



COUNTY OF PLACER
MEADOW VISTA
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
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FINAL MINUTES – APPROVED JUNE 12, 2023

Meadow Vista MAC

Wednesday, April 10, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Meadow Vista Community Center 1109 Meadow Vista Road, Meadow Vista, CA

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:00 PM

1. Welcome & Introduction of Members:

Members Present: Mike Walker; Laurie Sweeney; Duke Lambert; David Lease

Members Absent: Susannah Johnsrud

County Staff Present: District 5 Supervisor Cindy Gustafson; District Director Sophie Fox and Christine McKenna, MAC Secretary

2. Approval of April 10, 2023 Agenda – Lambert / Sweeney / Unanimous

Approval of February 1, 2023 Minutes – Lambert / Sweeney 3-0 with one correction

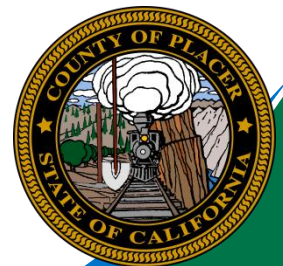
3. Public Comment:

Stewart Feldman – Friends of Bear River meeting on 4/15/23 from 10-2 and afterwards going on a hike on the newly discovered trails.

Alexia Retallack with Pioneer Community Energy introduced herself to the MAC and provided information about what Pioneer Community Energy does. The company has been in business for 5 years and serves Placer County. El Dorado County joined in 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

Dana Hofheinz – Sierra Foothill Cycling Club – she is an advocate for safer roads for cyclists. She was inquiring if there is any infrastructure in the Meadow Vista community for making roads safer for cyclist.

Laurie Rich wants to know if it can be brought to the MAC the height requirements for wineries. She made reference to a Loomis winery and



height of the building. She inquired if there is a design review for the winery.

4. Action Item(s):

Meadow Vista 2023 MAC Meeting Schedule: Motion made by Lambert /seconded by Sweeney – Motion carried 4-0 in favor of the calendar as proposed.

5. Reports

A. Public Safety

1. **Placer County Sheriff's Office** – No Report
2. **California Highway Patrol** – No Report
3. **Cal Fire** – Bob Counts – AC – There were 941 incident calls in March. They are beginning the seasonal hiring starting Monday, April 17th and should be fully staffed by June. Cal Fire had 2 Management Teams deployed – Mono County and Tulare County. This is Public Safety Telecommunications appreciation week.
4. **Placer Hills Fire Department:** - Chief Gow – They are hiring seasonal firefighters. They have applied for a SAFER Grant to get funding to hire 3 firefighting personnel. Stats: 245 calls of which 65% were medical calls and 45 were automotive assistance calls.
5. **Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council** – No report

B. Committees & Community

Meadow Vista Community Center: Mark provided update on renovation of the center. The entryway and bathroom are complete. They are working on the big room. They are beginning the next phase which includes electrical and plumbing. They need roughly \$500,000 to complete the project. Pioneer Days is June 1, 2023.

Placer Hills Unified School District: David Figuly – They are currently enrolling for the 2023-24 school year; Kindergarten Informational Night - Thursday, April 13th and TK Informational Night- Monday, April 17th. More families are moving back to the area. Their enrollment is almost back up to 800 students. The middle school has their Spring Fling coming up as well as promotions. The school is also always looking for ways for safe drop off and pick up at the school to make it safe for all. They have a wellness center room at the school where students who are having difficulties can go and destress. They recently held an assembly called One Pill Can Kill. – A question was asked if the school district had on hand Narcan. Mr. Figuly was unsure but would be able to obtain that information.

C. County Report: Cindy Gustafson, Supervisor

Board of Supervisor Meeting recap

March 28, 2023

Approved multi-agency model within the Placer County Office of Emergency Services and the utilization of Cal Fire Chief and a Lieutenant from the Sheriff's Department.

Library Services Study update: The Applegate library has been closed and returned back into Civic Center. Penryn Library is providing a kids reading program to see if it is feasible to keep the library open. The Auburn library received a 4.9 million dollar librarian grant.

April 4, 2023

Placer County resource Conservation District Update:

Risk Management Update – they oversee 25 policies over the County. The County paid out \$4.9 million in claims out of 1 billion dollars asked for.

Hidden Falls Regional Park and Trails and Open Space Expansion Project - Phase 1: Twilight Ride Access and Parking/Trailhead Project – \$3.6 million grant was received for this phase. The project is 481 acres and will add 54 parking stalls and 20 equestrian stalls.

Homeless:

There has been a 6.9% decrease in statewide homeless. The County's homeless is at 709 which is lowest in the region and the state and is down 17.3%. Of the 709 – 302 are sheltered and 407 are unsheltered.

The County has adopted a clean & clear practice. Staff had come in and got took everything and threw it away. 33 individuals lost all their belongings. The County paid out \$4,000 per person. The attorney representing these individuals wanted more but settled with asking for the county to provide a safe and clean mobile temporary shelter. This would be a low barrier where no drugs or alcohol would be permitted. Panhandling has decreased and it's a safe environment.

Budget

The County's operating budget is \$988 million. Salaries and benefits have increased 5.6%. There are 54 positions being included in the budget. 12 of

the positions are with CEDRA and 10 with the Sheriff / Coroner Department. There has been a 9% increase in property revenue in the last year.

Placer County Sheriff presented at the Budget Workshop an Fentanyl update. In 2021 there were 60 cases and in 2022 the cases increased to 184. There have been 152,537 Fentanyl pills found in the County. The Sheriff's Department; Health & Human Services and the DA's Office are doing public assemblies "One Pill Kills" for the public awareness of the dangers of this drug.

Public Records searches have increased from 16 in 2018 to 590 in 2022.

Vacancies with Placer County Sheriff is down 12% and their operational vacancies are down 19%.

Child Support Division - #1 in the state – 4 years in a row for getting child support payments and getting t parents into jobs. The County is #2 in the state for cost effectiveness.

Upcoming

Board of Supervisors Meeting:

April 10th / 11th – Department Budget Workshops
4/18/23 – Board of Supervisors Meeting in Auburn

6. Information Items: None

7. Future Agenda Items: Cycling Safety; Trails and Beautification and Safety

8. Adjournment: Next Meeting: June 12, 2023 – Adjourned at 7:25