

Fish Camp Town Planning Advisory Council

Draft Minutes

Saturday, April 30, 2011-Tenaya Lodge

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Harter

Members Present: Baxter, Cerioni, Davies, Harter, Luther, McCann, Mattos, Salisbury, Wohlgemuth

Ex-Officio Members Present: Jim Allen, County Supervisor; Dave Martin, Bass Lake District Ranger; Eric Scott, Wawona District Ranger; Jim Wilson, Mariposa County Fire;

Guests: Suzanna Odry, Karen Glendenning, Karen & Barry Green, Bill Keller, Tom Miller, Darleen & John Swenson

MOTION: (Baxter/Mattos) Motion to approve Pamela Salisbury as Secretary: Approved

MOTION: (Baxter/Davies) Motion to approve site plan for Tenaya Lodge Wastewater Treatment Facility (from 02/19/11 meeting): Approved

MOTION: (Mattos/Davies) Motion to approve the minutes of 02/19/11 with the following change: Susan Keller gave out [insert: *a document purported to be*] by-laws of the Fish Camp Town Planning Advisory Council: Approved as amended

Public Comments not on the Agenda

Barry Green: Big Creek Conservancy formed to raise funds to purchase Big Creek Meadow if the developer, PacificUS, defaults on the mortgage. Big Creek Conservancy has partnered with Sierra Foothill Conservancy (www.sierrafoothill.org) to receive tax-deductible donations specifically for "Fish Camp Meadow." For additional information go to www.fishcampca.org.

Karen Green: Advised Supervisor Allen that several potholes on Forest Drive need to be addressed.

County Government Report – Jim Allen

Performance reviews for department heads are currently being completed.

Budget Issues: Sheriff will lose over \$600,000 from the state of California. This is a very tough budget season that will likely see layoffs.

Transfer station: Did not vote for fee increase, however motion passed and new fee for a 33-gallon container is \$5.00. Mariposa County pays \$121 per ton for trash going to landfill while Merced County pays \$18.95. Total Waste (vendor) can haul trash to Merced (making the landfill a transfer station) for about \$65 per ton. The landfill can remain open for 40-50 years if the County approves this. The compost facility has never worked and County needs to face that reality. The other Supervisors are reluctant to make any changes. This was a bad investment and needs to be fixed.

Go to www.mariposacounty.org/sheriff to enter your phone number for the Reverse 911 Code Red Alert system so that the public may be contacted in case of an emergency.

If a resident has an issue with an absentee owner's property (excessive growth/ladder fuels), Mr. Allen will contact the owner of the property to seek a solution to the problem.

Fire Department Report—Jim Wilson

Test holes have been dug for septic system at site of new Fish Camp fire station. Grading and pre-engineering plans are done. FEMA, via NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act), has published a FONSI (findings of no significant impact) certificate that now must await public comment. A Request for Proposal will go out for the foundation, pad and construction phases of the job. The dirt work, the grading and the septic will be done this summer and around October 1st work on the foundation, pad and shell will commence. The goal is to enclose the shell before winter.

USFS Report—Dave Martin

The Environmental Impact Statement for a series of vegetation management/ fuel hazard reduction/ forest health projects (approx 1000 acres) east of Highway 41 in Fish Camp is awaiting a record of decision.

Publication of the Sierra National Forest Travel Management Map is scheduled for this summer. The map will be free to the public.

Summit Campground and Westfall Station R A F T are not closing but they will not be maintained by the USFS.

Willow Creek watershed is an 85,000 acre site requiring eco-system restoration that seeks public collaboration and funding.

Eric Scott—Wawona District Ranger

One more month of work left by Granite Construction for the Wawona Road Project. Wawona Hotel and Store parking lots have recently been paved. New Wawona website: www.wawona.weebly.com.

On March 21, Council member Brian Mattos was involved in saving the life of a cardiac patient at the Tenaya Lodge. There are four different plans to re-design the south entrance to Yosemite but currently no funds available.

Tenaya Lodge New Treatment Facility—Follow-up

Karen Glendenning/Donn Harter: A screen of trees will hide the Tenaya's new wastewater treatment facility from Jackson/Big Sandy Road and traffic will not be interrupted.

Private Property Fuel Reduction Inspections

Residents requiring help with fuel reduction/clean-up are advised to contact Steve McQueen or Bill Keller. There are no plans for a community-wide effort.

Next Meetings

Saturday, July 23 at 10 a.m., Tenaya Lodge

Saturday, October 22 at 10 a.m., Tenaya Lodge

MOTION: (Salisbury/Cerioni) Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Salisbury, Secretary