

Fish Camp Town Planning Advisory Council

Draft Minutes

Saturday, October 22, 2011-Tenaya Lodge, Timber Loft

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

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

Members Absent Excused: McCann

Members Absent Not Excused: Davies

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

Guests: Karen Glendenning, Karen Green, Susan Odry, Carole & Bill Rosenberger and Bill Keller,

MOTION: (Mattos/Cerioni) to approve the minutes of 07/23/11 as written. Approved

Public Comments not on the Agenda

Karen Glendenning reported that she had called supervisor Allen re removal of the Northland cables. She also asked that the Council agendaize the closing of the Fish Camp post office.

John Luther reported that Katie Smith of the Fish Camp post office stated that our post office had been taken off the closure list.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

County Government Report – Jim Allen

The Northland cables were attached to many of the PG & E poles and they were taking action.

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors had passed a resolution on 10/1/11 to maintain the Fish Camp post office.

There are 6 applicants for the Public Works Director position recently vacated by Allen Toschi.

The County visitor center management to go out to bid.

Karen Glendenning stated that the NPS visitor center to be located (potentially) in the town of Mariposa.

Lyle Turpin returned to work this week.

Fire Department Report—Jim Wilson

The bids for the site development of the Fish Camp fire station came in substantially above estimated. He said that the entire project will go out to bid for 2012 construction.

Carole Rosenberger asked if the station will be staffed?

Wilson No, all are volunteers.

Karen Green asked if the USFS is sharing?

Wilson Nothing until the building is completed. The County Emergency Plan will be implemented by the end of the year.

Each community should develop its own emergency “phone tree” to communicate emergency information. Ideally there would be one individual in each community to serve as liaison with county personnel who would then disseminate info to locals in the area. With the exception of Buck Meadows, Fish Camp is as isolated as anywhere in the county with regard to obtaining emergency services. In an emergency situation, all media services can be used including Facebook, Twitter and our local website: www.fishcampca.org. Donn Harter has an email list of locals that can be used to maintain communication.

USFS Report—Dave Martin

Harter thanked Martin for patching Summit Road.

No current timber bidding.

Fuel reduction program: The Sugar Pine area is nearing completion. Fish Camp is due to start in 2012.

Karen Glendenning asked how much did the FS receive from timber harvesting?

Martin: I don't have the individual sale figures, however if you call my office they can assist you.

Jim Allen asked about the snow play area for this winter?

Martin: They are short of funds for staffing.

Sheriff's Report—Doug Binnewies, Sheriff

Supervisor Allen reported for Binnewies. The State has shifted short sentence inmates to county jails.

Karen Glendenning asked emergency plans for extreme conditions as March of 2011 and communications with FC property owners on driveway conditions?

Harter responded that he had started reporting road and weather conditions by phone and email to property owners, CHP, County departments (Sheriff, Supervisor, & Public Works), Forest Service, and NPS.

NPS Repost - Eric Scott, Wawona District Ranger

A record of 780,000 visitors entered the park in July, largely due to free entrance during the holiday weekend.

There will be meetings on the **Merced River Plan** on 10/27—El Portal, 10/28 – Wawona, 10/29 – Yosemite, 11/7 – Yosemite, 11/29 – San Francisco.

Revamping of the South entrance will be done in 2012.

October 25 begins the prescribe burn of the Bishop Creek area. The Avalanche lightning strike is continuing as a control burn.

Karen Glendenning asked about thistle eradication on the 41 corridor?

Brian Mattos: The Wawona weed crew is working.

Dave Martin: FS crews are working the 41 corridor.

Brian Mattos: The restoration of the Mariposa Grove is beginning.

Dave Martin: There will be a prescribe burn locally before winter if possible.

District 5, Commissioner's Report – Les Marsden

Marsden will transfer to District 1 at end of 2013.

An amendment to the Wawona Specific Plan for temporary hosing will be approved and added to the County general plan.

New Business:

Jake break restriction signs:

Supervisor Allen has ordered 2 Jake signs for Hwy. 41 and for Summit Rd. DPW Director Peter Rei will provide the signs and break-away posts. Note: These signs are not enforceable under County or State ordinances and laws. Signs to be shipped to Harter for installation. Three signs are really needed, one for both directions on Hwy 41 and one for Summit Road.

2012 Meeting Dates Meetings are scheduled to meet on Saturdays @ 10 A.M. at the Tenaya Lodge.

Jan. 14 – Apr. 7 – Jul. 7 – Oct. 13

MOTION: (Baxter/Cerioni) To approve these meeting dates. Passed

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Salisbury, Secretary with Donn Harter, Acting Secretary