

EL PORTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES FINAL (Approved 2/8/22)

DATE: TUESDAY November 9, 2021
TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: teleconference

1. Roll call:

Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe

Steve Engfer

Committee: Mark Abney, Alan Kunz, Kevin Shelton, Pinky Collamer, Paul Amstutz, Greg Magruder, Ryan Kelly, Cat Fong

Andre Sanchez – California Wilderness Coalition

2. A resolution of the El Portal Planning Advisory Committee proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2020 regarding an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as Covid-19), and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the El Portal Planning Advisory Committee for the period November 10, 2021 to December 110, 2021 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the El Portal Planning Advisory Committee this 9th day of November, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

Mark
Alan
Kevin
Pinky
Greg
Paul
Cat

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

3. **Persons wishing to speak on a matter not on the agenda**, but within the jurisdiction of the committee. These items will be discussed after the conclusion of other items listed on the agenda. No action will be taken by the Committee. The public will also be given the opportunity to comment before or during the Committee's consideration of the items that are on the agenda.

Andre Sanchez – CalWild introduce himself

4. Review, correct, and approve minutes of September 14, 2021

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the corrected minutes of September 14, 2021

Pinky made the motion to approve corrected minutes, Greg seconded.

Mark – yes
Alan – yes
Kevin – yes
Pinky – yes
Greg – yes
Paul - yes

5. Information Item – Pre-Application (PAR) No. 2021-151 Cedar Lodge Remodeling and Reconfiguration. 9966 Highway 140, El Portal APN 006-060-0020, Cedar Lodge, LLC.

- Steve Engfer presented the information contained in the meeting packet provided an explanation of the county process (including updated C.I.M.) for the repair, rebuild, and changes planned for the Cedar Lodge.

Commercial Industrial Management Plan (C.I.M.)

- County application for commercial, industrial, manufacturing review
- Amends existing CIM plan which allows 10% expansion
- But these changes in number of units needs an amendment for CIM Plan
- Document the water, sewer etc.

6. County Items

- The committee discussed their intent to meet in person at the El Portal Community Hall for all 2022 meetings.
- A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the proposed meetings dates and location at the El Portal Community Hall for the El Portal Planning Advisory Committee in 2022.
 - Paul made the motion to approve the dates, and Kevin seconded.
 - Mark yes
 - Alan -yes
 - Kevin – yes
 - Pinly – yes
 - Greg – yes
 - Cat - yes
- [USGS & NPS Algae Research](#)
 - Cat Fong explained some recent changes in the river due to precipitation:
 - Higher flow, lower temp, less sunlight
 - Toxic algae likely related to human activities near any water source
 - CA State Water Resources Control Board
 - Have signage available when needed for next year
- Foresta Bridges - County & MGE Bridge Design Contract Status?
 - MGE has submitted:
 - Interim Typology Report and Conceptual Design
 - Requested that PW distribute Conceptual Design
 - Supervisor Smallcombe has asked PW if CalTrans were received
 - Action Item:

- **Supervisor Smallcombe** to request Conceptual Design and CalTrans comments from PW
- Parkline No-camping
 - high volume & long-term use has returned (month-long campers)
 - Enforcement status?
 - Sheriff reported that a deputy contacted 12 cars and they moved with verbal warning
 - Chief Ranger Kevin Killian – asked his rangers to keep a tally
 - Residents noticed campers at El Portal Chapel, El Portal Community Hall, Incline Road
 - Question: Incline Road Campgrounds Status? Open or Closed?
 - Action Items:
 - **Supervisor Smallcombe** to inquire with NPS and FS
 - Resident take a photo if you see OB camper, send it to Ryan and/or Supervisor Smallcombe
 - Responsible Recreation Work Group
 - Based on Eastern Sierra efforts, bring in more partners, DMOs, agency reps
 - Invite to February meeting or special meeting
 - Action Item:
 - **Supervisor Smallcombe** to invite potential partners to participate in a Responsible Recreation Working Group
- PG&E 70kv Line Replacement End Date?
 - Alan Kunz reported that El Portal work should be ending the week of 11/9/2021
 - Clean up happening at staging areas
- Bear Safe Dumpsters & County Code
 - El Portal & Yosemite View Lodge required to have bear safe dumpsters
 - View - garbage goes to onsite trash compactor then bear proof storage area
 - Cedar Lodge – trash goes to compactor at the View
 - Cedar Lodge not included in the bear safe dumpster zone
- [California Wilderness Coalition](#)
 - Work on wilderness & wild / scenic rivers designation
 - Interested in sustainable recreation
 - Aware of increased visitation and related resource impacts in recent years
 - Sierra & Stanislaus NF are currently developing new management plans
 - Andre Sanchez will join the February meeting for a more in depth discussion

5. Community Topics

- New Food Waste Dumpsters (EP & Valley)
 - Issues with door latches has been address with temporary fix
 - Manufacturer will provide permanent fix soon

6. Next Meeting

- Next meeting – February 8, 2021
- Agenda Items- to be determined

7. Adjournment