

**Willowbank County Service Area Advisory Committee**  
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**Meeting of March 26, 2009 7:00 P.M.**  
**Fire Station #33, 425 Mace Blvd.**  
**Davis, CA 95618**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** John Cooluris called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

**PRESENT:** Committee members Terry Almeida, Kent Calfee, John Cooluris, Michael Dahmus, Marcia Kreith and Olin Woods

**EXCUSED:** None

**GUEST:** Supervisor Jim Provenza, Deputy Gina Daleiden, Community member Ron Butler, Heather Launderclay, Regina Espinoza, David Morrison-Assistant Director Planning, Lonell Butler-Chief Building Official

**MINUTES** MSP (Calfee/Dahmus) the minutes of October 23, 2008 were approved as amended.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND WELCOME TO SUPERVISOR JIM PROVENZA**

Introductions were made and Cooluris welcomed Supervisor Provenza and Deputy Daleiden to the Willowbank County Service Area Committee meeting.

**COUNTY SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Provenza stated that he is very happy to be your elected official and will work hard on all the issues facing Yolo County and the County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Provenza and Deputy Daleiden made it known that they want to hear from the community and said to call 530-757-5555 or email [Gina.Daleiden@yolocounty.org](mailto:Gina.Daleiden@yolocounty.org) for Deputy Daleiden and 530-554-7331 for Supervisor Provenza.

**PROPOSED PERMIT FOR RADIO BROADCAST TOWER ON MACE BLVD. SOUTH OF WILLOWBANK**

Calfee brought this item to the committee for discussion. The Yolo County Planning and Public Works Pre-Application Review document was distributed to the committee for review. Some of the concerns noted by the committee were the size of the structure and lights, the visual impact of the structure, the possibility radiation can be emitted from the tower, and interference with Public Television and Public Radio reception in the area. Calfee said that this project is located in a pass-through area where Yolo County and City of Davis have an agreement so the application will go through the City review process as well. If the City recommends denial and County goes ahead with approval the County would lose \$1.8 million in pass-through finds. Kreith stated that she had a conversation with KDVS general manager Ben Johnson. He stated KDVS (90.3) is working to amend their March 2, 2007 application to FCC to relocate from UC Davis to a tower north of Davis. The objective of relocating from the present UC Davis location would be to increase broadcast power to reach a greater radius in Sacramento. KDVS' 2007 application has languished; FCC has

neither rejected the application nor requested amendments. An amendment to change location to south of Davis has not yet been submitted to FCC. According to Johnson, KYCC (sic!) wants to build a tower on Mace Blvd. in Solano County. It would be available to KDVS, if KDVS gets FCC permission to broadcast from that location, and to others including wireless repeaters. According to Johnson, the FCC makes its determinations based on the number of people in the geographic area that are or would be potentially affected by interference. Hence the rural location south of Davis looks attractive to KDVS. He stated KDVS's increased power could interfere with reception of Public Radio stations and with Channel 6 TV analog broadcasts, and that wireless repeaters could interfere with other telephone wireless repeaters. Calfee suggested that the notice area be expanded to include Willowbank and El Macero residents. In addition, Calfee would like the County to follow up on the visual impact of the broadcast tower.

MSP: (Calfee/Woods) (1) Invite a representative from radio station to the May meeting to further clarify what they have in mind. (2) extend an invitation to the El Macero CSA Board to attend the meeting and; (3) write a letter to the City of Davis and Yolo County asking that residents of Willowbank and El Macero be notified of public hearings on this matter.

### **PUTAH CREEK TRASH REDUCTION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

This item has been deferred to the May meeting.

### **FEMA PRELIMINARY FLOOD ZONE MAP**

Kreith brought this item to the committee because she received a notice regarding the rezoning of the flood map by FEMA. It was at this time that she found that the map was incorrect. Kreith stated that quite a few families may be affected. The December 19, 2008 Preliminary FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) No. 06113C0612G / Panel 612 of 785 shows Putah Creek/Channel to be Flood Zone A and erroneously shows it running North to South along the border of Willowbank and Oakside subdivisions and East to West along Montgomery Avenue. David Morrison and Lonell Butler from the Yolo County Planning and Building Department were on hand to answer questions. It was suggested that if anyone is concerned about an error in the preliminary flood zone map that they file a letter along with supporting documents during FEMA's comment period by June 1, 2009. Yolo County PPW has a link to FEMA on their website. Butler stated that Eric Simmons in Oakland is the regional FEMA contact. It was noted that this is a Federal issue and FEMA has been more than willing to work with people on this matter. Calfee suggested it may be efficient for people to contact Congressman Thompson's local representative. Supervisor Provenza offered to write a letter of support for our request to correct the maps.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Cooluris highlighted the issues the Committee has been working on. He stated that this committee refers matters raised by Willowbank homeowners to the County Board of Supervisors and makes recommendations to the Board that is the business of the county. Cooluris brought up traffic on Montgomery Avenue and the Montgomery Avenue and Mace Blvd intersection. He stated that this continues to be a significant problem. Heather Launderclay, community member, announced that she has witnessed speeding on Montgomery and views this situation as very dangerous. Discussion ensued and it was decided that this item will be discussed further at the May meeting and someone from Public Works and California Highway Patrol will be invited to attend.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Radio Broadcast Tower

Putah Creek Trash Reduction and Vegetation Management

Traffic

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The large construction signs that have been cropping up in Willowbank neighborhoods was brought up. It was noted that Yolo County has a sign ordinance place.

Kreith expressed concern about the mining of soil by sod farm operations and the resultant lowering of soil level and flooding of fields south of Montgomery in recent years.

Woods announced that the City of Davis Water rates are going up and that there will be a public hearing in May.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 28, 2009

**ADJOURNMENT:** MSP: (Woods/Dahmus) 9:04 PM