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**PLUMAS COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of June 2, 2011

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**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**Mark Dotta**, *Commissioner* (District 1)

**Larry Williams**, *Commissioner* (District 4)

**Betsy Schramel**, *Chair* (District 2)

**John Olofson**, *Vice Chair* (District 5)

**Richard Rydell**, *Commissioner* (District 3)



The **Plumas County Planning Commission** (*the Commission*) convenes in a Meeting on June 2, 2011, at 10:01 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA; Chair Betsy Schramel presiding.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Schramel, Olofson, Dotta, & 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:** Williams

County Supervisors, County Staff, and General Plan Update Consultants Attending:

Coleen Shade, Consultant (*Design Workshop*)

Brian Morris, Gen. Manager - *Flood Control & Water Conservation District, and  
Chair - Coordinating Council*

Randy Wilson, Planning Director

Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner

Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA**

Schramel calls for a motion to approve the agenda for May 19, 2011. The motion is made by Dotta, Olofson seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Olofson points out that under *Item VIII-A-2-a* the two bulleted items are actually the same matter and should be combined to appear as one bulleted item.

Schramel calls for a motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2011, as corrected. The Motion is made by Olofson, Rydell seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

**V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS**

Rydell provides a newspaper article titled, "Cloud Seeding Forum Held in Chester." Wilson reports that he attended that meeting, with Brian Morris, and thought it was informative.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY – *No comments are made***

**VII. NAVY PRESENTATION REGARDING ESTABLISHED MILITARY TRAINING FLIGHT ZONES AND LAND USE COMPATIBILITY**

Wilson introduces representatives from the Navy, Steve Chung and Kimberly Bush, and asks attendees to identify themselves. Chung begins his presentation by saying the Department of Defense is reaching out and becoming more involved with the public sector. Chung continues that the Navy is willing to share some aspects of the M-CAT (Mission Compatibility Analysis Tool) GIS information in an effort to foster better understanding and cooperation with Planning Departments and other entities (i.e., Forest Service) in our region, and also other areas of California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado. Using Power Point, Chung shares information concerning the military operating areas and the various military training routes. Of concern to the Navy are structures that extend vertically into the training corridors and the prospect of wind turbines on the ridges in Plumas County is specifically mentioned as an example. George Terhune, attendee, asks Chung what the need is for low flying in the corridors over Plumas County and why do the corridors have to be so wide. Chung answers that low flying is primarily for learning to follow the terrain, and the width of the corridors may be needed in certain training applications. Schramel asks if the corridors can be used by all branches of the military and Chung answers affirmatively. Wilson states that Chung and Bush have had an opportunity to view the Administrative Draft of the General Plan Update for Plumas County and they have contributed their comments. Chung is asked how soon the Navy's GIS information may become available and his response is about a year.

**VIII. A PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INCLUDE POLICY LANGUAGE RELATED TO THE MILITARY IN THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND THAT APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE MILITARY BE INCORPORATED IN THE COUNTY ZONING CODE**

Schramel asks the Commissioners if there is any discussion regarding the draft Planning Commission resolution to the Board of Supervisors. Hearing none, Schramel asks if there is a motion to approve Planning Commission Resolution 11-001. The motion is made by Olofson, Rydell seconds the motion and the following roll call vote is recorded:

- Schramel     Aye

- Olofson           Aye
- Rydell            Aye
- Dotta            Aye
- Williams         Absent

**IX. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS**

**A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT**

**1. STATUS ON CONSULTANT PRODUCTS**

Shade states that right now she is not in the forefront of matters with the General Plan Update because review of the Administrative Draft by the various entities is still taking place. Wilson adds that progress is being made, but it continues to be a slow process.

Shade provides a report that she met with OPR, with an attorney present, to discuss the environmental document. Shade explains that normally the environmental document must provide modeling of the growth scenarios. Shade continues that Plumas County has had a 5% growth reduction in the last ten years which makes modeling insignificant. Shade adds that she also has concerns because the modeling aspect typically is expensive. Shade states she was relieved when they gave her the go-ahead to quantify without having to create a model. Shade says she will meet with OPR quarterly to continue discussions.

**B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY - *No comments are made***

**C. DRAFT GENERAL PLAN GOALS & POLICIES, COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT GOALS & POLICIES, AND PLANNING AREA MAPS**

**1. CONTINUED REVIEW OF THE REVISED PLANNING AREA MAPS – BECKY HERRIN, SENIOR PLANNER – *Continued to the next meeting***

**2. REPORT ON THE RECENT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS TO REVIEW THE PLANNING MAPS**

Wilson provides an update on successful Working Group sessions regarding maps that have occurred in Indian Valley, American Valley, and Mohawk Valley. Wilson adds that the Portola session will take place during the next week. Wilson states that revisions will be made and the final maps will be presented to the Planning Commission.

**X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT – *No report***

**2. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES**

**a.) Zoning Administrator – *No report***

**b.) Current Planning – No report**

**XI. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Items suggested at this meeting:**

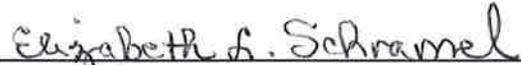
- *Continue with presentation of the area maps.*

**Items suggested at previous meetings:**

- *Open Range designations*
- *A presentation by the Fire Safe Council*
- *Explanation about SMARA (Surface Mining and Reclamation Act)*
- *Jay Newman, CalFire Captain - Update on CalFire regulations.*
- *Administrative draft of the General Plan Goals & Policies (target date, July 7, 2011)*
- *Presentation by John Benoit, Executive Officer of LAFCo*

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Schramel calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 2, 2011. The motion is made by Olofson, Dotta seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded. The meeting adjourns at 12:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is set for July 7, 2011, 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.



Betsy Schramel, Chair  
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