



County of Placer
Foresthill Forum

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved 10/3/22

Monday, August 1, 2022

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 7:02pm

2. Welcome & Introduction of Members:

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

3. Action Item(s):

A. Approval of August 1, 2022 Agenda:

MOTION: McCafferty/Page 5/0 to approve Agenda with changes to move section 6. A to Right after 7. 4

AYES: Dowling, Jordan, McCafferty, Sanchez, Page

ABSENT: Miller, Smith

B. Approval of July 11, 2022 Minutes:

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

AYES: Dowling, Jordan, McCafferty, Sanchez, Page

ABSENT: Miller, Smith

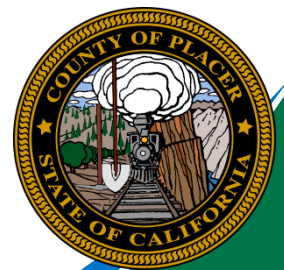
4. Public Comment:

1. Paula Bertoncin – Spoke in regard to wanting an update on the dirt bike issue. Would like Sebastian to update the community regarding the service issues. Would like transparency from them. Further expressed concerns while shopping in Auburn and the homelessness problems.

5. Forum Member Comments:

1. Larry Jordan – Spoke about concerns with dumping all around Foresthill due to the new Recology rate structure. Can we set up that certain people/businesses are allowed to dump with less fees or a community day where fees are waived once a quarter or so. He has also heard a few concerns regarding the gravel at the Dog Park potentially being an issue. However, so many compliments regarding it also being a great park.
2. Sharon Page – Would like to get a list of projects from the county for the Forum meetings similar to what has been done in the past. Can Sebastian be added to the Agenda to speak to the ongoing issues they are having.
3. Gail McCafferty – The Fire Sale is coming up Saturday from 8am to 5pm and Sunday from 8am to 4pm. The library is also having a sale for a dollar a bag. The Rib Cook off is scheduled for the 13th. Tyler Harkness who was on the Fire Board passed away recently as well as Terry Riggert who worked for the Forest Service.

The MAC is composed of appointed community members whose purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors about activities and problems of the area represented. Residents are encouraged to attend and talk about issues important to them. More info at www.placer.ca.gov/bos/macs. Placer County is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in public meeting. If you require disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aid or services, to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Board of Supervisor's Office.





4. Chase Dowling – Iowa hill residents have expressed concerns regarding being turned away from Recology.

6. Reports:

A. Public Safety:

1. **Placer County Sheriff's Department:** Sergeant Griffiths – It's been busy since the last meeting. The Search and rescue team is 100 strong and have been very busy. He spoke regarding a few key incidents. A diabetic injury, a river injury and death, a tree fall injury and death. Please give those new to the area advice on how to be safe in the area if requested.
2. **CHP:** Officer Kelly – Gave general stats for the office as well as specific stats to the Foresthill area. May still have a vehicle to recover off of Mosquito Ridge but 2 have already been recovered. CHP has allowed 4 hours per shift to patrol Foresthill based on staffing availability. If you see RV's being dumped let us know asap so we can take care of them.
3. **CalFIRE:** Division Chief Rufenacht – Went over stats for the unit from January through July. Have been very busy one engine is at the station currently with one other out on a strike team. PCWA is planning a water release tomorrow so they are anticipating more rescues. Control burns are still banned. Be ready and have a go bag. Keep your gas tank full, practice routes out especially at night. PCSO went over basic plans for evacuations depending on the emergency. Be signed up for Placer Alert. Tune into AM 1020. Hi-Low sirens mean get out now.
4. **Foresthill Fire Protection District:** Retired Chief Ridley – Gave the Stats for the month. Station 88 was closed for 20 hours due to a staffing issue. The Fire chief results will be announced August 11th Spoke regarding staffing issues as well as went over a few significant incidents the department was involved in. the department is working on creating a single GIS map instead of the multiple ones that they currently using. There has been lots of air traffic lately due to rescues. The Garage sale will be in 3 locations the old elementary school gym, the Veterans Memorial Hall and the Garage on main street.

A. Certificate of Recognition -

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Chief Michael Ridley for his years of service and dedication to the Foresthill Fire Protection District.

5. **Foresthill Fire Safe Council:** Chase Dowling – Office of Emergency Services last weekend had some fire wise inspection training. As far as I know it went well.
6. **Placer County Fish & Game Commission:** Frances Ragle – the committee voted not to list Joshua Tree as threatened. Great wolf lodge area is giving guided tours if interested. Spoke regarding a few fundraising projects that were voted on to be approved. California fish and wildlife are trucking salmon around



adverse river conditions. The department announced the 2022 upper Truckee watershed Acquisition will receive \$1.5 million in grant funding. There is still a bear problem in Tahoe. She gave Water agency report numbers. Would like to see more participation in the Grant department encourage youth to get more involved in conservation there are lots of grants available. Happy to see the Forest Service here.

B. Committees & Community:

1. Foresthill Union School District: Not in Attendance

2. Parks & Trails Subcommittee: Gail McCafferty – The concrete slabs for vendors in the park are in the works. The Board of Supervisors approved the funding for all of our projects on the list. Since then, we have up to \$41,000.

3. Foresthill Chamber of Commerce / Economic Development Council: Debbie Guidi – Thank you to all the new members who have joined. This is the first time in 2 years with a full Board. Introduced Tamara Peters and Samantha Melts as new members. The Chamber has a current goal of more social media and more commerce. Big thank you for the 4th of July it was much larger than previous years. The next event is The Harvest Festival September 3rd. Still looking for more volunteers and accepting vendor applications. The next Chamber mixer is August 10th at 6:30pm. Any businesses that want posted on their website reach out we want to help promote our local businesses.

4. Foresthill PUD: Hank White – Sugar pine is 96% full, with plenty of water. 2 million gallons a day are treated and delivered. Replacement of the old main line will start as soon as the materials are delivered. Construction will be between Sebastian and Thomas street. Working with the contractor to minimize traffic impact.

C. County Report: Supervisor Gustafson – Spoke about the July 25th and 26th meetings for the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Undersheriff Wayne Woo was appointed as the Placer County Sherriff-Coroner-Marshal to serve the remainder of Sheriff Bell's term. The BOS Terminated the Local emergency due to the River Fire. She further Spoke regarding the upcoming BOS meetings and Foresthill Project Updates. For the Getaway Project a partial second submittal was received June 10th. Once everything is submitted and contract is signed the County will kick-off review of the project. The AT&T Cell Tower has been appealed and is awaiting a September Hearing date. Mountain Shadows retreat are required to have someone on site with events of 50 people please file a complaint if there are issues and let Cindy know to follow up as well. National Night out is August 2nd. Placer County Emergency Fuels Reduction Project to date has treated 33 miles the project should be completed



the end of August. The Chipper Program wait times are approximately 3 weeks out. The BOS is writing a letter to CHP regarding Truck/Speeding issues on I-80. Spoke regarding the Simplicity App. The Wells Fargo Atm is fixed. The Ponderosa Bridge Project Site work is to start August 1st and should be completed by 2023. Thank you, American Legion, for fixing the broken BBQ while the County welder was injured. Responded to Issues/egress concerns along Foresthill road for the project near Monte Verde.

7. Information/Non-Action Item(s):

A. U.S. Forest Service Update

The U.S. Forest Service will present an update on Foresthill activities.

Presenter. Mary Grim – U.S. Forest Service, American River District Ranger.

8. Adjournment: 9:02pm to next tentative meeting on September 5, 2022.