



Approved - MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM, Thursday, March 21, 2019
Newcastle Elementary School
645 Kentucky Greens Way
Newcastle, CA

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – Time: 7:01 pm
2. **MAC Members:** Vice-Chair Dennis Jacinto, Elliott Rose, Edgar Sander, Sam Moore, Karen Green, Andy Newby, Chair Steve Palmer arrived at 7:03 pm
3. **Statement of Meeting Procedures** - Read by Vice-Chair Dennis Jacinto
4. **Approval of March 21, 2019 Agenda**
 - *Approved: Elliott Rose / Sam Moore / Unanimous*
5. **Approval of January 17, 2019 Minutes**
 - *Approved: Karen Green / Andy Newby / Unanimous*
6. **Public Comment:**
 - Sue Stack from Newcastle would like a workshop on traffic calming.
 - June Havekost from Loomis advised the MAC that there is a lot of concern in Placer County regarding speeding. Her neighbor's dog was recently killed by a truck speeding right at the bridge where it's one lane and people should be slowing to make sure there is no oncoming cars. People drive as fast as 60 mph in the residential zone. Ms. Havekost put out a "Drive Slowly – Children at Play" sign and it was stolen. She would like something done to make people aware of the speed limit.
 - Phil Vassion from the Placer County Transportation Division provided some direction to Ms. Stack and Ms. Havekost. He suggested:
 - Calling CHP to see if they can step up enforcement in the area; and
 - Setup a radar trailer that flashes the speed limit and alerts oncoming cars that they are going over speed limit.

Mr. Vassion provided his business card to Ms. Stack and Ms. Havekost so they can follow-up with him on these issues.

7. Reports:





A. Local Government: Placer County District 3 Supervisor Jim Holmes reports:

District 5 Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery has been appointed by Governor Newsome to become director of the state's Forest Management Task Force. She will resign her position effective March 31, 2019 allowing 30-days to appoint a new supervisor. Supervisor vacancies must be filled by a unanimous appointment by the remaining board members within 30 days of the vacancy. April 29, 2019 is when the appointment must be made. If an appointment is not made by April 29th the governor will appoint someone to fill the vacancy. It is anticipated that the appointment will be within the 30-day time frame.

Judyth Isaman asked Supervisor Holmes if the Board would be extending the contracts for the District 5 representatives for continuity purposes. Supervisor Holmes advised Ms. Isaman that the Board would be discussing that at their next meeting.

On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, the Board had a Capital Facility Planning Workshop. There was a discussion about building a Crime Lab with the District Attorney's Office. It would be built in conjunction with the Placer Ranch Project with Sacramento State. It will cost approximately \$30 million to construct. The Crime Lab would be operated by a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), making it a stand-alone organization and they wouldn't have to hire County employees.

There was also some discussion about constructing a Health and Human Services (HHS) building. Throughout Placer County there are several rental properties to house HHS and several offices at the Dewitt Buildings. Constructing a new HHS Building would make all the services in one area and free up space for other departments to utilize.

MAC Member Karen Green asked Supervisor Holmes about the homeless population. Supervisor Holmes advised Ms. Green that the homeless count would be coming out in the next couple of weeks. The homeless shelter is being operated in north Auburn and is working out well.

B. Public Safety (5 minutes each):

- Newcastle Fire Protection District – Captain Wayne Hickok
According to the Board meeting the previous night, the new fire station is still on track. They are awaiting approval by the Board of Supervisors on the underground propane tanks which is a change from the original plan to put the tanks above ground but there is not enough space. There is a JOA (Joint Operations Agreement) between Forest Hill, Meadow Vista and Newcastle relating to employees helping each of the stations and it has been working out well.



On March 21st, Structure Type 1 Engine was decommissioned and taken out of service due to pump failure. In the next couple of weeks, a different Type 1 Engine will be acquired to replace the decommissioned engine.

There have been 50 calls with 25 of those being medical. The rest were structure fires and vehicle accidents.

The association is selling t-shirts now. Those can be ordered on their website.

MAC Member Green inquired about the “2029” completion date on the sign for the new fire station. Captain Hickok told Ms. Green to take it with a grain of salt and that he would take care of it.

MAC Member Jacinto asked for clarification on what “on-schedule” means regarding the construction of the new fire station. Captain Hickok mentioned that according to their Board last night, they submitted changes relating to the propane tanks being below ground rather than above ground. They are awaiting approval of those changes.

MAC Member Green asked about the type of construction for the fire station. She heard talk around the community that there was a change in the construction plan for the building and a metal building would be used at the site. Captain Hickok said that the half-bay where the engines will be stored is going to be metal and the structure the staff will be housed and offices, kitchen, etc. will be wood-framed construction.

MAC Member Sanders asked how many square feet it will be. Captain Hickok was not sure on the exact square footage but mentioned that it has been down-sized quite a bit. The mezzanine and public meeting room have been removed. The building will house four (4) pieces of apparatus.

Supervisor Holmes suggested having the Newcastle Fire Protection District add an item to the upcoming MAC meeting to provide an update on the new fire station.

- CAL FIRE - John Woody advised that there has been a spike in water rescues. He advises everyone to use caution and be safe around the rivers.
- CHP - Not present
- Placer County Sheriff’s Office - Deputy Toby Williams
There’s been a spike of residential burglaries. He advised residents to keep houses lit and take visible items out of cars. The weather is nicer so people will be coming out.

Deputy Williams mentioned that the speeding issues around Newcastle and



Ophir should be directed to the CHP since that is their jurisdiction. Majority of speeders are out of town.

Deputy Williams announced that K9 Enos, who was shoot a few months ago, is back working full-duty.

C. MAC Member Reports and Correspondence

MAC Member Karen Green reminded everyone that May 2, 2019 is the Big Day of Giving (*24-hour giving challenge and year-long capacity building program for local nonprofits*). Ms. Green urged people to donate to Kindred Spirits Fawn Rescue (www.kindredspiritsfawnrescue.org).

8. Information Item:

A. Roadway Safety Sign Audit – presented by Phil Vassion, Associate Civil Engineer

A project will be undertaken this spring and summer to update yellow warning signs along roadways in Placer County. The signs include curve warning signs, arrows, chevrons, object markers and school warning signs. This is a systematic effort to increase safety and reduce run-off-the-road collisions along curvy roads, as well as increase awareness within school zones.

There will be an impact to 62 roadways spanning 175 roadway miles and approximately 3,000 signs will be installed. This work will start in April and go through the end of August. Caltrans standards will be followed. Signs will be much more visible.

Some of the Newcastle/Ophir Streets/roads where signs will be replaced/installed are:

- Brennans Road
- Gold Hill Road
- Indian Hill Road
- Kentucky Greens Way
- Valley View Drive
- Lozanos Road
- Powerhouse Road
- Newcastle Road
- Old State Highway

The project has already been out for bid and awarded to Highway Specialists.

MAC Member Elliott Rose asked if any improvements will be made on Hoyer Lane and Indian Hill Lane. Mr. Vassion said curve warning signs is really what this project



is about, and he was not exactly sure if there would be anything significant other than maybe updating intersection warning signage up there. As far as speed limit signs, this project isn't about updating regulatory signage. At this time, this project will be updating yellow curve warning signs.

Sue Stack asked what it would take to get speed limit signs. Kellogg Lane has one speed limit sign way down where people don't see it. There are no speed limit signs on Old State Highway.

Another citizen expressed concerned about Peach Lane where it passes Valley View. The roads are so small that two cars can't pass but they still try. There are two (2) "No Parking" signs that are damaged and are bent so no one can see them.

Another citizen expressed concern about signage on Glenview where it goes over the irrigation ditch. There was a sign installed by the County but has since been removed.

Mr. Vassion said he would follow up individually with all concerned parties relating to this project and additional signage issues.

9. Action Item(s):

A. Westwood Family Cellars – presented by Kally Keding-Cecil, Associate Planner.

The Municipal Advisory Council was asked to make a recommendation to the Planning Commission on a proposed 8-lot subdivision with a winery on a 38.57-acre lot located on Indian Hill Road in Newcastle. The project requires approval of a Tentative Subdivision Map, a Rezone, and an Administrative Review Permit. The project would be constructed in in two phases, with Phase I consisting of the subdivision and associated improvements, and Phase II consisting of the winery and associated improvements.

The rezoning will only be for parcels 2 through 8. The zoning for Parcel 1 would remain unchanged. The base zoning will not be changed but rather the minimum parcel size will change from 4.6 acres to 2.3 acres minimum.

The lots will range in size from 2.5 acres to 9.4 acres with a vineyard easement. Each site would have public water and on-site sewage disposal.

The winery (Phase II):

- 6,000 square feet with 35 parking spaces
- Open on weekends and holidays only
- Tasting room would produce a maximum of 20,000 cases of wine annually and host six (6) catered wine club dinners annually.

Indian Hill Road will have a left turn lane added during Phase II of the project.



CEQA guidelines changed recently so an additional analysis was conducted specifically for wildfires.

This project underwent an extensive environmental review. The public comment for the Mitigated Negative Declaration opens March 22, 2019 and stays open until April 22, 2019. The website to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration is:

<https://www.placer.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/35527/Stoneridge-Westwood-Family-Cellars-posted-32219>

MAC Member Sam Moore asked if the Mitigated Negative Declaration had been released yet and will it include the Administrative Application. Ms. Kedinger-Cecil advised Mr. Moore that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reviewed all the entitlements but there is not a separate Administrative Review Permit because it is part of the entire package that was reviewed.

MAC Member Moore along with the rest of the MAC members expressed concern that they are being asked to make a recommendation to the Planning Commission without reviewing the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

MAC Member Elliott Rose asked how big of a water line will be going in. Ms. Kedinger-Cecil didn't know the exact size, but it has been reviewed and the treated water will be coming from PCWA. PCWA has been involved in the process.

MAC Member Elliott Rose asked Ms. Kedinger-Cecil to elaborate on the sewer/disposal line. Ms. Kedinger-Cecil said that each parcel will have on-site septic disposal areas. Each site has demonstrated perk and mantle support to the septic systems.

MAC Chair Steve Palmer inquired on what happens with the winery waste water. Ms. Kedinger-Cecil advised that the winery waste water would be reviewed by the State Water Board and that there are permit requirements. There is mention of this in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Mike Anderson, winery applicant, advised MAC Member Green that the irrigation water will be coming from the Newcastle canal.

MAC Member Green asked if there is a barn on the location now and about the amount of tree removal. Ms. Kedinger-Cecil confirmed that there is a barn on the location. There will be an impact on 3.78 acres of oak woodland. They are required to mitigate at a 2:1 ratio. They have the option of either doing an onsite replanting program or paying a mitigation fee.

Phil Vassion added that on the project side there will be a Class II Bike Lane that will be six feet wide because of the Caltrans standard for higher speed roadways.

MAC Chair Palmer asked why the turn-pocket (addition of a left turn lane) is figured in Phase II of the project and not Phase I. Ms. Kedinger-Cecil said that the winery is



what is triggered the addition of a turn lane.

MAC Member Green asked why construction trucks aren't considered as part of a need for a turn lane. Ms. Keding-Cecil said that the traffic study did not require a turn lane for the construction traffic.

Ms. Keding-Cecil said that a traffic study was conducted.

MAC Chair Palmer asked if there were any other approvals required for the winery. Ms. Keding-Cecil said the winery gets an administrative review permit that is tied into the entire package.

Sue Stack asked what other things require mitigation besides the woodlands. Ms. Keding-Cecil elaborated on the mitigations. CEQA requires that they look at 21 different resource areas and there are 12 resource areas that they determined required mitigation. Those areas include aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology/water quality, traffic, and wildfire.

- ***Motion to move this Recommendation to the Planning Commission to the May 21, 2019 MAC Meeting so that MAC Members can review the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Karen Green / Sam Moore / Unanimous***

B. Countywide Park & Trail Master Plan – presented by Andy Fisher, Placer County Parks Division.

The Municipal Advisory Council was asked to make a recommendation to the Placer County Planning Commission on the draft Countywide Park and Trail Master Plan. Staff provided an overview of the final draft of the proposed Countywide Park and Trail Master Plan, which is anticipated to be presented to the Placer County Planning Commission for action in the spring and to the Placer County Board of Supervisors for final action in the summer. Staff's presentation also included a discussion of revisions made to the plan based on previous input from MAC and community members.

The plan can be reviewed at www.placerparksplan.com. This plan is out for review between now and the end of May.

Through social media, newspaper, and all different outlets available, people were invited to take an online survey to weigh in on what is important to them. There were 3,026 people who took the survey and 2,400 answered every question. The remainder answered only questions they felt pertained to them.

There were 124 focus groups setup to reach out to organizations related to recreation, from user groups and health organizations to groups revolving around different age demographics.

Approximately 11 citizens addressed MAC Members regarding their concerns for



the Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion Project that is included in the Countywide Park & Trail Master Plan. Nine (9) people were strongly opposed to the expansion project and two (2) people were not opposed.

MAC Member Green expressed her concern regarding having to pay for parking as well as the recent problems that occurred in Eldorado County during the heavy snow storms. People being stranded along Highway 50 and the towns not having the facilities to accommodate those people for food or restrooms. There is no room to bring in another 100 cars on Cramer Road. Ms. Green feels the expansion of Hidden Falls needs to come off the table, create focus groups, and listen to the people that are going to be highly impacted 24/7 by the proposed expansion of the Hidden Falls Park.

Ms. Green said it is important to consider the Placer County citizens that are being impacted and who own property in the area. They should be the first concern before opening up areas and inviting neighbors from out of county. The Placer County citizens should be taken care of first.

Mr. Fisher said the outcome of the review for the Hidden Falls Project will change the list on the Countywide Park & Trail Master Plan. Each project has its own process and review. If the Board decides not to go forward with the project, it will come off the list.

MAC Chair Palmer asked if the MAC votes to take the Hidden Falls Regional Park off the plan, will it affect the Countywide Park & Trail Plan going forward. Mr. Fisher advised that it expresses the views of the MAC but not stop the project. Staff has direction to go through the process. Staff would go through the EIR process regardless of what the MAC does. What the MAC recommends goes to the Parks Commission and Planning Commission.

- ***Motion to approve the Countywide Park & Trail Plan, but withhold Newcastle/Ophir MAC support for the Hidden Falls Regional Park project: Elliott Rose / Karen Green / Unanimous***

Presenter: Mark Fisher, Placer County Parks Division

10. Adjourned at 9:22 pm until the next regular meeting scheduled for May 16, 2019.