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**PLUMAS COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Minutes of the Meeting of December 17, 2009

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The Plumas County Planning Commission (the *Commission*) convenes in a Meeting on December 17, 2009, at 10:03 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA; Mark Dotta, Chair, presiding. Members appointed are as follows:

1. Mark Dotta, Chair (District 1);
2. Elizabeth "Betsy" Schramel, Vice Chair (District 2);
3. Richard Rydell, Commissioner (District 3);
4. Larry Williams, Commissioner (District 4); and
5. John Olofson, Commissioner (District 5).

Staff in Attendance: Randy Wilson, Planning Director  
Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner  
Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary

Supervisors in Attendance: None

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - By Chair Dotta

II. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG** – By Planning Commission and Attendees

III. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Betsy Schramel, John Olofson, Larry Williams, Mark Dotta  
**Absent:** Rich Rydell

IV. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dotta calls for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion is made by Olofson. Williams seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Schramel points out a name spelling error on Page 4 – Change to Peggy Fulder.

Dotta calls for a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2009, with the correction noted. Motion is made by Williams. Schramel seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

V. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS** – No comments.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Dotta opens the Public Comment Opportunity. Hearing none, Dotta closes the Public Comment Opportunity.

VII. **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS**

A. **CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT**

1. **STATUS ON CONSULTANT PRODUCTS**

Wilson states that the consultant will not be in attendance at this meeting. Wilson reports that the Working Groups' "kick-off" meeting will be January 6, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the Quincy Library meeting room. Wilson adds that the draft agenda is nearly completed. Wilson states that the Board of Supervisors has approved mileage compensation to the participants of that meeting because it is a "bonus" meeting, compliments of the Consultant, and that many of the participants will have to travel out of their districts to attend.

B. **PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY** – No comments.

VIII. **PRESENTATION: COORDINATION BETWEEN A GENERAL PLAN WATER ELEMENT AND THE FEATHER RIVER INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Brian Morris, General Manager of the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District introduces his associate, Leah Wills, and hands out the outline for his Power Point presentation on *Integrated Regional Water Management and the General Plan Update* (see attached). Following Morris' presentation, Wilson asks what major problems are in store for Plumas County. Morris cites the following 1. Degradation of meadows and streams; 2. Management of watersheds and wildfires; and 3. The Mercury toxicity issue (i.e., North Fork Feather River, Lake Almanor). Wills elaborates on the reactivity of Mercury and efforts to cover Mercury with soil/vegetation. Schramel brings up the subject of cleaning wetland areas. Wills says that the laws pertaining to wetlands are changing rapidly throughout the State. Frank Motzkus, attendee, asks Morris and Wills about water quality issues and they respond that there is an effort taking place to bring experts in the field into the Sierra region of the state to do an analysis. Olofson asks Morris and Wills about coordination with the Plumas National Forest on water related issues (i.e., water retention in meadows). Wills explains that PNF is aware of the Plumas County General Plan Update and that they are also updating their plan. Wills adds that she has talked to PNF about joining Plumas County in finding solutions. Dotta asks if there are any other questions for Morris and Wills. Schramel states she read a booklet recently that classified Plumas County as *urban*. Schramel asks why that is the case when Plumas County is primarily *rural*. Morris explains that the terminology pertains to distinctions between agricultural and urban water management plans and Municipal Service Reviews (LAFCo). Williams suggests that the new Executive Officer for LAFCo attends a future Planning

Commission meeting in order to provide information pertaining to LAFCo and answer any questions the Planning Commissioners may have.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**1. PLANNING DEPARTMENT WEBSITE UPDATE**

Dennis Miller, GIS Coordinator, provides a visual update about the Planning & Building website, specifically how it is being set up and how it will be linked to the County website.

**2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Wilson reports that the study pertaining to the *Community Development / Affordable Housing* project at the trailer park site in Quincy will be available to the Planning Commission soon.

Wilson states that funds have been approved for GIS. Miller explains that the funding will help accomplish what GIS and the Fire Safe Council have planned in the way of interactive maps on the website.

Wilson briefly mentions that the Collins Pine railroad in and around Chester will be abandoned and the tracks will be removed.

Wilson reiterates that the members of the Working Groups in attendance on the January 6, 2010, "kick-off" meeting will be compensated for mileage. Wilson also reports that the Airport Land Use Commissioners will now be compensated for their mileage expenses going to and from their ALUC meetings.

**3. REVIEW OF THE EXISTING PLUMAS COUNTY GENERAL PLAN – No report.**

**4. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES**

a.) **Zoning Administrator** - There will not be a ZA Hearing in January.

b.) **Current Planning** – No report.

**X. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Election of Officers
- Report from new LAFCo Executive Officer

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

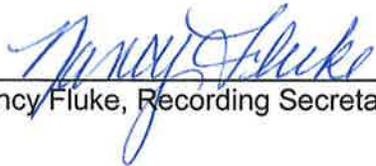
There being no further business, Dotta adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is January 7, 2010, 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Department Conference Room.



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Mark Dotta, Chair  
Plumas County Planning Commission



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Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary