

# **Willowbank County Service Area Advisory Committee**

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**Meeting of January 28, 2010**

**Fire Station #33, 425 Mace Blvd.**

**Davis, CA 95616**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Committee Chair John Cooluris called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

**PRESENT:** Committee Chair John Cooluris, Committee members Terry Almeida, Kent Calfee, Marcia Kreith, Dick McCapes, and Olin Woods

**EXCUSED:** Michael Dahmus

**GUESTS:** Regina Espinoza and, David Morrison, Yolo County, Supervisor Jim Provenza, and Community members Don Gueffry, Richard Reed, Lance and Stanley, Matt Williams, El Macero and Mark Statham, Ph.D.

**MINUTES:** MSP (Woods/Calfee) the minutes of August 27, 2009 were approved as presented. MSP (Woods/McCapes) the November 23, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

## **COUNTY SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Provenza commented on the County budget. Provenza stated that they are faced with major budget cuts across the board in order to balance the budget. Provenza announced that Patrick Blacklock is the new County Administrator.

## **SACRAMENTO VALLEY RED FOX**

Kreith brought this item to the committee as the red fox are found in our neighborhood, and have dens in the North Fork of Putah Creek. Mark Statham, Ph.D. in Genetics and Ecology and is a Postdoctoral Research Scholar at UC Davis, summarized his research on the red fox. Statham gave an overview of the history of the red fox stating that they were first recorded in the Sacramento Valley in 1880. The Valley Red Fox was originally believed to have been foxes that had escaped from fur farms until genetic testing on the animal found its origins to be a distinct subspecies that is unique to lowland areas of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Stratham reported that they became interested in the origins of the second population in the Sacramento Valley after a genetic comparison involving museum specimens appeared to be native. In conjunction with the Department of Fish and Game, research of the red fox has expanded to include a combined field study assessing the current status and threats to their population. This informational presentation was made to raise awareness of the Sacramento Valley Red Fox.

## **PENDING APPLICATION OF RESULTS RADIO, LLC**

Committee member Kent Calfee removed himself from the discussion. Cooluris reported on the December 10, 2009 Yolo County Planning Commission meeting where Results Radio, LLC asked for a postponement of any action on their application in order to talk to interested parties. Discussion ensued. It was stated that a representative from Results Radio is currently working with the FCC on the landfill location and has requested a variance from the FCC for that site. At first the site was deemed unsuitable; however, upon further investigation the FCC determined that the landfill location would work for the construction and operation of a 335' radio broadcast tower. It was noted that if a new spot were located CEQA would need to be modified thus pushing the project back to May. Staff noted that shifting from the Mace Boulevard site to the landfill site affects another group of people that need to be considered; therefore, we have to weigh all the variables of the project. The agriculture zoning of Mace Boulevard was brought up and staff noted that some of the county zoning would be changing. The Committee asked Supervisor Provenza to look at an ordinance that specifically addresses this issue.

## **CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

A number of Citizens' Advisory Committees have been created in Yolo County for the purpose of affording a community the opportunity to review and make recommendations on proposed development projects that would require the approval of the Yolo County Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors or the Planning & Public Works Department. The County currently has eight (8) general plan advisory committees. The committee members are appointed by the Supervisors and are similar in function to CSAs; however, CSAs report directly to the County Supervisors and the Advisory Committees report to Planning and Public Works. It was noted that this could be the type of framework to deal with development issues and a way to reach the community to provide a public forum before one feels blind sided. The sphere of influence of what goes on around us is very important in an unincorporated township and a committee such as this could be more proactive of the general plan in reshaping the landscape of the community.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kreith stated that she has not had any telephone service in the last 10 days and would like to have the Committee's support on addressing this issue. It was suggest that a representative attend the next meeting.

Cooluris thanked David Morrison for attending the meeting and Kreith expressed her appreciation to all staff.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**AT&T Service in the Willowbank Area**

## **NEXT MEETING**

March 25, 2010

**ADJOURN: MSP: (Kreith/Calfee) 9:15 PM**