS**

**5. Supervisor / Tahoe Field Representative Reports**

SUPERVISOR MONTGOMERY reported on the recent Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board agreed to a "placeholder ordinance" regarding medical marijuana as some action needed to be taken by March 1, 2016. The actual ordinance will be determined soon and will be presented to the MACs in February or March. It will be reviewed by the Planning Commission in April and the Board of Supervisors at the May 17 meeting for adoption in June. The final ordinance will require approval by the voters and will be on the November ballot.

The Board took action on many quality of life issues, including gang graffiti and homelessness. The Board will consider an ordinance regarding open containers with alcohol in February.

Governor Brown appointed Dr. Rob Oldham to California's Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee, which will address how Prop 99 tax revenues are used. The Governor declared an emergency for dead or dying trees that present hazards. An ordinance was also adopted in Placer County so the County can apply for funding to address the issue. SUPERVISOR MONTGOMERY announced the upcoming Economic Development breakfast will focus on items manufactured in Placer County.

MONTGOMERY reported that HENEVELD sent a letter to Placer County Counsel asking if there are conflicts of interest if members of SVMAC deliberate on the upcoming Village at Squaw Valley project. Counsel's finding was that 3 of the 6 SVMAC members cannot deliberate due to conflicts. If a 7<sup>th</sup> person, with no conflicts, is not appointed to SVMAC, this body cannot take action on the item.

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to meet at the Kings Beach Event Center on January 25 and 26, 2016.

KASTAN reported that at a public meeting today regarding the proposed 17% rate increase from Liberty Utilities, about 8 people made comments. MONTGOMERY noted the ultimate decision will be made by the CPUC and letters can be submitted to them.

HENEVELD asked if a meeting at a time other than the regular mid-week SVMAC could be scheduled so others can comment about the proposed Village. MONTGOMERY is considering convening a SVMAC meeting on a different day and time after the final EIR is released.

## **6. Community Reports**

MIKE GEARY, General Manager of SQUAW VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, reported his staff has been working on agreements with many applicants for development in the valley, including the Resort at Squaw Creek Phase 2, Plumpjack, the Village at Squaw Valley, and Palisades. He reported the bike trail snow removal project is going well. Given the “normal” operations this winter, costs will be evaluated at the end of this month.

The Redundant Water Supply Preferred Alternative will be presented at the January SVPSD Board meeting. GEARY is working on succession planning for the District. Three key positions will be replaced over the next several months.

GEARY reported that Bill Hudson has been appointed to the Board seat left vacant with the passing of Brian Sheehan.

## **7. Public Comment**

HENEVELD asked if the Resort at Squaw Creek Phase 2 is coming before SVMAC. MONTGOMERY will ask Paul Thompson to present it as an information item, however the entitlements were granted during the original approval of the project.

## **8. Information Non-Action Item**

### **A. The Tahoe Prosperity Center (uniting Tahoe’s communities to strengthen regional prosperity). An update on Tahoe Prosperity Center projects and their newly released Measuring for Prosperity report – Heidi Hill Drum, Executive Director, Tahoe Prosperity Center**

HEIDI HILL DRUM provided background on the Tahoe Prosperity Center, which was founded in 2011 with cooperation from the various jurisdictions, agencies, and organizations in the Tahoe basin. Economic data was collected in 2010 on areas including tourism and demographics and the Center was charged with implementing the initiatives that came from that study and resulting Plan. Among the initiatives being implemented are the recent high speed internet and cell phone coverage surveys and upgrades.

DRUM presented the Measuring for Prosperity report, which contains 20 economic indicators for the region by community as well as the basin as a whole. The communities around Lake Tahoe are not thriving and growing as they should be. The ratio of income to housing is 10:1 in Tahoe and over 60% of the housing stock in the area is owned by 2<sup>nd</sup> homeowners. As a result, there is a lack of affordable housing. DRUM continued to review the report, including employment, incomes, housing, the impact of redevelopment, and trends. The entire report is available on-line.

DRUM answered questions clarifying her presentation. MONTGOMERY noted the 20% loss of permanent population in the North Tahoe area, which is not good for business owners and by extension, residents and the workforce. The County is considering options to address housing issues.

### **B. Squaw Valley Suddenlink Internet Update – Suddenlink’s progress in installing high speed internet connections in Squaw Valley - Jason Oelkers, Suddenlink – California**

JASON OELKERS described the work that has been done to provide high speed connections to Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows. There are still some pockets where signal levels are not up to standard, but

Suddenlink continues to address those areas and upgrades should continue this summer. OELKERS answered questions about the services available and rates.

**C. The Squaw Valley Ski Area Traffic Management Program – Mike Livak, Senior Vice President, Squaw Valley Ski Holdings, and Chris Lemacher and Kyle Crezee, Ski Traffic Program Managers, Squaw Valley Ski Holdings**

MIKE LIVAK discussed how Squaw Valley Ski Holdings is addressing parking and traffic issues in Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows, including taking an active role in regional transit decisions as well as programs being implemented. KYLE CREZEE outlined specific programs including setting up three-lanes when necessary, providing more staff to control traffic both on the main road and at intersections with side streets, working closely with CHP and Caltrans, and improved snow removal to keep Squaw Valley Road as wide as possible. Valet parking at the ski area is available on weekends and is complimentary for vehicles with 4 or more passengers. Changeable message signs are being used, as well as additional signage to designate parking.

CREZEE and LIVAK answered questions from the Council. HENEVELD asked about a previous discussion regarding signage or notifications on how long it would take to get from point A to point B. LIVAK said they are working on an app for traffic patterns and lift openings and delays, but there is a great expectation of absolute accuracy and it's difficult to project delay times, particularly with traffic. In response to a question about the potential for paid parking, LIVAK said there is no plan for that.

STEPNER asked for clarification on parking around the bridge. LIVAK explained there is concern about safety and line-of-sight. Squaw is putting up sandwich signs to supplement County signage. A brief discussion followed regarding parking. LIVAK said some lots may be full but the ski area has never reached full parking capacity.

The topic was open to public comment. LIVAK answered questions regarding traffic volumes and flow. MIKE GEARY stated snow removal on the bike trail is 67% funded from TOT and the other third is paid by Squaw Valley Ski Resort, Resort at Squaw Creek, the Squaw Valley Property Owners Association and Squaw Valley Business Association.

**9. MAC Member Reports / Sub-Committee Reports**

**A. Squaw Valley Design Review – Kevin Strange**

STRANGE reported today's meeting was cancelled.

**B. Parks and Recreation – Lindsay Romack and Ed Heneveld**

HENEVELD said there is nothing new to report at this time.

**C. Shirley Canyon Trails – Alisa Adriani**

ADRIANI will contact everyone to try for a better day.

**10. Future Agenda Items**

- Marijuana ordinance
- Resort at Squaw Creek Phase 2A

**11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – February 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM**

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary