REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 pm Monday April 8, 2019
Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room
3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA
County Contact: Joshua Huntsinger

I. CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chair Wayne Vineyard. Roll Call- Present: Patricia Beard, Patrick Bollinger, Jim Brenner, Rich Ferreira, Larry Jordan, John Nitta, Stewart Perry, Wayne Vineyard, and Shanon Whamond.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR April 8, 2019 Moved and Second:

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: Wayne Vineyard requested that any Public Comment related to agenda items be held until after presentations and held to three minutes. No public comment was made at this time.

IV. ACTION ITEMS- None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Beard Ranch Agricultural Conservation Easement: Nikki Streegan, Placer County Planning Services
  
  a. Patti Beard recused herself and left the room.
  
  b. Placer Legacy/County-Owned Ag Conservation Easement
  
  c. Funding through grant from CA Dept. of Conservation
  
  d. A map was presented to show the 137 acres proposed for the Conservation Easement.

  e. Opened of questions: Josh Huntsinger clarified that this was an informational meeting for commissioners to obtain questions to take before the Board of Supervisors. Members of the public expressed concerns relating to public access and property ownership. Nikki and Josh provided answers. Concerns were raised over future use related to access and public events. Both Josh and Nikki stated the current owners are not seeking public access at this time.

  f. When discussion was complete, Patti Beard returned to her seat.
- **Placer County Winery and Farm Brewery Ordinance Update**: Nikki Streegan, Placer County Planning Services
  a. Update to the 2008 Winery Ordinance defines Ag promotional events. Environmental Impact Report is scheduled for April 15th then 45 day Public Review Period opens. In May expected to go to Municipal Advisory Committees (MACS), and then to Planning Commission in the fall and to the Board by end of year.
  b. Opened for public questions/comments: Lori Lewis shared impacts she has been experiencing since 2008, concerns of non-compliance for permits, no enforcement of ordinances and lack of response from county for requests for public information. Wayne Vineyard encouraged her to submit her concerns through the 45 day public comments portion of the process.

- **Placer County Park and Trails Master Plan Update**: Andy Fisher, Placer County Parks Division
  a. A presentation to give a progress report on the draft 30 year plan which includes expansion of Hidden Falls Regional Park and Trail Connections throughout the County.
  b. Opened for public questions/comments: local residents, ranchers and members of Protect Rural Placer shared experiences and voiced concerns over increased traffic, public trespassing on private property, reduction of rural and grazing land, impacts on private property owners insurance, unsafe road conditions, conservation, fire risk, and poor trail planning.
  c. Jane Wurst of Protect Rural Placer reviewed packets she provided to Commissioners and asked them to consider the contents.
  d. Wayne Vineyard closed open comment and announced that the Commission was gathering information and input. After the proposal is complete the commission will consider for recommendation.

- **Nevada Irrigations District Proposed Water Rate Changes** – NID Staff
  a. Printed copies of the Water Rate Cost of Service Study for NID 2019 and FAQs-Proposed Water Rate Charges were distributed to Commissioners
  b. Lara Peters introduced staff presenting and turned over presentation to:
  c. Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager: overview of slide presentation
  d. Chip Close, Water Operation Manager: overview of NID service history, revenue resources, costs, and how a rate increases are decided.
  e. Marvin Davis, Finance Manager: fiscal details including water rate study discovery of assumptions, revenue and expense, a breakdown of what the
fees pay for and budget distribution, and financial efficiency efforts and reductions in expenditures.

f. Greg Clumpner, Consultant: rate study details, Operating Revenue & Expenses chart of funds, cost of service analysis: fixed and volumetric, cost allocations and proposed rate changes.

g. Information presented, including cost study is available on the NID website.

h. In compliance with Prop 218 customers can file a written protest (1 per parcel) to the proposed rates, March 1\textsuperscript{st} – April 24\textsuperscript{th}. The Protest Hearing starts at 9 a.m. on April 24\textsuperscript{th} and will convene until all have been heard.

i. Opened to questions/comments

VI. REPORTS

- **Agricultural Marketing Program** – Josh Huntsinger
  

b. PlacerGROWN hosted Social Media how-to training courses at Placer Resource Center were well received. Will offer courses again.

c. Two Farmer’s markets are open

d. Preparing for printing of Farmer’s Market schedule

e. Planning a printed Ag Guide.

- **Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor/ Horticulture and Small Farms Advisor** – Cindy Fake, University Cooperative Extension
  
  o Due to full schedules, only one Farm Advisor will attend Ag Commission Meetings, either Cindy Fake or Dan Macon

  o Both Advisors have been hosting workshops. More workshops are planned for the upcoming months including Beginning Farming Academy April 26-27.

  o Horticulture Crops are late to market due to cold & wet soils.

  o Trees are dying due to saturated soil. There has been loss in fruit crops, especially citrus.

  o Expecting both insect & disease increases due to wet spring.

- **Water Supply Update** – Josh Huntsinger
  
  o Deferred to NID staff who reported storage is at 95% of average. Snow pack is 163% of average. Anticipating generating 100% power in June.
VII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS – Josh Huntsinger

- Deferred due to time.

VIII. General Announcements: Wayne Vineyard

- John Nitta is retiring from the Ag Commission after 18 years of service. A plaque was presented to John by Commission Chairman, Wayne Vineyard.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 p.m.

Next Meeting May 13, 2019