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**PLUMAS COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Minutes of the Meeting of January 7, 2010

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The Plumas County Planning Commission (the *Commission*) convenes in a Meeting on January 7, 2010, at 10:02 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 Williams. Olofson seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - No minutes are available for approval.**

**V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS**

Olofson states that he would like to learn more about the Community Housing Project located nearby the Planning & Building Services Building on Main Street. He also adds that he learned about impervious concrete at a recent conference and he thought that subject

might be applicable to the Community Housing Project. A brief discussion takes place among Commissioners and Wilson about the pros and cons of using this material.

Olofson mentions a recent Sierra Valley RCD meeting where Gary Romano, Sierra Valley farmer, talked about water shortage problems at the North end of the valley. Olofson states that an excellent speaker about riparian matters would be Sherman Swanson, and Schramel and Dotta add that the CRM could also provide valuable information on the same subject at a future Planning Commission meeting.

**A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Dotta opens the Public Comment Opportunity. Terry Simon-Jackson from Plumas National Forest hands out a recent newspaper article that gives an update about the Nervino Airport multi-agency fire center. Wilson adds that CEQA and NEPA use permits are currently in the works for this project.

Dotta asks if there are any other Public Comments. Hearing none, Dotta closes the Public Comment Opportunity.

## **VII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS**

### **A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT**

#### **1. STATUS ON CONSULTANT PRODUCTS**

Coleen Shade, Consultant, asks for input from the Commissioners about what factions of the communities of Plumas County seem to be missing or underrepresented in the General Plan Update Working Groups. The following suggestions are made:

- Real Estate;
- Native American – Simon-Jackson says she has talked to Raina Rogers, John Sheehan is mentions as a source for names of individuals;
- Youth – Simon-Jackson says she has some names to consider;
- Resort interests -
- Dan West – Olofson suggests Wilson approaches West on the matter;
- Small Farms – Olofson suggests that Gary Romano and Dan Martynn, and several others he is aware of, could be invited to participate.
- Chambers of Commerce;
- Power Companies – PG&E, PSRE;
- Railroads – UP, BNSF;
- Rails to Trails Group – Possible contact people mentioned are John Sheehan, John Shower and Scott Lawson;

Shade comments that she was pleased with the outcome of the “Kick-off” meeting of the Working Groups. Shade adds she is hopeful that in addition to the already planned sessions, one or two more sessions could be added if and when grant finding comes through. Schramel says she noticed that no mention was made at the “Kick-off” of all the groundwork that has previously been done in Plumas County. Shade says that body of material will be added to her objectives list. Wilson shared his observation that the photos brought to the “Kick-off” were more about the natural environment and not so much about the communities. Wilson adds that he would like to make sure that communities are addressed by the Working Groups.

Dotta asks Shade if she has any comments about the joint Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission workshop. Shade expresses the opinion that all-day workshops are sometimes difficult where productivity is concerned. The Commissioners affirm that shorter workshops tend to be more productive.

A discussion takes place among the Commissioners, Wilson, and Shade about “out of County” groups that are not represented on the General Plan Update Working Groups (i.e., State/Federal and others) and whether the omission of those groups poses a legal threat of any kind. Shade emphasizes that through various means of communication (Website, PC Minutes, Email distribution, Notices in paper, etc.) anyone wishing to express their point of view to the Planning Commission and/or the Working Groups has access to the agendas with meeting times/locations of the Planning Commission and the General Plan Update Working Groups (Planning Commission and the Working Group meetings are open to the public and commenting opportunities are made available).

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

**VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**1. PLANNING DEPARTMENT WEBSITE UPDATE**

Dennis Miller, GIS Coordinator, says he will add to the website the various groups mentioned at this meeting that would be desirable to include in the General Plan Update Working Groups. Miller adds that he will post the photos that participants in the “Kick-off” brought to that meeting as well as the flip-chart and map notes. Miller also says he plans to link up to the various Chambers of Commerce in the County.

**2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Wilson reports that Sherrie Thrall has been appointed to continue as the Chair to the Plumas County Board of Supervisors and that Lori Simpson has been appointed Vice-Chair. Wilson adds that the Supervisors appointed Greg Hagwood to serve the remainder of the current term as Sheriff, and Frank Stewart to serve on the Quincy Library Group.

Wilson says he is slated to talk to the Board of Supervisors about a Variance on the Peninsula at Lake Almanor and Certification of the EIR for the Lake Front at Walker Ranch Project at Lake Almanor.

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

Wilson points out to the Commissioners the handout titled, *Proposed Negative Declaration Notice of Availability for Public Review – 2009 Housing Element Update*. Wilson states that he will also provide the Commissioners with a copy of the *Study on Affordable Housing Strategy*.

**4. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES**

Wilson comments that development activity continues to be slow.

**X. CORRESPONDENCE – None.**

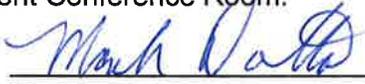
**XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Election of officers
- Possible changes to Resolution No. PC 09-001 (*Rules of Conduct of Business of the Plumas County Planning Commission*)
- David Keller (Housing and Community Development) - to discuss the Community Housing project in Quincy on Main Street

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dotta adjourns the meeting of January 7, 2010, at 12:01 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is January 21, 2010, 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Department Conference Room.

  
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Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary

  
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Mark Dotta, Chair  
Plumas County Planning Commission