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**PLUMAS COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

REVISED Minutes of the Meeting of September 22, 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 Special meeting on September 22, 2011, at 9:00 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*

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**A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA**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 22, 2011. The motion is made by Williams, Dotta seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *No minutes are available for approval***

**V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS**

Schramel asks Wilson whether the County would be able to provide funds to assist the Commissioners who would want to attend the *California County Planning Commissioners Association State Conference*. Wilson responds that he does not believe any money is available for that purpose, but he will check. Olofson states he is planning to attend the conference and will have room in his vehicle to take one other commissioner.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY – *No Comments***

**VII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS**

**A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT**

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

**B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY – *The majority of comments from the Public took place during Item VII, C, 1 - Review of the Draft General Plan – Dated August, 2011.***

Todd Andersen, resident of Indian Valley, introduces himself and explains that he owns property at Crescent Mills and he has water rights associated with his property. Anderson explains that he has been attending Board of Supervisors (BOS) meetings for some time and has expressed his desire to use the water on his property for a water bottling plant and/or emergency water supply for catastrophic wildfires. Andersen states he has also made it clear to the BOS that he wants to be notified of any discussions regarding water in Plumas County, particularly discussions that would affect his water rights. Andersen also states that he has had discussions with Brian Morris, *General Manager-Flood Control and Water Conservation District*, and Randy Wilson, *Planning Director*, along the same vein as the BOS, and they have not informed him of the Planning Commission and the General Plan update either. Andersen expresses his consternation that he has just now learned about the Planning Commission and the General Plan update; and he feels he should have been provided this information by the BOS, Morris, and Wilson since water issues would more than likely constitute a big part of a general plan for Plumas County. Schramel points out to Anderson that the Planning Commission and the activity to update the General Plan have been reported in the newspaper on numerous occasions over the course of many years. Schramel adds that the agendas and minutes for Planning Commission are listed on the County Website; and also upon request, the Planning Department is happy to add interested parties to their distribution list.

**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:

**Public Health & Safety – Element 6  
Conservation & Open Space – Element 7**

**Note:** See attached summary spreadsheet

**LUNCH RECESS** – 1:00 p.m.

**RECONVENE** – 2:01 p.m.

The following topics are covered after the Lunch Recess:

**Agriculture & Forestry – Element 8  
Water Resources – Element 9**

**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**

Wilson reports that the Board of Supervisors has approved the budget.

**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**

Discussion takes place regarding the possible cancellation of the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on October 6, 2011. Wilson states he would like to give the matter more consideration; and then, in conjunction with the Chair, decide whether or not to cancel the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There being no further business, Schramel calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 22, 2011. The motion is made by Olofson, Dotta seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded. The meeting adjourns at 4:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is set for October 6, 2011, 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room. However, if the October 6, 2011, meeting is cancelled, the next regular meeting would be October 20, 2011, 10:00 a.m. in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.



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Betsy Schramel, Chair  
Plumas County Planning Commission



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