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**PLUMAS COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of July 21, 2011

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**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**Mark Dotta**, *Commissioner* (District 1)

**Larry Williams**, *Commissioner* (District 4)

**Betsy Schramel**, *Chair* (District 2)

**John Olofson**, *Vice Chair* (District 5)

**Richard Rydell**, *Commissioner* (District 3)



**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Plumas County Planning Commission (*the Commission*) convenes in a meeting on July 21, 2011, at 10:01 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA; Chair Betsy Schramel presiding.

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Schramel, Olofson, Dotta, Williams, & Rydell

**Commissioners Absent:** None

County Supervisors, County Staff, and General Plan Update Consultants Attending:

Terry Swofford, Supervisor  
Randy Wilson, Planning Director  
Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner  
Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA**

Schramel calls for a motion to approve the agenda for July 21, 2011. The motion is made by Dotta, Olofson seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Schramel calls for a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2011. The Motion is made by Olofson, Dotta seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

**V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS – No comments are made**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

George Terhune presents his letter dated July 21, 2011, to the Planning Commission and adds that his remarks come from a private citizen's standpoint and not from his capacity as Chair of the Airport Land Use Commission. Terhune reads from his letter two components and various sub-points he is suggesting the County considers when incorporating military policy language in the General Plan. Following Terhune's comments about the need to have a small standing committee for consulting and coordinating with the Federal Government, Wilson informs Terhune that the Plumas County Coordinating Council is a group that is already in place and is striving for better coordination among Federal, State, and County entities. Wilson adds that Terhune can access information about the Coordinating Council through Brian Morris who serves as the Chair of that committee. Terhune responds favorably to the suggestion that he attends Coordinating Council meetings in the future.

**VII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS**

**A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT**

**1. STATUS ON CONSULTANT PRODUCTS**

Wilson states that Coleen Shade, Consultant with Design Workshop, plans to meet with Ray Weiss regarding the environmental document. Wilson adds that he and Herrin will have a meeting with Shade in the coming week.

Wilson reports that Herrin continues to work on her review and re-writing of the Administrative Draft of the General Plan. Wilson comments that the process has been slowed due to budget issues and a problematic mining matter. Herrin provides a brief summary of where she is in the review and re-writing process. Dotta asks where things stand in relation to the target date. Wilson says he will be able to answer that question better after the meeting with Shade. Dotta expresses his concern that the Administrative Draft should not require so much re-writing. Wilson and Herrin mention that the consultant added material they had not seen previously and it requires careful scrutiny and some re-writing. Herrin adds that it appears the draft had not been proofread adequately and she must make corrections in that regard. Rydell expresses his frustration over these outcomes and wants to know why an insufficient product is being tolerated. A discussion follows where more frustrations are aired by the Commissioners and more clarification is provided by Planning Staff. A point is made by Olofson that the Board of Supervisors should also be made aware of the Planning Commission's concerns about the consultant's performance.

**B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY**

Terri Simon-Jackson, PNF-Planning Staff Officer, mentions that she has had favorable dealings with Design Workshop; and that from her viewpoint, the County is fortunate to have their services.

**C. DRAFT GENERAL PLAN GOALS & POLICIES, COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT GOALS & POLICIES, AND PLANNING AREA MAPS**

**1. CONTINUED REVIEW OF THE REVISED PLANNING AREA MAPS – BECKY HERRIN, SENIOR PLANNER**

Commissioners and other attendees surround the table where the maps are displayed and Herrin explains the changes that have been suggested by the various Working Groups. Other maps displayed and explained by Herrin focus on State, Federal, and local responsibility areas for emergency services.

**VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Wilson begins his report with a short presentation on SMARA, *Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (handout provided)*. Wilson covers the following points:

- Economic importance of mining;
- State emphasis is on reclamation;
- Annual reporting, inspections, fees;
- Summary of local mining operations.

**1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Wilson reports that the Board has approved the addition of language in the General Plan dealing with the military.

Wilson provides a summary of Board discussions regarding the budget.

**2. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES**

**a.) Zoning Administrator**

The Ramelli subdivision project has been approved by the Zoning Administrator.

**b.) Current Planning – No report**

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Items suggested at this meeting:**

- *Hydropower Relicensing and Climate Change.*

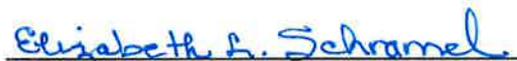
**Items suggested at previous meetings:**

- *Open Range designations*
- *A presentation by the Fire Safe Council*
- *Jay Newman, CalFire Captain - Update on CalFire regulations.*
- *Administrative draft of the General Plan Goals & Policies (target date, July 7, 2011)*
- *Presentation by John Benoit, Executive Officer of LAFCo*
- *Updates on maps*

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Wilson announces that he will be on vacation when the next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled (August 4, 2011). Wilson adds that he and Herrin will try to have their review of the Administrative Draft of the General Plan completed by the second regularly scheduled meeting (August 18, 2011). Following discussion, Olofson makes a motion to cancel the August 4, 2011, meeting. The motion is seconded by Dotta and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

There being no further business, Schramel calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 21, 2011. The motion is made by Olofson, Williams seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded. The meeting adjourns at 12:40 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is set for August 18, 2011, 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.



Betsy Schramel, Chair  
Plumas County Planning Commission



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary  
Plumas County Planning Department