
COUNTY OF PLUMAS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: July 7, 2022
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Plumas County Courthouse Building
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Room 308
520 Main Street
Quincy, CA 95971

STANDING ORDERS

Due to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency, dated March 16, 2020, the County of Plumas is making several changes related to Planning Commission meetings to protect the public's health and prevent the disease from spreading locally. Plumas County Health Officer Recommendation Regarding Teleconferencing, issued on September 30, 2021, recommends local legislative bodies, such as commission, committees, boards, and council, hold public meetings with teleconferencing as authorized by Government Code section 54953 (e). Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (e) and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, the County of Plumas members of the Planning Commission may attend the meeting via teleconference or phone conference and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present. Due Government Code section 54953(e), the Boardroom will be open to the public but subject to social distancing requirements. Those that wish to attend the Board meeting, will be required to wear a face covering, as required by the local Public Health Officer order.

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Meeting ID: 926 6856 7598

Passcode: 461910

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Note: A majority of the Board of Supervisors may be present and may participate in discussion.



I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

III. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chris Spencer, Tom McGowan, Charles Leonhardt, Harvey West

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

At this time, the public has the opportunity to address the Commission concerning any item of interest not listed on this agenda. The Commission may not discuss or take any action on any item presented during the public comment period that is not on the agenda. The Commission may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public. Upon recognition by the Chairman, please state your name, county of residence, and subject matter. Discussion of any non-agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes or such reasonable time as is granted by the majority of the Commission.

V. **CONSENT ITEMS**

A. *Items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda*

None

B. *Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2022 (note, the meetings of May 19, 2022; June 2, 2022; and June 16, 2022 were cancelled)*

Motion: *Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2022,*

Moved by *Charles Leonhardt, ***Seconded by*** Harvey West.*

Vote: *Motion carried.*

Yes: *Spencer, McGowan, Leonhardt, West*

VI. **DISASTER RECOVERY OPERATIONS CENTER (DROC) AND DIXIE FIRE COLLABORATIVE (DFC) UPDATES FOR BECKWOURTH COMPLEX AND DIXIE FIRES**

Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director, stated that the debris removal is at 90% and tree removal is ongoing and almost complete. Ferguson went on further and noted the following:

- *Zone X, which are parcels with high lead levels, will be excavated and filled with clean soil by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).*
- *Plumas County and the Dixie Fire Collaborative are discussing long-term recovery and that next Tuesday, July 12, 2022, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) will be involved in a meeting to help with long-term recovery.*
- *The debris removal ordinance didn't set a specific date for debris removal.*
- *Next Wednesday, July 13, 2022, a training will be held by FEMA for housing recovery.*

VII. **PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS/COMMENTS**

A. *Resignation of Commissioner Moorea Hoffman Stout from Planning Commission, effective May 13, 2022*

Commissioner Harvey West commented on how successful the annual 4th of July event was in Graeagle, there were some concerns with fireworks from the Plumas National Forest which lead to four additional fire departments being brought to help support the Graeagle Fire Protection District.

Commissioner Charles Leonhardt stated that he attended a few meetings since the last Planning Commission meeting, one of them being the Rural Community Workshop. Leonhardt mentioned the following concerning the meeting:

- *60 people attended the meeting.*
- *Housing inventory was of concern and there was discussion of Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) employee housing issues.*



- *The meeting resulted in a series of interests with sub-interests to be further explored.*

Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director, commented on the housing inventory and that there is a housing inventory list in the Housing Element of the Plumas County 2035 General Plan that needs to be reviewed and updated. Ferguson mentioned that Planning staff would outline a sampling process to review the housing inventory of the Housing Element.

Commissioner Tom McGowan explained that, like that of the Graeagle event, the 4th of July event in Lake Almanor was great.

Commissioner Charles Leonhardt informed the Commission that Kevin Trutna, President/Superintendent, Feather River College, applied for and received funding for 126 units (dorms), which is much needed housing for Feather River College.

VIII. DISCUSSION: PLUMAS COUNTY COMMENT LETTER DATED MAY 26, 2022 RE: SECOND 15-DAY NOTICE OF ADDITION OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION TO RULEMAKING FILE AND MODIFIED TEXT TO PROPOSED “STATE MINIMUM FIRE SAFE REGULATIONS, 2021” NOTICE PUBLISHED MAY 10, 2022

Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director, discussed the letter as presented making note of the portion of the letter concerning ingress, egress, the 30 foot setback from property boundaries, and that Plumas County promotes compliance with Public Resources Code (PRC) 4290.

Ferguson mentioned that Planning staff will be meeting on July 11, 2022, with staff from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) to discuss the State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations.

IX. DISCUSSION: PLUMAS COUNTY COMMENT SCOPING LETTER DATED JUNE 21, 2022 RE: PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION (NOTICE) “PROTECT PROJECT”

Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director, discussed the letter as presented pointing out that the Plumas National Forest (PNF) wants to protect the “green areas,” the areas outside recent burn areas, and that fuel treatment project are of importance to PNF reduce the risk of wildfire. Ferguson explained that the fuel treatment project are on a fast track while the environmental document for the project is being completed and Planning staff will let the Commission know when the environmental document is available for review.


X. DISCUSSION: PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2035 GENERAL PLAN (Tracey Ferguson, AICP, Planning Director)

A. *Public Health & Safety Element Implementation Measures (continued)*

Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director, read aloud Implementation Measures #14-22 of the Public Health & Safety Element, with the following Implementation Measures having comments by Planning staff:

Implementation Measure #14: The Chicken Ordinance was completed to help address this implementation measure, which allows six (6) chickens on ant Single-Family Residential parcel, and if twice or more the minimum acreage, 12 chickens are permitted.

Implementation Measure #17: Firewise programs, etc. by the local fire protection districts help to address this implementation measure.



Implementation Measure #18: Our current ordinance for the State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations is decertified and compliance with the current State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations is still required.

Implementation Measure #20: The Plumas County Department of Public Works is creating a grading and drainage ordinance and discretionary projects (e.g., special use permits) may be required to submit a grading and drainage plan to the Department of Public Works.

Implementation Measure #22: Sierra Institute campus in Crescent Mills is an example.

XI. PLANNING COMMISSION FY 2022/23 BUDGET

Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director, went over the Planning Commission budget as presented, pointing out that Planning staff put it in the budget for the Planning Commission to become members of the American Planning Association (APA) and inquired as to whether the Commission liked the idea of being APA members. All commissioners were in agreement that they liked the idea of being APA members.

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES

- A. Public Service Facility Definition Amending Ordinance (July 5, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting)
Ferguson reported that the Ordinance went to the Board of Supervisors on July 5, 2022, and was adopted.*
- B. Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) – Quincy Project
Ferguson explained that there was a handout in the packet provided for the meeting that mentioned funding for American Valley.*
- C. Caltrans & Plumas County Transportation Commission Complete Streets – Quincy Project
Ferguson reported that there will be a public workshop by Caltrans.*
- D. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Process and Plumas County’s incorporation into the Sierra Economic Development District (SEDD)
Ferguson reported that the Board of Supervisors support joining the CEDS.*
- E. Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Process and Plumas County’s participation in the North State Region Collaborative Application
Ferguson reported that she is bringing CERF experts to the Board of Supervisors on July 19, 2022, to discuss the CERF.*



XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. *Guest Speaker: Roger Diefendorf, Executive Director, Plumas County Community Development Commission (PCCDC) / Housing Authority (Invited)*

XIV. ADJOURNMENT to the regular meeting scheduled on July 21, 2022

Motion: Adjournment to the regular meeting scheduled on July 21, 2022

Moved by Charles Leonhardt, ***Seconded by*** Harvey West.

Vote: Motion carried.

Yes: Spencer, McGowan, Leonhardt, West