

## CAPAY VALLEY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on February 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7.05 p.m. by Co-Chairman Don Tompkins.

PRESENT: Don Tompkins, Anne Rawlins, Lea Piantino Lloyd, Linda Pillard, Ellen Knolle, Stephanie Cormier, Michael McDonald, Sandra Montero and Tony Montero.

ABSENT: Vicki Murphy and Todd Gettlemen.

Supervisor Chamberlain was unable to be present as he was scheduled to be at a Westside Sacramento Integrated Regional Water Management Plan meeting at the Heidrick Ag History Center, but supported staff's recommendation to deny the request to close Road 40.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Committee had previously received and reviewed copies of the Minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting. As there were no requests for changes, Anne Rawlins moved to approve the Minutes as submitted, the Motion was seconded by Lea Piantino Lloyd and was approved unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandra Montero again addressed the Committee on the issue of wind turbines. She previously brought this to the Committee's attention at its last meeting on December 7, 2011. She wanted to know if members had any information on the location of where Eagles were nesting in the Valley; since this was now pertinent information required for the location of wind turbines. She stated a wind turbine was proposed to be erected in Madison, also one in Sacramento County at the Sanitation District.

Sandra discussed the problems with noise, and explained they emitted a constant "beat" which was disruptive to humans. She stated she now has a "met" tower located one mile from her house that has two red lights, one constant and one flashing. She provided the Committee with the addresses of web sites devoted to the issue of wind turbines. Linda Pillard, who was not present at the discussion on this issue at the December meeting, raised a number of questions on the status of wind turbines in the County. It was noted that Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Supervisor was at the previous meeting when this matter was discussed.

### ACTION ITEMS.

a) Election of Officers.

Lea Piantino Lloyd moved to reelect Anne Rawlins and Don Tompkins as Co-Chairman, the motion was seconded by Linda Pillard and was approved unanimously. Linda Pillard made a motion to elect

Todd Gettleman as Secretary, it was seconded by Ellen Knolle and passed unanimously.

b) Application to Abandon a Portion of Road 40.

Stephanie Cormier addressed the Committee. She stated that in addition to the hundreds of comments and letters received from Yolo County residents and groups, the Planning Department had also received numerous letters from Lake County residents. She stated there were a number of communities in Lake County that were served by Road 40. Stephanie stated the Department will recommend to the Planning Commission denial on the grounds it cannot make a Finding because the road serves communities in Lake County, and was inconsistent with the Yolo County's General Plan.

Linda Pillard and Ellen Knolle discussed issues ranging from illegal activity, including marijuana growing, that was taking place in the area, its remoteness from law enforcement, and Homestake Mining Company's right to protect its property. Anne Rawlins noted that the growing of marijuana was taking place all over the County and was not relevant to the issue of abandonment of the road. Lea Lloyd encapsulated the reasons for not abandoning the road, she noted they were the same reasons the Committee opposed the application to abandon Road 41, namely it was a public right of way, taxpayers maintained the road, the fact the County was unable to maintain the road now, was no reason to abandon it, and it was a public asset that should be preserved.

Michael McDonald, a Commissioner with the Capay Valley Fire Department, explained there was significantly more recreational use being made of the area. As a consequence, the Fire Department was responding to more fire and rescue calls. Closure of a portion of Road 40 would greatly impair their ability to gain access to the area. As it is, the Fire Department was experiencing considerable difficulty due to the closure of the Low Water Bridge to vehicles. The Fire Department was forced to use AT vehicles for fire protection and search and rescue. Helicopters had to be called in to fly the injured out. He expressed the urgency for the need to repair Low Water Bridge and noted the large loss of revenue to the County from fees it would normally receive from the rafting companies who were now prevented from using the Bridge.

Stephanie stated Homestake Mining Company was no longer mining for gold, but the lack of maintenance was contributing to the seeping of Mercury into Cache Creek.

Lea Lloyd made a motion that the Committee oppose the application to close of a portion of Road 40, it was seconded by Linda Pillard and passed unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS.

A discussion was held on the upcoming Agenda items in March including the Road Trip Wine Barn Use Permit. Linda Pillard expressed concern over the sale of alcohol and thought more should be done to make the public aware of its dangers. Lea Lloyd stated there were more than sufficient alcohol programs available, educational and public, that addressed this problem. It was also noted other businesses in the area served alcohol.

A questions was raised on the status of the Ag Zoning Ordinance. It was reported this was still a work in progress.

Linda P:illard noted the Tribe had a proposal before the County for a “Housing Project” in Brooks which included conversion of fee land to tribal land. Linda asked when this would be on the Committee’s agenda. She was informed by the Chairman this was a item that did not come under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Ellen Knolle questioned this response and stated the issue of the Tribe’s expansion of the Casino had previously come before it. She was informed that was a different issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2012.