
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of September 15, 2011

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 September 15, 2011, at 10:02 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, Williams, Dotta, & Rydell (*Rydell attends telephonically at 7310 Winding Oaks Drive, Colorado Springs, CO, a public place where other members of the public can participate in the meeting*)

Commissioners Absent: None



Also in attendance (Supervisors, Consultants, County Staff):

Terry Swofford, *Plumas County Supervisor*

Coleen Shade, *Consultant*

Brian Morris, *Gen. Manager - Flood Control & Water Conservation District, and
Chair - Coordinating Council*

Jerry Sipe, *Director - Director - Environmental Health*

David Keller, *Director - Community Development*

Randy Wilson, *Director - Planning*

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A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA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 September 15, 2011. The motion is made by Williams, 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 September 1, 2011. The Motion is made by Olofson, Williams seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS – *No Comments*

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY – *No Comments*

VII. PRESENTATION: CAL FIRE DIVISION CHIEF, JOE WATERMAN - DISCUSS LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION

Joe Waterman, Division Chief – Cal Fire, introduces himself and also introduces Donna McCain, Administrative Division Chief - Cal Fire, and Pete Duncan, Deputy Fire Chief - Plumas National Forest. Waterman begins a Power Point Presentation, titled: *Agreements and Accountability*, explaining the differences in State Responsibility Areas (SRAs), Federal Responsibility Areas (FRAs), Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) and Direct Responsibility Areas (DRAs). Waterman provides maps that help show the various responsibility areas. Waterman emphasizes that the Forest Service is the primary agency in Plumas County that deals with wildland fires; however, Cal Fire and local fire agencies will assist with wildland fires as well as structure fires. Duncan provides additional information regarding the responsibilities assumed by the Forest Service. Jerry Hurley, representing the Fire Safe Council, explains that responsibility areas are reviewed every five years, and any changes in responsibility may be made at that time. Wilson states that the proposed General Plan Safety element, which will include fire protection policy language, will be submitted to the Department of Forestry for certification.

BREAK – 11:04 a.m.

RECONVENE – 11:15 a.m.

VIII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT

Coleen Shade, Consultant, explains that the task today is to proceed element by element and identify the *red flag* items to discuss. Shade adds that *editorial* items will be dealt with later.

B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY

Cedric Twight, representing Sierra Pacific Industries, states he does not have all his comments ready to present today. Shade responds that his comments can be submitted any time during the review process. Twight expresses frustration that the land use maps have not been made available until now, and that it would have been better if they had been presented at the same time as the Draft. Wilson responds that the maps being presented now are not significantly different than the ones previously made available.

Todd Andersen, attendee, comments that he wants to be kept apprised of anything in the General Plan Update process that would effect his Crescent Mills property,

particularly where water rights are concerned. Schramel clarifies to Andersen that the General Plan does not address individual property matters per se.

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

1. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT GENERAL PLAN – DATED AUGUST, 2011

Shade begins the review and comment period. The following topics are covered before the Lunch Recess:

Introduction
Land Use – Element 1

Note: *See attached summary spreadsheet*

LUNCH RECESS – 12:50 p.m.

RECONVENE – 2:00 p.m.

The following topics are covered after the Lunch Recess:

Noise – Element 3
Circulation – Element 4
Economics – Element 5

Note: *See attached summary spreadsheet*

2. CONTINUED REVIEW OF THE REVISED PLANNING AREA MAPS – BECKY HERRIN, SENIOR PLANNER - *Maps are displayed for viewing*

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT – *No Report*

2. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES

a.) Zoning Administrator – *No Report*

b.) Current Planning – *No report*

X. CORRESPONDENCE - *None*

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items suggested at this meeting: *No new items were suggested*

Items suggested at previous meetings:

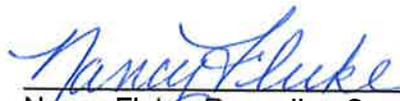
- *Hydropower Relicensing and Climate Change.*

- *A presentation by the Fire Safe Council*
- *Presentation by John Benoit, Executive Officer of LAFCo (October)*
- *Continued Updates on maps*

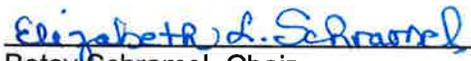
XII. ADJOURNMENT

The suggestion is made that a **Special** Planning Commission Meeting is held on September 22, 2011, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room. Schramel calls for a motion to approve. The motion is made by Olofson, Williams seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

There being no further business, Schramel calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 15, 2011. The motion is made by Olofson, Dotta seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded. The meeting adjourns at 4:28 p.m. The next **Regular** Planning Commission Meeting is set for October 6, 2011, 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary
Plumas County Planning Department



Betsy Schramel, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission

**COMMENTS ON THE AUGUST, 2011, DRAFT GENERAL PLAN
MADE AT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Location in the Document	Comment Made By	Comment
Introduction Page 13 Paragraph 2	Commissioner Dotta	Clarify the term "planning area."
Introduction Page 8 Process	Cedric Twight (Sierra Pacific Industries)	In regards to the 2 year completion time, it is more important to take time to get it right.
Introduction Page 9 Element 1	Cedric Twight (Sierra Pacific Industries)	The land use maps should be available at the same time that the draft document is being reviewed and commented on.
Introduction Page 13 Paragraph 2	Commissioner Dotta	Clarify the term <i>planning area</i> .
Land Use Page 22 Second row - left side.	Cedric Twight (Sierra Pacific Industries)	Change word <i>required</i> to <i>that is required</i> .
Land Use Page 22 Third row - left side.	Cedric Twight (Sierra Pacific Industries)	Use the wording <i>timber resource lands</i> rather than <i>timberland reserve</i> .
Land Use Page 22	Jerry Hurley (Fire Safe Council)	Put development closer to fire protection.
Land Use Page 24 Community	Commissioner Dotta	Delleker should be added as a community.
Land Use Page 25 Rural Place	Not sure	Blairsdon is not a rural place.
Land Use Page 27 Definition Agriculture Preserve	Commissioner Dotta	Questioning wording. (<i>will be defined clearer</i>)
Land Use Page 28 Infill	Commissioner Olofson	Change word <i>sewer</i> to <i>sewage disposal</i> .
Land Use Page 29	Commissioner Dotta	Clarify the term "market transaction" or provide different wording.

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Land Use Page 30 Plans and Planning	Commissioner Dotta	Should mention <i>Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District</i> .
Land Use Page 31 LU 1.1.2	Commissioner Olofson	TDRs should be mentioned.
Land Use Pages 32 & 33 LU 1.1.5	Commissioner Williams	Add a bullet for Health and Safety.
Land Use Page 33 Imp. Measure (top of pg.)	Commissioner Olofson	Questioning partnership in developing community plan. (<i>Will be reviewed and reworded.</i>)
Land Use Page 33 LU 1.2.4	Commissioner Olofson	Wording shall vs. may?
Land Use Page 34 LU 1.2.1	Noise Page 49 Table 3.1	Remove word <i>types</i> from LU 1.2.1 (replace with word <i>designations</i>).
Land Use Page 36 LU 1.4.1	George Terhune	Who would represent the County in coordination efforts? What does <i>coordinate</i> mean.
Land Use Page 36 LU 1.2.5	Commissioner Dotta	Remove word <i>minor</i> .
Land Use Page 36 LU 1.4.1	Commissioner Olofson	Questioning wording in the last two sentences of Implementation Measure 6 (<i>criteria will be reviewed</i>).
Land Use Page 36 LU 1.5.1 Imp. Meas. 7	Commissioner Olofson	Mention fire houses, schools, etc.
Land Use Page 37 & 38	Jerry Sipe Environmental Health	Need to narrow down what services. Reconsider wording <i>Rural Places</i> .
Land Use Page 41 LU 1.10	George Terhune	Replace word <i>accommodate</i> with <i>encourage</i> .
Noise Page 49 Table 3.1	Commissioner Schramel	Add Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) under railroads.

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Noise Page 53 Table 3.2	Commissioner Williams	Add roadway noise on Bucks Lk. Road.
Noise Page 58	Commissioner Williams	Questioning use of word <i>logarithms</i> .
General Comment	Cedric Twight (Sierra Pacific Industries)	Bold or italicise words that are defined in the definitions section.
Noise Page 59 Third Paragraph - Last Sentence	Commissioner Williams	Change <i>building code</i> to <i>California Building Standards Code</i> .
Circulation Page 76	Commissioner Olofson	Wording: <i>use</i> or <i>usage</i> ?
Circulation Page 77 RTP	Commissioner Dotta	Add a bullet for Forest Service Travel Management Plan
Circulation Page 78 CIR 4.1.4	Commissioner Olofson	Questions maintenance. (<i>RKH-Improved Road Maintenance Agreement</i>)
Circulation Page 81 CIR 4.2.1	Jerry Sipe Environmental Health	Recommends stronger language in reference to cul de sacs preferred over T-turnarounds.
Circulation Page 83 CIR 4.3.4	Commissioner Olofson	Questions four passengers in a mini-car. (<i>Discussion: encourage shuttles</i>)
Circulation Page 86 CIR 4.6.4	Commissioner Williams	Questions wording <i>Climate Action Plan</i> . (<i>RKH - wording that refers to intent rather than particular name</i>)
Economics Page 91 Forest Industry	Commissioner Olofson	Why not include the 40s and 50s?
Economics Page 99 ECON 5.1.2	Coleen Shade Consultant	Plumas County Coordinating Council to be mentioned.
Economics Page 99 ECON 5.1.2	Jack Bridge	Needs mention of <i>Local Business</i> .

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Economics Page 102 ECON 5.1.9	Cedric Twight (Sierra Pacific Industries)	Likes the policy, but there needs to be an implementation measure. <i>(RKH - See Implementation Measure on pg. 121)</i>
Economics Page 104 ECON 5.2.3	Cedric Twight (Sierra Pacific Industries)	Include such things as <i>Destination Tourism, Destination Education Facilities, etc.</i> , under Implementation Measure 8.b.
Economics Page 109 ECON 5.6.1 & 5.6.2	Commissioner Olofson	Mention TDRs in Implementation Measures 16 & 17.
Economics Page 110 ECON 5.6.6	Commissioner Williams	Add an Implementation Measure to this item?
Economics Page 114 ECON 5.9.6	Commissioner Dotta	Specific dates? <i>(Discussion - need for further consideration on this item)</i>
Economics Page 115 ECON 5.9.9	Commissioner Olofson	Suggests high-speed taken to the end of the block.
Economics Page 116 ECON 5.11.3	Commissioner Olofson	Asks if an Implementation Measure is needed for this item.
Economics Page 117 & 118 ECON 5.12.5	Commissioner Olofson	Include Special Districts.
Throughout the document.	Various Participants	Soften wording, where applicable, by using the words <i>shall and strive</i> .