



MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS;

Chairman Fowler called the 122nd Lincoln Rural MAC meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Fowler, Karla McAnally, Mike Whitney, George Alves, Deirdre Lefty

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Pereira, Lois Clausen

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Don Chandler.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: *To approve Minutes for March 20, 2006:*
Lefty/McAnally/UNANIMOUS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve Agenda for April 17, 2006:*
Lefty/McAnally/UNANIMOUS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY and COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Fire Department:

Dan Rabe reported a slow month with the exception of local accidents. He noted local grasses were high due to all the recent rain and suggested citizens begin clearing defensible space around residences. Burn permits are required beginning 5/1/06. Placer Consolidated Fire is now part of Placer County Fire, affording better coverage for the area.

B. Placer County Sheriff:

Lynn Harrison distributed cellular emergency telephone number cards for local law enforcement agencies. She reported a busy month with many thefts from mailboxes, including some boxes on Fruitvale and Mt. Pleasant Roads. A possible suspect vehicle is described as a silver or light colored sedan. Thefts were reported from properties on McCourtney, Garden Bar and Moore Roads. She reminded citizens to dispose of dead animals properly, as a recent rancher was fined \$500 for burning a sheep carcass. The Sheriff's Department boat will be patrolling Camp Far West Lake this summer.

C. California Highway Patrol:

Mark Williams reported daylight headlight zone signs have been installed on Highway 65 as part of the "Stay Alive on 65" campaign, with violators given warnings until enforcement begins 5/11. Signs will be installed soon lowering the speed limit from 65 mph to 55 mph and making the highway a no passing zone from the Lincoln city limits to Wheatland. Highway 65 will be closed from 9:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m. from Ferrari Ranch Road to Sterling Parkway for construction. Calls last month included three suicide attempts (one successful), fatal accidents involving young drivers on Virginiatown Road and on Auburn-Folsom Road between Newcastle and Granite Bay. An abandoned truck was abated near Amuroso Road.

D. Western Placer Unified School District:

No report.

7. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:

A. Major Projects Update, Western Placer County

Paul Thompson, Placer County Planning Department, provided updates on several major projects in Western Placer County:

Placer Vineyards Specific Plan - Mixed-use master planned community with residential, employment, commercial, open space, recreational and public/quasi-public land uses. The project consists of 5,230 acres and 14,132 dwelling units for an estimated 33,000 residents at build-out. The Draft EIR is being circulated, with public review period from 4/5-5/19. A Planning Commission public hearing will be held 5/11 at 10:45 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors chambers in Auburn. The Board of Supervisors could eventually approve either project. More information can be obtained at the website: www.placer.ca.gov/planning.

Regional University Specific Plan - The project consists of 1,136 acres and an estimated 4,300 units with a proposal to donate 600 acres for a private four-year regional university, with the remaining 500+ acres to also contain mixed uses. Several chapters of the DEIR have been received and public comments are expected to be taken in 5/06. The completed DEIR is expected to be circulated mid-summer with hearings in the fall. The project proposes to initially use ground water and transition later into PCWA-metered water.

Placer Ranch Specific Plan - The project consists of 2,200 acres, with 6,700 dwelling units and a California State campus for 15,000-25,000 students. The Notice of Preparation has been circulated. The project is proposed to be about 4,300 ft. from the landfill. The EIR is expected in the summer, for a 45 day public review.

Patterson Sand & Gravel Expansion - Proposal to expand the mining operation into adjoining land. Currently awaiting Final EIR. There are several issues, including new ownership (Cemex, Inc.), a new project manager, and the need to revegetate some land due to mining operations.

California Motocross Park – Proposal for six-seven open air racetracks with large stadium, recreation facilities and commercial and retail tenants on 160 acres. The county is preparing the initial study. The MAC will be notified when the NOP is expected to be circulated.

United Auburn Indian Community Rancheria – Project for 110 lots on 1,100 acres. Environmental documents are in process. For information or to give comments, citizens should contact the tribe directly.

Sierra Vista Specific Plan – Project for 11,000 units in Roseville's sphere of interest.

Creek View Specific Plan – Project for 3,100 units in Roseville's sphere of interest.

Responding to Mr. Alves' question, Mr. Thompson pointed out placement of the proposed Placer Parkway on the project map which he displayed.

In response to Mr. Bostick's comment, Mr. Thompson noted Placer County still requires projects be at least one mile from a landfill, although Placer Ranch is currently proposed about 4,300 feet from the landfill.

In response to Mr. Whitney's question regarding sewage generated from the approximate 46,000+ units in the proposed projects, Mr. Thompson noted Sacramento Sanitation, Dry Creek Sanitation and other facilities are expected to handle treatment of the wastewater generated.

B. City of Lincoln General Plan Update

Rod Campbell, City of Lincoln Community Development Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the City's General Plan Update. The fourteen member steering committee held thirteen workshops from 2/02 to 8/05, with a consultant hired to assist in planning and to assure the plan would help the city attain fiscal stability. It was deemed necessary to attempt to capture economic opportunities and recapture resident dollars being spent in surrounding cities. The general plan evolved from a 25-year to a 50-year general plan to accommodate growth in Western Placer County, roughly following SACOG's blueprint for the region. At build-out, the city would be 50 square miles with approximately 130,000 residents. The establishment of the Placer Legacy program supported the need to create and conserve permanent open space and protect endangered species within the plan. The new general plan adds approximately twenty one square miles to the city's sphere of influence. The plan also adopts the "village concept", with nine prospective villages containing mixed use areas and mixed land uses and densities, with approximately 35% of the area as open space, and including community, regional commercial and employment-generating land uses. Regarding water and sewer facilities, PCWA would supply an estimated 34,000 acre feet, with NID expected to provide an additional 12,000+ acre feet of treated water, and approximately 2,000 acre feet reclaimed water obtained from the wastewater treatment plant. The current wastewater treatment plant site facility can be enlarged, as 600 additional acres were purchased within the last few years. A regional plant is in the planning stages as well. When the City Council approves the general plan update, the city will then be required to go through the LAFCo process regarding the sphere of influence.

Mr. Bostick stated he was concerned he and other ranchers might eventually become unable to continue raising cattle and sheep under the new general plan. He had written to the city during the comment period regarding the Placer County Right to Farm Ordinance, with no response. Mr. Campbell noted these issues are covered in the general plan update and the EIR is yet to be published and circulated.

C. Gladding Road Bridge Replacement Project

Sherri Berexa, Placer County Department of Public Works, provided information on the replacement of the Gladding Road Bridge over Coon Creek, scheduled for construction from 5/06 to 10/06. The road will be closed between Fleming and Riosa Roads, with detours provided. Responding to Mr. Whitney's questions, Ms. Berexa noted the deck of the bridge will be pre-cast and the finished bridge will have no weight limit imposed. Repair or replacement of the culverts and bridge just south of the Gladding Road Bridge will be considered in the near future. Mr. Bostick questioned delay of the Nicolaus Road Bridge. Kevin Ordway, Placer County Public Works, noted heavy rains had delayed the project, which is now expected to start 4/24. Regarding a requested 4-way stop for the proposed detour on that project, Mr. Ordway noted the traffic engineering section did not feel that was the best solution. They plan to use flashing signs and staggered stanchions to alert citizens at that intersection. He suggested citizens contact Rick Dondro, Placer County Director of Public Works, with their concerns.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

None.

9. MAC COMMITTEE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

A. Traffic & Public Safety:

No report.

B. Schools & Parks:

No report.

C. Land Use:

Ms. Pereira offered the following updates:

Bickford Ranch – No change since last month.

Teichert Aggregate Associates – No change since last month.

Lincoln 270 Project (“The Finger”) – Project submitted to LAFCo. A tax-sharing agreement still required between the city and the county.

D. Health Issues:

No report.

E. City of Lincoln:

Ms. Pereira noted Council Member Nakata was unable to attend this evening’s meeting.

F. County of Placer:

Ms. Pereira gave the following updates:

Sunset/Athens Connector Road – No change.

Sunset/Highway 65 Interchange – No change.

Garden Bar Signage – “To Garden Bar Road” signs will be installed by 4/28.

Highway 65 at Sunset – County public works in contact with CalTrans regarding turning issue northbound on Sunset.

Regarding the Highway 65 safety campaign, Ms. Pereira reported Supervisor Weygandt, representatives from both Sheridan and Rural Lincoln MACs, the CHP and CalTrans held a media event on 4/11. Several of the “daylight headlight zone” signs were unveiled along Highway 65, with brochures distributed.

On 4/19, groundbreaking will be held for the new WWTP at Highway 193 and Oak Tree Lane at 10:00 a.m.

Regarding litter surrounding the landfill, county public works will follow up beyond one mile of the landfill.

Ms Pereira distributed an update from Charlie Dill, Placer Mosquito Abatement District, regarding West Nile Virus. She also distributed copies of SACOG’s 500-year flood plain map.

An “Identity Theft” workshop will be held 4/18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Elementary School.

Creek Week will be held from 4/22-4/29.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION:

Mr. Whitney thanked citizens for a successful Easter Egg Hunt on 4/15. Fire Department pancake breakfasts will be held from 7:00-11:00 a.m. on 5/6 at the Sheridan Station and on 5/20 at Station 74.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

May 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.