

County of Placer

**WEIMAR/APPLEGATE/COLFAX  
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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**Members Present:**

Dave Johnson, Vice Chair  
John Gagnon  
Hank Lee  
Lynn Tausch

**County Staff Present**

Jennifer Montgomery, District 5 Supervisor  
Shari Teal, Contract WAC MAC Secretary

**Members Absent:**

Randi Swisley  
Alan Shuttleworth  
Scott Perrenod

**APPROVED MINUTES**

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**Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

Colfax City Hall  
33 South Main Street  
Colfax, CA 95713

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Vice Chair Johnson - 6:00 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MAC MEMBERS**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
MOTION: GAGNON/LEE/UNANIMOUS
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - February 17, 2016

MOTION: GAGNON/LEE/UNANIMOUS

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Any member of the public may address the MAC on any matter NOT listed on the agenda. Comments will normally be limited to THREE MINUTES at the discretion of the Chairman.

Scott Smith asked about the status of the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Supervisor Montgomery provided an update, indicating that the Board of Supervisors would be taking action on May 1, 2016.

Stuart Feldman asked that Placer County consider taking a stand on the detrimental effects of Scotch Broom. He requested this information be distributed to county residents.

Jordan Perry recommended that unused wood chips through central distribution centers be made available for public use. Supervisor Montgomery indicated that she would contact Union Pacific and PG and E for more information.

Michael Garibedian commented that fire prevention and insurance for property owners is of a major concern. Fire protection agencies are currently meeting to discuss this matter.

**7. REPORTS:**

**A. Placer County Sheriff's Office** – None

**B. CAL FIRE-** None

**C. California Highway Patrol** – None

**D. Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council** – None

**E. Placer Hills Fire Protection District** – Pat Nelson, Captain, reported that there were 82 service calls for the month. District members participated in the procession for Officer Taylor. Chief Gow is on medical leave. A tree mortality task force has been formed by Placer County and the State of the Fire District will be presented at the next WAC MAC meeting.

**F. Ad Hoc Committee on Rural Fire Insurance** – Hank Lee attended a State Insurance Commission hearing held to discuss community concern over increases and eligibilities to homeowners' fire insurances. He, along with others, provided testimonies at this meeting. There were only two citizens, which included him from Placer County attending. More citizen participation is encouraged. Councilmember Lee reported that there was successful dialogue and interest in this issue. He will report back on any further updates.

## 8. COMMUNITY REPORTS

**A. City of Colfax** – None

**B. Colfax Cemetery** - None

## 9. COUNTY UPDATE – Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5.

WAC MAC member Randi Swisley has submitted her resignation as a WAC MAC member. She no longer owns property within the WAC MAC boundaries.

Supervisor Montgomery passed around a condolence card to the WAC MAC for them to sign. It is to go to Officer Taylor's family.

Free Tax Preparation for income less than \$54,000 deadline is April 8, 2016. Contact Placer Human Services Office, Rocklin on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Business Reliance Program – Information on disaster preparedness will be provided by Valley Vision via inserts in business licenses renewals.

A Needs Assessments Survey for Older Adults is currently available.

Youth Impact Award applications are being accepted until April 4. Each category winner will receive a \$100 scholarship. The categories are leadership, community service, overcoming adversity, applied talents and knowledge.

Meat Processing Facility in Western Placer County – USDA has shown interest and such a facility proposal. They have expressed support in participating with the county.

Applegate Warehouse Application – 77 Apple Court, Applegate. Proposal will be agendaized for a future WAC MAC meeting.

## 10. INFORMATION ITEM - None

## 11. ACTION ITEM

**A. NID Centennial Reservoir & Power Supply Project:** Nevada Irrigation District (NID) is proposing to implement the Centennial Reservoir Project to provide

drought and climate change-mitigation, meet projected future water supply needs, and improve water supply reliability for NID's customers. The proposed project involves the construction of a new 110,000 acre-foot reservoir, on the Bear River between the existing Rollins and Combie reservoirs which would extend upriver from just above the existing Combie Reservoir for slightly over six miles to a point west of the Town of Colfax, approximately two miles downstream of the existing Rollins Dam. Placer County has no permitting authority for this project, but NID is anticipating preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will identify potential impacts and propose clear mitigation measures.

Gerry Haas, Planning Services and Rem Scherzinger, GM, NID, presented a status update for the current Notice of Preparation (NOP) in anticipation of the EIR and report on next steps in the EIR process. Placer County is seeking input for a comment letter for the NOP.

Following their presentation, various comments/questions were made from the WAC MAC and public in attendance. They included, but were not limited to:

- Dog Bar Bridge alternatives
- Safety issues and emergency exits
- Importance of public input and participation
- Lack of any public meetings on this project in Placer County
- Public publication of new proposed roads
- Concern of water being sold to Southern California
- Options/alternatives to this project
- Social and economic impacts on Colfax
- Preservation of the Bear River
- Impact on displaced homeowners
- Where will the new Bear River Campground be located?
- Eminent Domain process
- County needs to be more a part of this project planning process
- Preservation of the environment and cultural resources
- Loss of recreational opportunities for Colfax and nearby communities

The WAC MAC began a discussion on Placer County's request for MAC comments through a letter to the Board of Supervisors. Possible comments for this letter were discussed. Councilmember Tausch had to leave the meeting prior to conclusion of this discussion.

There was no longer a quorum.

In order to continue this discussion it was suggested to set a future date prior to the EIR comment deadline. A suitable meeting date prior to the EIR deadline was not identified.

**12. Council Action to be Taken:**

- A. Selection of 2016 Chair and Vice Chair:** - No action taken due to a lack of quorum

**13. FUTURE BUSINESS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting April 20, 2016

**14. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Shari Teal, Contract WAC MAC Secretary

Meeting Adjournment – 8:40 p.m.  
City Hall vacated and secured – 9:00 p.m.

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