

November 17, 2016

Mckeon Ponderosa Way Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

A Sub Committee of the Foresthill Forum

Absent: Beltrano ,Dyke

Present: Lunsford, Williams, Roche, Burnette, Lord, Mingo , Frink, County Council Gary Carden , Kevin Tabor, Jocelyn Maddux, Air Pollution Dist. Representative, other community members.

- Discussion of The History of Mckeon Ponderosa including abandonment, chip seal and other significant road issues again. Lengthy discussion about issues covered at many previous meetings, see all previous meetings notes to rehash it all again for newcomers.
- County council said lower half of Mckeon Ponderosa is a private road that leads to Public Recreation Areas BLM White Oak Flat, and to Auburn State Recreation Area.
- Air pollution Dist. Representative for Placer County said that although asbestos is present in potholes that are on the road Placer County is not going to fix it because it is a private road. The property owners can fix it if they choose. There are no regulations that say public roads have to be paved that have serpentine asbestos on them.
- Gated community VS Foresthill Community Plan, The County is not responsible for the F.H. Community Plan, if a gate was a concern, it would go to the Board of Supervisors.
- Liability issues discussed at length.

PEDESTRIANS, HORSES, CARS, BIKES: can these users sue the homeowners for an accident on the roadway? County Council said that it was highly unlikely that it would be a successful lawsuit because of California Civil Code 846, which gives immunity for private road owners who allow the public to access/or cross over their land to get to

public recreational land. The signs on the road that say “residents and guests only”
COULD CREATE a problem for the homeowners; HOMEOWNERS SHOULD CONSULT
THEIR ATTORNEYS.

- The issue of Speeding on the road- Property owners on a private road can post whatever speed limit signs they want.
- PRD (Permanent Road Division) Discussed at length:
What is it? How can it benefit Upper Mckeon Ponderosa, Lower Mckeon Ponderosa?
Jeff Burnett said he would investigate it for the Lower Mckeon Ponderosa Way property owners. No property owners for Upper Mckeon Ponderosa Way were interested in taking responsibility for looking into the matter.
- Hazardous intersection: Mckeon Ponderosa Way at Redrock was discussed by a 40 year resident on Mckeon Ponderosa. The road is narrow and vehicles can't make the turn safely, and it is a county maintained road. Kevin Tabor said he would look into it further.
- Duane Frink, Jeff Roche, Jeff Burnette wanted this to be the final meeting for this committee, but the rest of the members voted for one more meeting, Lori Lunsford suggested the 3rd Thursday in January to review the findings and create the groups' report to the Foresthill Forum. End of meeting