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**PLUMAS COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2012

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**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 19, 2012, at 10:00 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, 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:** None

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**A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA**

Schramel asks if there are any revisions to the agenda. Hearing none, Schramel calls for a motion to approve the April 19, 2012, agenda. Motion is made by Dotta, seconded by Williams, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Schramel calls for a motion to approve the minutes from April 5, 2012. Motion is made by Olofson, seconded by Williams, with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded (Schramel abstaining).

V. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS** - No Comments

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

VII. **PRESENTATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY GREG O’SULLIVAN, DIRECTOR OF PLUMAS CORPORATION**

Greg O’Sullivan introduces himself as the new director of Plumas Corporation and explains that today he wants provide background information and point out some things they are doing at Plumas Corporation with regards to economic development. O’Sullivan begins by complimenting the Planning Commission and Planning staff for their efforts on the general plan update, particularly the Economic Element. O’Sullivan continues his presentation with the following highlights:

- Economic development consultants and local planners are typically very strong allies with each other. Economic development consultants test interpretation and local planners provide a reality check;
- Businesses that are looking at the possibility of locating in Plumas County want a solid understanding of the environment where they will operate and the processes they will have to go through;
- O’Sullivan leaves it up to the business to do their own screening to determine whether they are a good fit for Plumas County; but he does provide information as far as who they can contact to do an analysis as well as what the available work force looks like;
- Plumas Corporation strives to attract new businesses and retain & expand existing businesses through their business development programs.
- A well mapped out General Plan and a streamlined permit process assists the economic development efforts of Plumas Corporation;
- Open and cooperative efforts of Plumas Corporation and the County planners helps prevent hidden things from popping up along the way;
- Promotion of such things as Broadband, and other technology, will enhance the success of new and existing businesses in Plumas County;
- O’Sullivan explains that he will be involved in both Fire Safe Council (FSC) and Feather River Coordinated Resource Management (FRCRM); however, he is primarily involved right now in FSC, and Jim Wilcox is the person primarily involved in FRCRM.

VIII. **PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION**

Wilson provides handouts explaining the status of current legislation related to planning processes.

Wilson starts the discussion with SB 1241 - *land use*→*general plan*→*safety element*→*fire hazard impacts*. Jerry Hurley of the Fire Safe Council stresses the need for coordination between Fire Safe Council, local fire agencies, County departments dealing with planning issues, and the Planning Commission. Hurley adds that the County Fire Prevention Specialist, Sue McCourt, is the designee that will facilitate coordination among these entities. Discussion ensues regarding fire safe driveways, secondary access and structural fire protection.

SB 1897 – Proposal that General Plans include a *Healthy Food Element* and SB 1549 – *Permit Streamlining Act* were discussed briefly by Commissioners and Staff.

**IX. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS**

Wilson explains that the OPR Extension expired on April 1, 2012; but according to Scott Morgan at OPR, this does not put Plumas County in jeopardy. Dotta asks Wilson about a timeline for the administrative draft on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be made available, and Wilson states it will be out in a month or so. Wilson mentions the joint Planning Commission and General Plan Update Working Group meeting scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> will address EIR alternatives, process and schedule. Wilson provides a reminder that it is during the EIR process of the General Plan Update that a legal challenge is most likely to occur. Wilson adds that by having a more in-depth discussion about possible EIR alternatives, they may gain insight whether anyone is posturing for a lawsuit.

**X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS**

Wilson reports that the County currently does not have a County Administrative Officer (CAO). Wilson continues that the Auditor will perform the duties of Budget Officer in the absence of a CAO. Wilson elaborates that the Board of Supervisors has asked the Management Council for their suggestions on how to proceed. Wilson adds that Management Council has already met to discuss possible options, and they will have another meeting soon.

**2. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES**

**a. Zoning Administrator**

Wilson reports that he approved a 4-H project and a parcel map at the last Zoning Administrator meeting.

**b. Current Planning – No report**

**3. INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)**

Wilson reports that he will attend a meeting tomorrow about the *2105 Lake Almanor Report*. Terri Simon-Jackson, Planning Staff Officer (PNF), provides a brief explanation about how water from Lake Almanor is warmed as it progresses downstream to Oroville. Simon-Jackson continues that there is an emphasis to look at the entire ecosystem. As far as fisheries are concerned, Simon-Jackson states the big issue is that salmon can't get from Lake Oroville to Lake Almanor. Simon-Jackson adds that this meeting is an opportunity for the public to discuss and comment on the issues.

**XI. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- o Bob Marshall – presentation regarding fiber optics

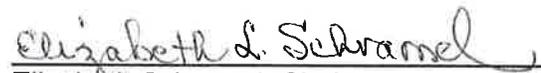
- o Alice Berg of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – presentation on fisheries
- o SMARA (more detailed explanation by Randy Wilson)
- o Biomass article
- o Incorporation

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

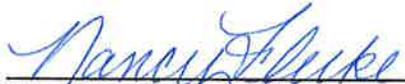
Discussion ensues regarding whether there is a need to hold the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting considering there will be a combined Planning Commission / Working Group meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Schramel calls for a motion to cancel the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Motion is made by Williams, seconded by Dotta, with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

There being no further business, Schramel calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 19, 2012. Motion is made by Olofson, seconded by Williams, with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded. The meeting adjourns at 12:45 p.m.

The Planning Commission / Working Group meeting is set for May 17, 2012, 10:00 a.m., at a location to be determined.



Elizabeth Schramel, Chair  
Plumas County Planning Commission



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Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary  
Plumas County Planning Department