REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Final, approved October 28, 2019
Thursday, July 18, 2019
Judah Lodge, Sugar Bowl
629 Sugar Bowl Road
Norden, CA

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the Donner Summit Municipal Advisory Council (DSMAC) was held on Thursday May 16, 2019 at the Judah Lodge at Sugar Bowl in Norden, California.

1. Call to Order
CHRISTOPHER PARKER called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was established.
MEMBERS PRESEN: Parker, Malberg, and Wells
MEMBERS ABSENT: Wiggins
STAFF PRESENT: Romack and Friedman
PUBLIC: 7

2. MAC Member Introductions

3. Approval of July 18, 2019 Agenda
MALBERG/WELLS/UNANIMOUS
It was agreed items may be taken out of order.

4. Approval of May 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes
MALBERG/WELLS/UNANIMOUS

5. Reports
   A. Supervisor/District Director Reports
Romack reminded everyone to sign up at PlacerAlert to receive emergency information via a land line, cell phone, or text. She distributed an Emergency Supply List from Homeland Security.

Under the direction of Supervisor Gustafson, the County has released a property owner’s survey for those who have lost homeowners insurance or their premiums have increased significantly. The County cannot influence insurance rates, but can make regulators and legislators aware is the issue.

The Board of Supervisors will meet at the Kings Beach Event Center on July 22nd and 23rd. A lot of topics on the agenda are of local interest, including the Base-to-Base Gondola. A reception is planned on the 22nd at Plumas Bank. The public is invited to attend.

There is an open seat on DSMAC. If interested, contact Romack.
B. Community Reports
No reports were given.

6. Public Comment
Wells thanked Placer County DPW for quick action when he reported some pot holes on the website. The area was repaved prior to the 4th of July holiday. Wells announced a new addition to Placer County, the birth of his daughter.

Malberg distributed the Donner Summit Association Initiatives brochure, noting many of the projects have been funded by Placer County Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT).

7. Information Item
A. Placer County Sustainability Plan (Climate Action Plan)
County staff will provide a brief overview of the proposed Placer County Sustainability Plan, including proposed Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission reduction measures, adaptation strategies, and implementation plan. Staff will also provide an overview of the county’s approval process and information on opportunities for public input on the plan, including future community workshops and public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Presenter: Angel Green, Planning Services Division
Green presented an update on the County’s Sustainability Plan, including the purpose and goals, and implementation to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and demonstrate compliance with state goals. Baseline data has been collected and evaluated and from that 67 Community Reduction Strategies have been identified, particularly in the areas of energy and transportation. Challenges to implementation include manpower and funding. There will be additional public meetings to get comment on the Plan, which will then be heard by the Planning Commission and adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

Green answered questions clarifying her presentation, including how other areas in the state are addressing these issues.

The public was open to public comment. Dick Simpson asked how visitors to this area are being considered in the data collection and clarification on the forecasting element.

Tom Burns asked how many people in Placer County are working on this issue and what the budget is. He noted the state requirement to be at 1990 levels next year. Green showed a graph indicating County compliance with benchmarks set.

Green was asked to clarify how transportation is being considered and the difference public transportation from the Bay Area may make.
Public comment was closed. Green continued to clarify the data collected and analyzed as the Plan was being compiled. She invited everyone to continue coming to public meetings and workshops on this topic for more in-depth discussion.

B. Rainbow Lodge Bulk Water Sales

Discussion of the proposed Rainbow Lodge Bulk Water Sales project. The applicants are proposing to reinstate the Conditional Use Permit for the commercial collection, storage, and transport of spring water from a natural spring on the Rainbow Lodge property located at 50080 Hampshire Rocks Road, in Soda Springs.

Presenter: Stacy Wydra, Planning Services Division; Applicant Justin Fike

Wydra introduced this topic and the approval process. The item will come back to DSMAC for action before going to the Planning Commission. The applicants, Nick Faben from Rainbow Lodge and Justin Fike from McGinley & Associations provided details on the proposal. The project was originally permitted, but that permit expired in 2012. The applicants are re-applying for a Conditional Use Permit to sell the same amount of water as before. Revenue from the water sales will be a direct economic impact to the revitalization of Rainbow Lodge. The proposal is to truck up to 10 loads, or 67,000 gallons of water, per day. Two new tanks will replace the existing four smaller and older tanks and the pump house will be moved.

Malberg asked who the customers for the potable water will be and if there is noise from the pump house. Faben is not sure who will purchase the water yet, pending licensing. He has spoken with the neighbor about noise and has determined it to be low based on anticipated pumping levels.

The applicants answered questions regarding details of the tanks and pump house.

The topic was open to public comment. There were a few questions regarding the new tanks. Louise Burns asked who the customer may be. Fike said they are targeting bottling companies.

8. Future Agenda Items
   • Rainbow Lodge Bulk Water Sales

9. Adjournment at 7:18 PM to next regular meeting on October 17, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman
Recording Secretary