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**PLUMAS COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Minutes of the Meeting of March 18, 2010

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The Plumas County Planning Commission (the *Commission*) convenes in a Meeting on March 18, 2010, at 10:01a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA; Chair Mark Dotta 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  
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A. **ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA**

Dotta asks the Commissioners if there are any items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda. Hearing none, Dotta calls for a motion to approve the agenda as it stands. Williams makes the motion, Olofson seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dotta calls for a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2010. Motion is made by Olofson, Williams seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

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## **V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS**

Olofson comments that he attended a recent Quincy Chamber of Commerce meeting whereby the owner of Cheeseburger Restaurants, Inc., Laren Gartner, gave a presentation about her company that has a main office in Portola. Olofson elaborates that he was favorably impressed with the history and success of this company and the positive example it sets for others wishing to start small businesses.

Olofson states that he recently had a conversation with Deb Bumpus from the Beckwourth District of the Plumas National Forest about collaboration between Plumas County and the Forest Service on the General Plan Update. Olofson adds that Bumpus provided the name of Scott Lusk, Range Program Manager - Plumas National Forest, as a contact to discuss issues related to creeks and streams.

Olofson brings up the subject of someone from the Commission attending the Central District of the California County Planning Commissioners Association Spring Conference. Wilson reminds the Commissioners that there no County funds available to help send a Commissioner to that conference. Olofson suggests that each Commissioner donates a portion of what it would cost to facilitate one commissioner's attendance. Williams adds that he would like to attend and that he would cover the cost to do so.

Schramel points out a humorous item from Smithsonian Magazine (handout titled, "*Proper Manors*") dealing with over-regulation.

## **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 says that the Consultant is not in attendance at this meeting, but will attend the April 1, 2010, Planning Commission meeting.

Wilson reports that Jim Moose from the consulting team will give a presentation at the March 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting titled, "Legal Pitfalls of Preparing a General Plan Update."

Wilson states that the Briefing Report is listed on the Agenda for the April Working Group Sessions, contingent on review and approval by the Planning staff.

## **B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY**

Cedric Twight from SPI expresses his concerns that the opportunity map does not actually show the areas of the County where there is opportunity for growth. Miller agrees that the map Twight is referring to reflects what exists today and not future opportunity for growth. Miller says there is a map that is part of the newly approved Housing Element that shows opportunity areas for growth. Twight stresses again that the map he is concerned about has a title that is confusing. Miller states he will work on alternate wording on that map to rectify any confusion, and that he will also reference on the Website the map contained in the Housing Element.

Discussion takes place among Commissioners and Staff about various funding opportunities. Williams mentions that he has access to a Power Point presentation that addresses the issue of Broadband and stimulus funds. Wilson brings up Disaster Recovery Initiative funds through HCD. Comments are made regarding the need to get applications in rapidly for such funding due to competition from Southern California.

## **VIII. PRESENTATION: RIPARIAN FUNCTIONS FOR A GENERAL PLAN -**

*Sherman Swanson (University of Nevada, Reno)*

Sherman Swanson from the University of Nevada Extension provides background information about himself and explains how important it is to him to get people to understand how water flows and how it impinges on society.

***Transcriber's Note:** Attached you will find the content of Mr. Swanson's Power Point presentation. This material can also be located on the Planning and Building Services Website ([www.plumascountyplanningandbuilding.com](http://www.plumascountyplanningandbuilding.com)).*

Swanson concludes his presentation by challenging all in attendance with an informal visual quiz, and he also provides a list of ideas pertinent for the General Plan update (see attached).

## **IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **1. PLANNING DEPARTMENT WEBSITE UPDATE**

Dennis Miller, GIS Coordinator, states that he has been adding the material from the Planning Commission meeting presentations to the Website.

#### **2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Wilson mentions the following items recently brought before the Board of Supervisors:

- Presentation by the Fire Safe Council – Map showing fuel modifications.
- Report by Public Works – Wilson will provide copies to Commissioners.

- Plan to open the skihill at Johnsville – (Management issues / ADA Access).

3. **REVIEW OF THE EXISTING PLUMAS COUNTY GENERAL PLAN - Continued**

4. **ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES**

- Wolf Meadows project was heard by the Zoning Administrator and continued to a future meeting.

X. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Mailer: *California County Planning Commissioners Association's 2010 Central District Spring Conference.*

**Note:** Wilson mentions a hearing in Sacramento on April 6<sup>th</sup> regarding the Forest Service Plan.

Gia Martynn mentions there will be tours of the Red Clover Watershed on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

XI. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Jim Moose – Presenter at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Planning Commission Goals – March 18<sup>th</sup> Agenda item.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dotta adjourns the meeting of March 18, 2010, at 12:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is April 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Department Conference Room.



Mark Dotta, Chair  
Plumas County Planning Commission



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary