

# County of Placer

## RURAL LINCOLN MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### RURAL LINCOLN MAC MINUTES May 18, 2015

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

**George Alves – Chair**  
**Deirdre Lefty**  
**Karla McAnally**  
**Joyce Bachman**  
**Richard Lewis**

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

1. **Called to Order and Introduction of Members at 7:01 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** lead by Jim Mathias
3. **Approval of Minutes:** April 20, 2015 Minutes. Joyce Bachman motioned to approve. Richard Lewis seconded. Minutes Approved 3-0
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Deirdre Lefty motioned to approve May Agenda as prepared. Joyce Bachman seconded motion. May 18, 2015 Agenda approved 5-0
5. **Public Comment:**

Any member of the public may address the Municipal Advisory Council on any matter that is NOT listed on the agenda. Comments will normally be limited to five minutes at the discretion of the Chairperson. "NONE"

6. **Public Safety and School Reports:**

- A. Placer County Fire (530) 277-2317 –Battalion Chief Jim Mathias – [jim.mathias@fire.ca.gov](mailto:jim.mathias@fire.ca.gov) –
  - Burn permits are required. When burning remember to have the burn stack no bigger than 4 foot by 4 foot; have loose dirt on hand; 5 gallon water bucket; shovel and be in attendance of the fire at all times.
  - There has been an increase in the wrong way traffic collisions/deaths (4 in the last 2 months)

- There have been a lot of people burning carelessly (control burns getting away)
  - There have been a lot of vehicle caused fires. Please ensure to keep your property disked along the roadway.
  - Last week there were 3 lightning strike fires
- B. Placer County Sheriff (916) 652-2419 – “No Report”
- C. CA Highway Patrol – (916) 663-3344 – “No Report”
- D. WPUSD “No Report”
- E. Greater Lincoln Fire Safe Council – Warren Bostick (not present)

The chipper program is available at a \$40 cost share.  
The County is also offering a green waste bin for those projects that are too big to burn or utilize the chipper program

**7. MAC Committee & Local Government Reports:**

- A. Traffic & Public Safety – George Alves and Joyce Bachman – No Report
- B. Schools & Parks – Karla McAnally /Joyce Bachman – No Report
- C. Land Use – Karla McAnally, Deirdre Lefty – “No Report”
- D. Health Issues – Deirdre Lefty – No Report
- E. City of Lincoln, Mayor Gabriel Hydrick –Gabriel Hydrick – “No Report”
- F. Placer County – Jennifer Merino/Lyndell Grey
1. The Rural Lincoln MAC will consider the proposed changes in the winery ordinance.
  2. The Board of Supervisors opted for a wait and see approach on the medical marijuana issue.

A majority of the Board expressed interest in considering local regulations after seeing what the state does. After listening to public testimony from almost 20 people, Supervisor Jack Duran said he didn't see a need for the board to take action at today's meeting.

Supervisors Jim Holmes and Jennifer Montgomery agreed with the wait-and-see approach favored by Supervisor Duran. Supervisor Robert M.

Weygandt emphasized he opposes that approach, saying, “We’re going to be dealing with this issue one way or the other. Supervisor Weygandt emphasized he favors looking at potential code enforcement and other rules to regulate conflicts that arise when marijuana is cultivated in urban areas. Afterward, he noted that waiting to deal with the issue prolongs impacts on communities within his district

3. Weekend Event Compliance Program. Concerned citizens and neighbors can call the Code Enforcement hotline and convey their concerns about an event while it’s happening. To reach an officer for weekend event concerns/complaints, please contact the hotline by calling 530-401-8229.

4. mPower Provides Incentives Installing Water Conservation Measures

On May 12, 2015 the Placer County Board of Supervisors approved a waiver of the processing fee for all mPower applications received between May 1 and October 31, 2015 that include the installation of \$1,500 or more in water conservation measures. This processing fee waiver will save residential applicants \$500 and \$1,300 for non-residential applicants.

mPower provides financing to both residential and non-residential property owners for the installation of energy efficiency, water conservation and renewable generation (typically solar) improvements. The improvements can be financed for up to 20 years and are repaid by adding the annual amount due to the property tax bill.

5. Obeying Leash Laws Keeps Dogs, Wildlife and the Public Safe.
6. With a dog leading the way, construction of Placer County’s long-awaited Animal Services Center kicked off today with a ceremonial groundbreaking at the building site in Auburn. The 29,500-square facility represents a shift away from the dated “dog pound” model to a modern setting that provides for care and sheltering that reduces animal stress, improves pet adoption rates and provides veterinary services while meeting industry-wide standards of care. Actual building construction will begin in June and the center is expected to be open in late summer or early autumn of 2016. The center will be built with enough capacity to serve the county’s growth through 2035.

**8. Action Item:**

**Wine Ordinance Proposed Ordinance presented by George Rosasco**

- The Planning Commission has held 5 workshops
- They have presented to the MACs twice
- The Vintner Association wanted the County to review the present wine ordinance and wanted some changes made.
- This is the last MAC before going back to the Planning Commission.

### **The primary issues are:**

- Number of events per year
- Number of persons at each event
- Tasting room regulations
- Noise regulations
- Code compliance
- Number of temporary outdoor events per year
- Private road

### **The Vintners' Association wants the proposed revisions:**

#### **Unlimited routine activities / events**

No permit required

Winery is on less than 10 acres, then up to 75 people allowed

Winery is on 10 acres or more then up to 100 people allowed

#### **Special Activities / Events**

If winery in on less than 10 acres, up to 100 people allowed

If winery is on 10 or more acres, then up to 200 people allowed

Additional special activities may be allowed with an ARP.

### **The public weighed in on these issues as follows:**

- Marilyn Jasper – on behalf of Sierra Club – Their goal is to protect farmland. The Planning Commission needs to make the winery ordinance loop hole proof.
- Kevin Stevenson, President of the Vintner's Association. He would like to see unlimited routine activities. Contrary to the belief of some rural residents, Placer County is not Napa. Napa has 400 wineries compared to the 18 wineries in Placer County. Until the County gets close to 100 wineries, then there would be issues. He sell roughly 3000 cases of wine a year, he employs 1 full time and 5 part-time employees. He has never shown a profit and he works 75 hours a week.
- Bernie Mulcahy – He thinks that limiting events to 12 a year is a good balance.
- Carol Ruben - there are no controls going forward. The vintners' proposals are only going to cause abuse. We need to be looking at critical mass issues. What about the overflow parking lots. What happens to them? They are of no use for anything other than parking.
- Teresa Channing – It is mindful making Ag work. She was curious though why there is not a column on the proposed ordinance for what the

rural Ag residents want or do not want. She was also in agreement that the loopholes need to be tightened.

- Linda Avery – She moved here from Pennsylvania where there is nothing but wide-open farmland. Back there the only AG/Farm traffic was going from field to field. These were farmers working not people all dressed up to go to an event or wine tasting.
- Mike Giles – Contrary to what was mentioned by Kevin Stevenson that there were no complaints filed in the years of 2013 and 2014, he encouraged those to look into that claim as there were lawsuits filed. He stated that “Like at the last MAC meeting, those from the Vintner’s Association were out of line and that those types of attitudes will only spill over into their business and make it dangerous.

**The MACs comments/recommendations:**

**Karla McAnally** – The Special event tours need to be looked into, Wants to know if there has been any discussions of the wineries moving their wine tastings to other areas such as the Feed Grange in Lincoln; Blue Goose in Loomis or up in Auburn. Does a wine club membership / wine club tasting – does this constitute an event? **NO**

**Joyce Bachman** – It has been mentioned that with the wineries going in, the value of properties is going up. Last year a local winery was listed for 1.4 million and sold for only \$860,00-

**Richard Lewis** –Recused himself from his portion of the meeting.

**Deirdre Lefty** – She appreciates the input and comments made by all. She respects the Vintner’s Association and believes that diversification is the key. Her concern is that the restrictions may be too limited; there has to be a balance. TOE could be increase if permits are issued. The wineries should be allowed to more than 6 outdoor events.

George Alves – Bringing the proposed revision sides’ together make it very balanced.

Karla move to recommend the Planning Commission’s Wine Ordinance revisions as written and is in agreement with the letter from the AG Commission with the exception of striking items #1 and #3 from their letter. Joyce seconded the motion. It was voted as follows:

Karla McAnally - Yes  
Joyce Bachman – yes  
Deirdre Lefty – Nay  
George Alves - Aye

Outcome was 3 to 1

9. **Informational / - Non - Action Item: NONE**
10. **Correspondence: "None"**
11. **Future Agenda Items: "None mentioned"**
11. **Announcements & Information:**
12. **Next Regular Meeting: June 15, 2015**
13. **Adjournment: 9:00 PM**