

# **(Corrected) Madison Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

**January 27, 2011**

**MAC Members Present:** Carla Phillips, Sherrie Barnett, Bonnie Stormont and Rachel De La Cruz

**Others Present:** Leroy Bertolero - County planning  
Leo Refsland - Public  
Hendrick Feenstra- Public

**1.** Chair Carla Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**2. Roll Call and sign in:**

MAC members present were Carla Phillips, Bonnie Stormont, Rachel De la Cruz and Sherrie Barnett. Steve Gomez was absent.

**3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

Motion was made by Bonnie Stormont to approve Minutes from September 23, 2010 and seconded by Sherrie Barnett, Carla Phillips and Rachel De La Cruz voted yes and the minutes were approved.

**4. Correspondence and Announcements:** None

**5. Madison Service District Update:**

Leo Refsland Manager of the Madison Service District gave an update on the MSD Master Plan. He says the Master Plan would help us to be ready if approached by developers to have current cost for hook-ups etc. A Grant MSD received over a year ago plus \$12,000 in matching MSD funds came to about \$130,000. The work is about 75% done and should be completed by June. This will help the Service District come into compliance with the state and ready for some development. Flood control for Madison will be addressed with any planned development. The new town well is operating really well and the 2 old ones are operable as back-ups. The back-up switch is ready in case the power is out we will have a back-up for water, thanks to the Capay Valley Rotary. We thanked Leo for all the hard work he has done for Madison.

**6. County Update Discussion:**

Leroy Bertolero gave a planning commission update on the county climate action plan being discussed by the county.  
Other County discussion: Permits for solar fields or solar farms are being discussed and information is being gathered and researched for discussion and comments from the advisory committees and the public. They don't really know much about how these work in Ag counties. There are a couple permits for "solar farms" that the planning dept. has received. Yolo County doesn't have any solar fields except on the Tribal land. There are no ordinances in place to address the use of land for solar fields or farms yet. Yolo county needs to adopt the climate action plan to reflect the new General Plan and

state regulations for reducing carbon footprint. We have several packets of information to look over for comments on the climate action plan that has to be adopted to reflect new state laws. The new Ag zoning changes that are going into effect are Ag intensive, Ag extensive, Ag Industrial, and Ag Commercial.

The planning Department staff is down to 8 employees from 17 not planners.

The Cal Trans Hwy 16 expansion project has 2 lawsuits holding some of it up. I asked again where our \$1,386,000 Madison flood protection money stands with Cal Trans. We need to find out where the money is and if still even exists. Rachel says sometimes money in the states hands left too long disappears and is absolved into the general fund. They can only carry money over for a certain amount of time. Leo says we should be pro active and contact Cal Trans about land that is for sale between Madison and Esparto. It could be bought for retention ponds with our flood money they supposedly have. I said we need a sound wall for the constant traffic noise from Hwy 16 all night long. Other communities have them in place before busy roads are approved for expansion.

Steve Gomez doesn't plan to renew his advisory membership, Sherrie sent in renewal application to the county. We will post a notice in the post office to let the public know we need advisory members.

**Future Agenda Items:**

**Discussion:**

- a. Draft Solar Facilities Ordinance
- b. Draft Update to Agriculture Zoning Regulations
- c. Draft Local CEQA Guidelines
- d. Other

**Action items:**

- a. Election of officers
- b. Amend the MAC standing rules to change time of MAC meeting from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm
- c. Madison Bus Shelter new location

Next meeting February 24, 2011

Meeting adjourned

Sherrie Barnett

Madison Advisory Committee Secretary