



County of Placer  
**Foresthill Forum**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved 2/6/2023**

Monday, January 9, 2023

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** 7:01pm

**2. Welcome & Introduction of Members:**

Chase Dowling - Chair, Stephen Smith – Vice-chair, Larry Jordan, Gail McCafferty, Sharon Page, Debbie Sanchez, Joshua Miller

**3. Action Item(s):**

**A. Approval of January 9, 2023 Agenda:**

**MOTION:** McCafferty/Miller 6/0 to approve Agenda as is.

**AYES:** Dowling, Jordan, McCafferty, Sanchez, Miller, Smith

**ABSENT:** Page

**B. Approval of December 5, 2022 Minutes:**

**MOTION:** McCafferty/Sanchez 6/0 to approve Minutes as is.

**AYES:** Dowling, Jordan, McCafferty, Sanchez, Miller, Smith

**ABSENT:** Page

**4. Public Comment:**

1. Karen Durand – Spoke regarding the trails being non-motorized. She also spoke regarding similar issues in Todd Valley she is not the only one complaining. Can the board do a community outreach to explain the non-motorized trails, so she doesn't have to. Signage should have been updated.
2. Lewis Campbell – Placer RCD is offering assistance for tree removal due to the Mosquito fire. please be sure to keep an eye out for information regarding how to get assistance.

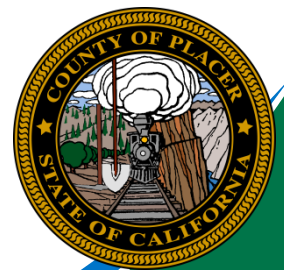
**5. Forum Member Comments:**

1. Josh Miller – Requested clarification regarding the trail signage and restrictions.
2. Debbie Sanchez – Requested information regarding the planning division office closure and meeting changes. Also asked for the County to look into some issues with unincorporated landowners and higher fees.
3. Larry Jordan – Thank you Sophie for all the help and follow up for the motorcycle issues and confirming sandbags were available for the storm.

**6. Reports:**

**A. Public Safety:**

The MAC is composed of appointed community members whose purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors about activities and problems of the area represented. Residents are encouraged to attend and talk about issues important to them. More info at [www.placer.ca.gov/bos/mac](http://www.placer.ca.gov/bos/mac) . Placer County is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in public meeting. If you require disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aid or services, to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Board of Supervisor's Office.





1. **Placer County Sheriff's Department:** Detective Mackenstadt – Gave report numbers for the month. Still actively investigating the remains found in Todd Valley very little information has been released so far.
  2. **CHP:** Officer Kelly – Went over local and full area stats for 2022 and last month. Reminded everyone to take it easy and slow.
  3. **Cal-FIRE / Placer County Fire Department:** Assistant Division Chief Counts – Spoke regarding the Grass Valley center, call totals, staffing for the storm and continuing to monitor The Mosquito burn scar. The County is announcing a local proclamation for the storm area. Please make sure you are signed up for the ready placer website.
  4. **Foresthill Fire Protection District:** Chief Matcham – Went over December stats as well as 2022. Staffing updates and changes. A Captains test is scheduled for later this month. One engine is out of service for a little while. Station 90 had some much-needed improvements done to the blacktop area. So far trees have been ok with this storm.
  5. **Foresthill Fire Safe Council:** Chase Dowling – Phase 3 of the shaded fuel break from FH road to Powerline road has been finished. The next meeting is Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Fire Administration Office. Will be hearing about what is being done with public lands after the Mosquito fire.
  6. **Placer County Fish & Game Commission:** Not in Attendance
  7. **United States Forest Service:** Mary Grim – Gave an update on roads & closures. The gate is closed at China Wall. The County is still plowing up to SBI so that landowners can continue to cleanup. There are slides daily on Mosquito Ridge rd. Water has also gone under the roadway in a few places and engineers will need to be brought in in spring to assess. Will be asking for federal relief funds for repairs.
- B. Committees & Community:**
1. **Foresthill Union School District:** Not in Attendance
  2. **Parks & Trails Subcommittee:** Gail McCafferty – No update
  3. **Foresthill Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council:** Not in Attendance
  4. **Foresthill PUD:** Not in Attendance
- C. County Report:** Supervisor Gustafson – the Governor Proclaimed a State of Emergency due to winter storms on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Placer County declared a local emergency shortly after to enable access to federal funds. The department of Public Works has been receiving lots of calls due to the storm please continue to call if in need of assistance. Also be sure to be signed up for Placer Alert. Chris



Pahule has been appointed as the new Planning Director for Placer County. California Office of Emergency Services officially approved Placer County for California Disaster Assistance funding for the Mosquito Fire. Placer County Water Agency has filed a lawsuit against PG&E for the mosquito fire prompting the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to review their options as well. A new Interim Director Josh Huntsinger has been named in the Parks and Open Spaces Department. Supervisor Gustafson continued to speak regarding what was covered in the December BOS meetings and gave Foresthill Project updates. She further went over what is on the Agenda for the January 10<sup>th</sup> BOS Meeting.

**7. Information/Non-Action Item(s):**

**A. Internet Update**

Received an update from Placer County's Information Technology Department on current internet services.

**Presenter: Dieter Wittenberg, IT Manager.**

**B. Elections Update**

Received an update from Placer County Elections Office on the November 8, 2022 election.

**Presenter: Ryan Ronco, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters.**

**8. Future Agenda Items**

**9. Adjournment:** 8:34pm to next tentative meeting on February 6, 2023.