
PLUMAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of May 5, 2011

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mark Dotta, Commissioner (District 1)

Betsy Schramel, Chair (District 2)

Richard Rydell, Commissioner (District 3)

Larry Williams, Commissioner (District 4)

John Olofson, Vice Chair (District 5)



The Plumas County Planning Commission (*the Commission*) convenes in a Meeting on May 5, 2011, at 10:03 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, Williams, & Rydell (*Rydell joins the meeting at 10:08 a.m. and 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

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

Brian Morris, Gen. Manager - *Flood Control & Water Conservation District*

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A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA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 asks the Commissioners if any changes need to be made to the agenda for May 5, 2011. Hearing none, Schramel approves the agenda as it stands.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schramel calls for a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2011. Motion is made by Dotta, Olofson seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS

Commissioners Schramel, Olofson, Dotta and Rydell welcome Commissioner Williams as he returns from his recent absence.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

No comments are made

VII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT

Wilson reports that Coleen Shade will not be present at today's meeting; however, will be present at the Planning Commission meeting on June 2, 2011.

Wilson states that the Administrative review of the Draft General Plan continues. Wilson adds that Nancy Fluke will re-format that document prior to it being released to the public in order to make it easier to navigate. Wilson reports that the review process is slow with only two comments having been received to date (Jerry Sipe of Environmental Health and Brian Morris of Flood Control – Water Conservation District).

Wilson reports that he and Herrin will attend a meeting with OPR on May 18, 2011, to primarily discuss the General Plan elements.

Schramel asks Morris to comment about legislation pertaining to water. Morris states that water related legislation (i.e., efforts to expand the clean water act) have not passed, and coming up with a definition of wetlands has been problematic. A brief discussion takes place among Commissioners and Staff about designated wetlands in Plumas County and how there is technology available now to map those areas whereas in the past the task of mapping was quite cumbersome.

Wilson announces he received word that the 1-year extension to the original OPR extension of the Plumas County General Plan has been granted.

Wilson talks about interest on the part of the Navy to dialog with government agencies in Plumas County regarding wind power towers that might protrude into their training flight paths. Wilson explains that an advantage of coordinating with the Navy is their willingness to share some impressive GIS layers with the County. Wilson provides a reminder that the Navy will present their information to the Planning Commission at the June 2, 2011, meeting. Schramel asks Wilson if the Planning Department has sectional maps for aviation and Wilson answers that the department does not. Williams asks if the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) would have the aviation sectionals. There is no affirmative or negative response to the query. A suggestion follows that the ALUC is given special notice that the Navy will speak at the June 2nd Planning Commission meeting.

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

Wilson gives a report on the meeting that took place with the members of the Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee (ABWAC) and some of the Working Group members from District 3 concerning the revised planning maps for that district. Wilson adds that he and Herrin in the near future plan to visit the other four districts to present the maps pertinent to them.

Herrin directs attention to the maps she has brought to today's meeting. Herrin starts with the first draft map and then displays and explains the changes made on each subsequent draft map. Wilson explains that the goal is to incorporate the suggestions of the Working Groups in order to "get it right." Herrin reports that Becky Osborn, GIS Planner I, is currently working on a map that comprehensively shows all the various ownership boundaries. Conversation ensues among Commissioners, Staff and attendees about the maps and the Draft General Plan Update document, and the highpoints of the discussion are as follows:

- Williams contributes that he would like to see the Services Districts reflected on the maps;
- Dotta expresses his desire to have the terminology clarified (i.e., towns, communities, rural places, community expansion, etc.);
- Schramel suggests that public utilities people are brought into the GPU loop;
- Wilson adds that Supervisor Sherrie Thrall needs to be kept in the loop;
- Olofson expresses concern that "benchmarks" are not being dealt with;
- Terry Simon-Jackson, representative from Plumas National Forest, expresses her hope that the public will have an adequate amount of time to review the general plan draft following the internal review;
- Wilson states that the Implementation Measures were removed from the body of each element and placed at the end of each element section. Wilson adds that Nancy Fluke will re-associate the Implementation Measures to aid Staff and public when reviewing the document.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Herrin provides the following summary regarding recent Board of Supervisors redistricting discussions:

- District Two most likely will get bigger;
- Almanor area most likely won't be split;
- Minor changes are proposed for Sierra Valley;
- Some changes are proposed for District Four.

2. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES

No report is given

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from OPR (per Item VII-A, ¶ five).

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items suggested at this meeting:

- *Navy presentations at the Planning Commission meeting on June 2, 2011, the Coordinating Council meeting on June 3, 2011, and the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 7, 2011.*

Items suggested at previous meetings:

- *Explanation about SMARA (Surface Mining and Reclamation Act)*
- *Jay Newman, CalFire Captain - Update on CalFire regulations.*
- *Administrative draft of the General Plan Goals & Policies*
- *Presentation by John Benoit, Executive Officer of LAFCo*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Schramel calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 5, 2011. The motion is made by Olofson, Williams seconds the motion, and a unanimous voice vote is recorded. The meeting is adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is set for May 19, 2011, 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.

Elizabeth F. Schramel

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