
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of October 20, 2011

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mark Dotta, *Commissioner* (District 1)

Betsy Schramel, *Chair* (District 2)

Richard Rydell, *Commissioner* (District 3)

Larry Williams, *Commissioner* (District 4)

John Olofson, *Vice Chair* (District 5)



I. CALL TO ORDER

The Plumas County Planning Commission (*the Commission*) convenes in a meeting on October 20, 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, 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):

Lori Simpson, *Plumas County Supervisor*

Coleen Shade - *Consultant*

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A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

Wilson explains that he revised the language for agenda *Item VII – C – 3* after the original agenda was distributed and posted.

Schramel calls for a motion to approve the agenda for October 20, 2011, to include the change noted above. The motion is made by Williams, Dotta 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 15, 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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Jay Neuman, Captain – Fire Prevention, reports that *CAL FIRE* will have comments pertaining to the draft General Plan in the near future.

Cedric Twight, representing *Sierra Pacific Industries*, asks when the comments on the draft General Plan will be available to the public. Shade provides the following anticipated sequence of events pertaining to the General Plan update process:

- Today - Review and revise the Draft General Plan dated October 14, 2011, followed by the Planning Commission (*the Commission*) vote on the resolution PC 11-002;
- The Board of Supervisors (*the Board*) will review and possibly suggest changes to the revised October 14, 2011, Draft General Plan. The Board will then decide whether they will direct the General Plan Update Consulting Team to use that document, with their revisions (if applicable), as the project description for the General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report;
- A Notice of Preparation will be made available to the public for 30 days.
- There will be a joint meeting of the Board and the Commission regarding CEQA scoping and alternative analysis (during the 30 day NOP period).
- EIR review (following the 30 day NOP period);
- Editorial changes made;
- Board certification.

VII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT – Covered in Item VI and Item VII B & C

B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY – Some Comments Included in Item VII – C – 1

Todd Andersen, resident/property owner in Crescent Mills, expresses his concerns that the Board of Supervisors has not received all the documentation pertinent to the General Plan Update, and from his perspective the General Plan Update has not been an open process. Andersen elaborates that he was a regular attendee at Board of Supervisors meetings and that he regularly expressed concerns to the Board concerning his property and water rights; however, the Board never suggested that he bring his grievances to the Planning Commission. Schramel informs Andersen that Planning Commission meeting notices are posted at the courthouse and the Planning Department building. Schramel continues that numerous times in the last several years, meetings dealing with the General Plan Update process have been notice in the local newspapers and on the County Website. Schramel adds that Planning Commission agendas are routinely sent out to long list of agencies and individuals. Schramel emphasizes that all Planning Commission meetings have been open to the public. Andersen states that he also has spoken to Randy Wilson, Planning Director, and Brian Morris, Flood Control & Water Management District Manager, about his water rights and neither of them mentioned the General Plan Update process.

Twight states although he realizes keeping the update process moving forward is important, he would hate to see problems arise during the EIR process that would cost time and money. Twight suggests making the policies clear right now. Shade states it is important right now to put thought into alternatives, and is important that substantive changes don't arise late in the game; however, it is possible to incorporate changes even at the end of the EIR.

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

1. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT GENERAL PLAN – DATED OCTOBER 14, 2011

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

Introduction

Part of ***Land Use – Element 1***

Note: See attached summary spreadsheet

LUNCH RECESS – 12:40 p.m.

RECONVENE –1:38 p.m.

The following topics are covered after the Lunch Recess:

Land Use – Element 1 (Cont.)

Noise – Element 3

Circulation – Element 4

Economics – Element 5

Public Health & Safety – Element 6

Conservation & Open Space – Element 7

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

3. ADOPT PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION P.C. 11-002 – RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE CONSULTING TEAM THAT THE DRAFT GENERAL PLAN IS THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Wilson reads the draft resolution. Olofson comments that at the first *Whereas*, it should read either *Whereas, the Draft...* or *Whereas, a Draft*. Wilson indicates that it will be changed to *Whereas, the Draft...* Olofson suggests that the last *Whereas* reflects that minor changes were incorporated. Wilson indicates that the sixth *Whereas* will read as follows:

Whereas, the Planning Commission, on October 20, 2011, after consideration of the changes made by Plumas County Planning Department staff and the consulting team, after consideration of the public's

written and oral comments have recommended minor additional changes which will be incorporated in the document for the project description of the General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report.

A brief discussion ensues regarding approval of the maps as part of Resolution 11-002. Schramel calls for a motion. The motion is made by Olofson, Williams seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

Schramel calls for a roll call vote to approve Resolution PC 11-002 with recommended changes. The following roll call vote is recorded: Schramel – Aye; Olofson – Aye; Dotta – Aye; Williams – Aye; Rydell – Aye.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Wilson mentions that the OPR report deadline has been extended to November 7, 2011.

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Wilson reports that the Board is considering mandating four furlough days for employees in County departments funded by the General Fund.

2. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES – *No report*

IX. CORRESPONDENCE – *None*

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Items suggested at previous meetings:

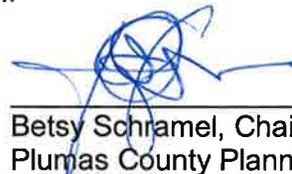
- *Hydropower Relicensing and Climate Change.*
- *A presentation by the Fire Safe Council*
- *Presentation by John Benoit, Executive Officer of LAFCo (October)*
- *Continued Updates on maps*

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Schramel calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting of October 20, 2011. The motion is made by Olofson, Williams 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 November 3, 2011, 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary
Plumas County Planning Department



Vice-Chair John Olofson
sitting in for Chair Betsy Schramel
Betsy Schramel, Chair
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