



County of Placer  
**Foresthill Forum**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved 5/1/2023**

Monday, April 3, 2023

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 7:03pm**

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

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

**3. Approval of April 3, 2023 Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Smith/Sanchez 5/0 to approve Agenda as is.

**AYES:** Dowling, McCafferty, Sanchez, Smith, Page

**ABSENT:** Jordan, Miller

**4. Approval of February 6, 2023 Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Smith/McCafferty 5/0 to approve Minutes as is.

**AYES:** Dowling, McCafferty, Sanchez, Smith, Page

**ABSENT:** Jordan, Miller

**5. Public Comment:**

1. Alexia Retallack – A lifelong placer county resident spoke regarding Pioneer Electric. What they have been doing what has been accomplished and what they are projecting for the future.

**6. Forum Member Comments:**

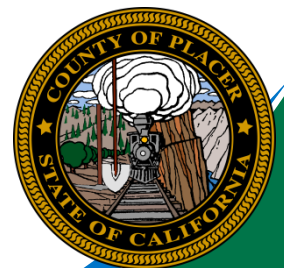
1. Sharon Page – Inquired when the Foresthill Volunteer Fire association will start accepting items for the Annual Garage sale.

**7. Reports:**

**A. Public Safety:**

1. **Placer County Sheriff's Department:** Sergeant Griffiths – Spoke regarding a few incidents last month. The last few months have been busy due to the storms Lots of rescue equipment and resources were and are available to our area during such storms and available for rescues.
2. **CHP:** Officer Kelly – Went over stats for the month. Working on getting some weekend and afternoon additional support in Foresthill due to a small grant. Plan to be strategic on how and when to use those funds and additional patrol support.

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3. **Cal-FIRE / Placer County Fire Department:** Assistant Division Chief Counts – Gave report stats for the month. There are two Cal-Fire Management teams already activated in California this year due to floods. Working on staffing a station up here starting in April but if not, then June will be when it opens.
4. **Foresthill Fire Protection District:** Chief Matcham – Introduced the new Assistant Chief Martin. Gave report stats for the month. There has still been some staffing issues however there were less brownouts last month as previous months. Staffing has increased and is looking good. A blue-ribbon commission has been created and will be meeting to advise and recommend changes to the Fire board in a few months' time. Chief Matcham will ask at the next meeting for the Committee members to announce on the website who is on the board for those wanting to give them input. Please clean out your chimneys preferably more than once a year the last few fires up here have been chimney fires so, please get yours inspected and cleaned if need be.
5. **Foresthill Fire Safe Council:** Chase Dowling – May 6<sup>th</sup> will be the Firewise preparedness day event behind the Veterans memorial hall from 9:00 to 12:00. May 20<sup>th</sup> will be another green waste day behind Dollar General from 9:00 to 3:00.
6. **Placer County Fish & Game Commission:** Not in Attendance
7. **United States Forest Service:** Not in Attendance

**B. Committees & Community:**

1. **Foresthill Union School District:** Steve Smith – Spoke on behalf of Dr. Taylor Reading from the papers provided to him. Dr. Taylor is requesting permission to hold an informal meeting prior to the next forum meeting. He further spoke regarding a few items from her superintendent's report regarding the status of the portables on campus, transportation, student programs, and the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and what that program is.
2. **Parks & Trails Subcommittee:** Gail McCafferty – A few trees were taken down in the Park one which happened to become an emergency removal as it was threatening the Apartments. They are currently working on getting an extra light for the pickleball court as that is very popular up here. The Community Garden is having problems starting because of the weather. A skate park has been discussed but as of right now due to liability and legalities it is not looking like it will happen. Still open to options and input so please attend the next Meeting being held in June prior to the forum meeting at 5:30 in the small room at the Veterans Memorial Hall. All are welcome to attend.
3. **Foresthill Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council:** Debbie Guidi – The ALA Chili Cookoff event was excellent. There will be an easter egg



hunt this year put on by the Foresthill Volunteer fire Association at 1pm Sharp at the park as well as Easter breakfast prior to the Hunt from 9:00 to 12:00. The next Chamber mixer will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm with a special guest doing a live Virtual Reality presentation. This event is being sponsored and will be Free to attend. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be happening this year and there are already vendors on the schedule. Hot August Nights will also be happening as well as the Heritage Festival in September.

**4. Foresthill PUD:** Hank White – Introduced Mark Bell. Spoke regarding water history. There has been 77 inches of water since October. Sugar pine is still full and has been since December There is a board vacancy at the Water agency as well as two long term employees retiring so actively trying to fill those positions. The Paving project is still waiting on the weather for it to be fully completed.

**C. District 5 Chief of Staff report:** Sophie Fox – Gave a quick update from Supervisor Gustafson. The Getaway project has withdrawn their entitlement application and will not be moving forward with the Foresthill project. They did not provide a reason why. There is an economic Development Grant Opportunity for Small businesses and they are focusing on getting them out quickly and targeting Foresthill due to multiple impacts. The Chipper Program currently has 70 cases pending and that is mostly due to weather. April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> will be Budget workshops for the County with the Final budget presented in June.

**8. Action Item(s): None**

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

**A. Winter Storm Update**

Received an update from the Office of Emergency Services on storm cleanup efforts, and resources available, and next steps.

**Presenter: Dave Atkinson, Office of Emergency Services**

**10. Future Agenda Items**

**11. Adjournment:** 8:10pm to next tentative meeting on May 1, 2023.