



County of Placer
Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council

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FINAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED May 15, 2023

Monday, March 20, 2023
Gold Hill Guild
1405 Gold Hill Road, Newcastle, CA 95658

- 1. Call to Order at 7:07 - Chair Richards Lewis presented with MAC Chair Statement**
- 2. Welcome & Introduction of Members:** Richard Lewis; Deirdre Lefty; George Alves; Justin Black.

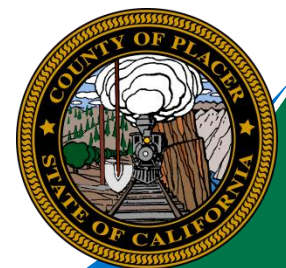
Members Absent: Timmothy Emick

Chair Lewis introduced new MAC Member Justin Black. He is a 20-year resident of Lincoln.

- 3. Selection of 2023 Chair and Vice Chair –**
 - a. George Alves recommended Richard Lewis remain Chair. Deirdre Lefty seconded. 3-0 in favor of Richard Lewis remaining Chair.
 - b. George Alves recommended Deirdre Lefty remain Vice-Chair. Richard Lewis seconded. 3-0 in favor of Deirdre Lefty remaining Chair
- 4. Approval of March 20, 23 Agenda –** Deirdre Lefty / Justin Black / Approved as presented 4-0
- 5. Approval July 18, 2022 Minutes –** George Alves moved to accept Minutes as written. Deirdre Lefty seconded - Approved 4-0

Approval of November 21, 2022 Minutes – Deirdre Lefty moved to accept Minutes as written. Justin Black seconded - Approved 4-0

- 6. Public Comment:** Alexia Retallack with Pioneer Community Energy introduced herself to the MAC and provided information about what Pioneer Community Energy does. Th company has been in business for 5 years and serves Placer County. El Dorado County joined 4 years ago. The program helps residents and businesses save money on their electricity bills by offering lower energy rates. Their rates are 15-19% lower than PGE's. for more information go to: www.PioneerCommunityEnergy.org



7. Reports:

- A. Public Safety: Cal Fire** – Chief Steve Garcia – With the recent storms, Cal OES asked Cal Fire for assistance flooding and other issues; the rains that we have had recently will push the critical fire dangers down the road; burn permits can be obtained online; fire stations or at the Cal Fire Headquarters at the kiosk in front. **CHP** – Yvette Norman – from 1/1/23 – 3/1/23 there have been 25 collisions – 7 with injuries and 18 property damage only. 9 verbal warnings were issued; 6 DUI arrests; 14 motorist assist calls; 16 hazard calls and 2 recovered vehicles. **Placer County Sheriff** – Isiah Tchovanoff – Stats: 52 calls; 9 criminal reports; 8 alarm calls and 8 disturbance calls. 78% of calls per public initiated and 27% per deputy initiated. The Sheriff's Department is going to start wearing body cameras.
- B. Community:**
- a. Western Placer Unified School District** – No report
 - b. Nevada Irrigation District** – Only 2 of the 5 locations to check snow pack have been accessible. Current water content is 175% ; statewide average is at 200%
- C. Fire Safe Council:** They are getting to send out discing letters out. Over the last couple years, 46 roadside fires have been stopped due to maintenance performed by residents in part due to these letters. If you are interested in the chipper program, you can go online and make a reservation. Currently there is a 2-3 week wait period.
- D. MAC Committees: Chair** – The new Costco on Sierra College is starting to move ground; **Traffic and Transportation** – No Report; **Public Health & Safety** – No Report; **Land Use** – No Report; **Parks & Recreation** – No report.
- E. Local Government Reports:**
- a. City of Lincoln** – Ben Brown – Lincoln received a grant for creation of plan for Lincoln downtown; group from Lincoln Hills is working on cleaning up the old missile site; the City is still continuing working on the homeless issues.
 - b. Placer County** – Supervisor Shanti Landon introduced Christina Faria as her replacement. Christina worked as Kevin Kiley's District Director for 6 years. She is excited to be working with Shanti and working with the MAC. Christina provided an update on Fowler Farm Brewery. They are currently looking to hire subcontractors for the project and design submission.

8. Action Item: None

9. Information Non-Action Item:

Pending Changes to the Fire Hazard Severity Zone – Steve Garcia

The Department is providing an additional written comment period for State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones f from April 4, 2023.

The State Fire Marshal is mandated to classify lands within State Responsibility Areas into Fire Hazard Severity Zones. This is usually done every year but it has not been done since 2007.

The Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps are developed using a science-based and field-tested model that assigns a hazard score based on the factors that influence fire likelihood and fire behavior. Many factors are considered such as fire history, existing and potential fuel (natural vegetation), predicted flame length, blowing embers, terrain, and typical fire weather for the area. Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps evaluate “hazard,” not “risk”. Hazard is based on the physical conditions that create a likelihood and expected fire behavior over a 30 to 50-year period without considering mitigation measures such as home hardening, recent wildfire, or fuel reduction efforts. Risk is the potential damage a fire can do to the area under existing conditions, accounting for any modifications such as fuel reduction projects, defensible space, and ignition resistant building construction.

You can enter your address to locate your property on a map showing Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Preparing starts with hardening your home and maintaining adequate defensible space around your home and property. Home Hardening means using ignition-resistant materials on and around your home to help it withstand flying embers and radiant heat. Defensible space is the buffer created by removing dead plants, grass, and weeds to help keep wildfire away from your home.

They are hoping to get the final draft for approval to the Board of Forestry before Fall 2023.

10. Announcements / Information: None

11. Adjournment to next regular meeting on May 15, 2023 at 8:33