
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of April 5, 2012

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Betsy Schramel, *Chair* - Commissioner (District 2)
John Olofson, *Vice Chair* - Commissioner (District 5)
Mark Dotta - Commissioner (District 1)
Larry Williams - Commissioner (District 4)
Richard Rydell - Commissioner (District 3)



I. CALL TO ORDER

The Plumas County Planning Commission (*the Commission*) convenes in a meeting on April 5, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA; Vice Chair John Olofson presiding.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Olofson, Dotta, Williams & 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: Schramel

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

Randy Wilson, *Director - Planning*
Nancy Fluke, *Recording Secretary*

IV. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

Olofson asks if there are any revisions to the agenda. Hearing none, Olofson calls for a motion to approve the April 5, 2012, agenda. Motion is made by Williams, seconded by Dotta, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Olofson calls for a motion to approve the minutes from October 20, 2011, and March 15, 2012. Motion is made by Williams, seconded by Dotta, with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS

Olofson states that there will be a Feather River Coordinated Resource Management (FRCRM) question and answer meeting on April 26, 2012. Olofson adds that the meeting would be especially informative for people who want to learn about the FRCRM *pond and plug* projects.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sue McCourt introduces herself as the newly appointed *Plumas County Fire Prevention Specialist*.

VII. REVIEW OF A DRAFT COMMENT LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (CSAC) REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE

George Terhune, Chair of the Plumas County Airport Land Use Commission, provides a review of the draft letter to CSAC which lists the reasons for opposing the elimination of ALUCs throughout the State of California. Terhune explains that he is bringing this matter to the Planning Commissions so they have an opportunity to comment on and/or approve the letter prior to it being sent to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and signature. Following discussion, the Commissioners agree that the letter would be better if it is reworded slightly and if the last paragraph is eliminated. Olofson calls for a motion to approve the letter as amended. Motion is made by Williams, seconded by Dotta, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

VIII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT

Wilson states that preparation of the draft EIR is moving along and the document should be released in a few weeks for review by staff. Wilson adds that after the staff has finished their review, the document will be available for public review.

B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY

McCourt asks about commenting on the draft EIR. Wilson gives McCourt an explanation of what has transpired regarding review and commenting of the Draft General Plan which is the project description for the EIR.

Olofson shares his concern about how the EIR/General Plan will deal with the subject of culverts and whether a hydrology report will be required. Following discussion, Wilson tells Olofson that he will look into that matter and report back.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

Wilson shares that the Board of Supervisors approved the Lake Front Development Agreement. Wilson elaborates about the sewage treatment plant

associated with this development and how it will actually have the ability to serve the entire Peninsula area.

Wilson mentions that the Board approved a contract with Gina Johnson to conduct water testing on Lake Almanor.

Wilson reports that the Board appointed John Sheehan to be a member of the Plumas County Coordinating Council.

2. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES – No Reports

3. INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)

Wilson reports that he and Leah Wills gave a presentation at the Mountain Counties Regional Forum pertaining to Feather River watershed management. Wilson adds that he shared with the forum the memorandum of understanding (developed by Brian Morris for the Feather River Regional Water Management Group) which helps explain Wilson's role in dealing with watershed issues. Wilson states that he plans to initiate routine discussions with the Board of Supervisors on watershed issues in Plumas County. Williams asks whether PG&E is involved in the watershed related meetings. Wilson explains that PG&E is heavily involved in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) discussions and also meetings dealing with such matters as a thermal curtain at Lake Almanor and more. Wilson states emphatically that the Feather River watershed management program encompasses a wider variety of projects than the *pond and plug* projects that are mainly talked about. Wilson adds that it is extremely important to think on a much broader scale when dealing with the Feather River watershed. Wilson shares that funding for staff, etc., is limited right now; however, grants are in the works to hopefully help with the watershed management related costs. Wilson adds that the grants in the past have focused on restoration, whereas currently the focus is on disadvantaged communities. Further discussion touches briefly on the need to be aware of the downstream relationships to the Feather River watershed projects, and also the desire on the part of the Planning Commission to be kept informed of watershed issues.

Wilson provides copies of the following items he wants to bring to the attention of the Commissioners:

- Two letters having to do with opposition from Senators Feinstein and Boxer pertaining to *HR 1837 – The San Joaquin Valley Water Reliable Act*;
- A letter from Supervisor Sherrie Thrall to the State Water Resources Control Board concerning the State Mercury Policy;
- A handout titled, *Where Will We Get The Water*;
- Agenda for the April 6, 2012, Coordinating Council meeting;
- A handout regarding *Senate Bill 1241* - Stipulation that a general plan must have a safety element containing a fire hazard impacts component.

Note: The commissioners decide to carry this item over to the April 19, 2012, Planning Commission Meeting for discussion.

X. CORRESPONDENCE - None

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update by the new Plumas Corporation Director (*April 19th meeting*)
- Discussion on SB 1241 – Fire related legislation (*April 19th meeting*)
- SMARA (more detailed explanation by Randy Wilson) – April 5th meeting
- Biomass article
- Incorporation
- Integrated Regional Water Management Program and Grant (more detailed explanation by Randy Wilson)

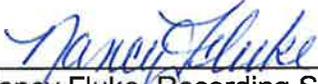
XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Olofson calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 5, 2012. Motion is made by Dotta, seconded by Williams, with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded. The meeting adjourns at 11:55 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is set for April 19 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.



John Olofson, Vice Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary
Plumas County Planning Department