

**Fish Camp Planning Advisory Council
Draft Minutes
9:30 a.m., Saturday, April 22, 2023**

Call to Order at 9:32 a.m.

Chair Baxter

1. Roll Call

Secretary Rolfe

Members Present: Brett Archer, Robert Bassett, Greg Baxter, Jeff Cerioni, William Reinhart, Margaret Rolfe and Greg Royse

Members Absent: Excused: Donn Harter, James Christian

2. Welcome Guests

Baxter, Vice Chair

Guests introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes

Minutes of the January 21, 2023. **Moved Cerioni seconded Bassett passed.**

4. Persons wishing to speak on a matter not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the council: None.

5. FCPAC Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

- a. Discussion and direction to Planning staff to assist FCPAC Chair in preparation and submittal of FCPAC Annual Report (Attachment A - Annual Report Draft Memo)

A resolution has been passed at Mariposa County. There is now requirement for each of the 55 advisory councils, Fish Camp being 1, to submit an annual report to the Board. The goal is to have each council's activities reported to the Board, so they are kept apprised of what's happening, where there are gaps, how does each committee see themselves, what their roll is in the community, what are they doing with the information received, etc. and to determine which committee is not active. There are also updated bylaws that each committee should have and review at least annually.

Discussion: Secretary Rolfe reported the annual report was already in progress and would work with other council members to get it completed. From the community at large, they would like earlier access to information. Unless they get an email for the meeting with agenda packet, the community isn't aware of the activities in Fish Camp. Requests made: Can a link to the meeting, agenda packet, etc. be placed on Facebook, and also be sent to the community at large via email. May the secretary post draft minutes before they are approved at the next meeting? Response: The County planning administration staff sends out the link for the meeting. They believe they have extensive list of emails. Donn Harter also has extensive list.

Currently, the minutes are to be send to Mariposa Board members Daniel Bondshoe and Steve Engfer.

6. Ex Officio Reports:

a. USFS, District Ranger

Cori Hayth

Ms. Hayth is the Recreation Manager for the Bass Lake District. (She used to be in charge of Goat Meadow snow play). The overall report from the winter, the roads were a “hot mess.” Due to the large amounts of snow, the recreation facilities had giant blow outs and issues. While the snow is starting to melt, Fish Camp hasn’t been assessed yet due to the snow level. Mariposa County Jerseydale side assessment is the key. Two contractors hired for each district for all the roads. Ms. Hayth doesn’t think there will be access until August. They have received a grant for storm damage funding. The grant is through 2023. They would like to get Goat Meadow enlarged with toilets. Ms. Hayth had been working with the snow play area since 2011. Goat Meadow used to be cross country ski only, now it’s turned into snow play, which has lead to the increase in traffic, cars, and usage. They have been trying to man the bottom of the road as much as they can as a chain management area. Supervisor Smallcombe: Mt. Raymond Road is the road up to Goat Meadow. Busy days 1500 people is the max; monitor when maxed out. When a car comes down, they can let a car go up. The time frame for installing more permanent toilets is 5-10 years.

Discussion was had regarding various issues:

- (1) Repairs are needed on Mt. Raymond Road. This isn’t the Forest’s department, because it is a County road.
- (2) Will there be more signage on Summit to warn people the road is impassible in the winter? Nothing is planned.
- (3) White Chief turns into Star Lakes Road, which is a dirt road. Too many cars are going up the dirt road, most specifically, Teslas, because their gps is directing this as a short cut to Mariposa Grove. The cars are getting stuck, can anything be done? Mr. Bassett has tried calling Tesla, to no avail. Supervisor Smallcombe is in a Tesla messaging group, she will see what she can do.
- (4) Will there be a designated place for the community to dump for a burn area. No.

b. CAL FIRE& Engine Co. 33

Steve Ward

Supervisor Smallcombe: Mr. Ward has been out of town at training. They are assisting OES on infrastructure work, assisting with dozers to help with clogged culverts, sand bagging. Fire just staffed up starting on 17th with exception of Coarsegold. Jonathan Berry is the Eastern Madera County battalion fire chief.

Discussion: Fish Camp still has so much snow on the ground. Will fire permits be allowed later in the season? Unknown. Burn permits work with air pollution control districts. Mariposa is working with Madera, King and Fresno County to adopt the same permit. Cal Fire doesn’t list the

burn days, it's the San Joaquin air pollution control district. Mariposa County has its own air pollution . Question: Ms. Murray used to call the county to get a special dispensation for burning in her location. Is that still a work around? Unknown, that was a something Supervisor Smallcombe was unaware. Carrie Gibbons now has position of director of environmental health.

c. Sheriff's Department

**Sheriff Jeremy Briese-
absent**

Captain Sean Landon presented. He's been in the Department for 27 years.

Sheriff Briese wanted to make sure that in listing the disaster for relief, the disaster reference number for Fish Camp is dr4699.

FEMA has established a recovery center in Greely Hill. The hours are Monday to Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. They are looking at secondary facility so people don't have to travel so far for Federal, state, local assistance. The goal is a one stop shop for whatever disaster relief you need, they will facilitate assistance. When a citizen goes to the FEMA center, they should have the address of the damage to the primary residence, insurance information, damage, and limited banking information. Community instructed to visit the County Website, there's a survey form to complete, or go to the disaster resource center to see what damage is included. I.e., secondary home, driveways, etc.

Discussion: If the community would like more alerts from the Sheriff, once can sign up for alerts through the Sheriff's website, social media, Facebook. They are currently looking for platforms for more effective communications.

Ms. Glendenning thanked Captain Landon for training our SCOPE Volunteers. Captain thanked the community, they couldn't have gotten through the winter without SCOPE. Due to the large amounts of snow, it was "all hands on deck."

Sheriff's staffing is starting to get back to pre pandemic numbers.

d. NPS District Ranger

Chad Andrews - absent

Ms. Glendenning: She spoke with Mr. Andrews, she was informed it may take up to 6 months to get the road repaired to Wawona.

e. Caltrans-Hwy 41 Supervisor

Adam Wimberley

Most of Caltrans workers started the day after Christmas and worked straight through April 1, due to the snow. Their snow blower worked 2 days, then broke. The snow blower was fixed last week. Caltrans rented loaders, widened the road. This was a 24 hours a day job with 3 guys per loader. This is the first year Caltrans went into Cedar Valley and Sugar Pine, plus Summit up to

the fire station. They were also able to push down the snow at Fir for local blowers to get to Block D.

Shoulder work will continue when the ground dries out more. Tree crew on 49 for 3 weeks. They will move up to Fish Camp when the time allows to clean up the trees and debris as much as they can.

This year, they'd like to widen from narrow gauge to west fall, need to take 6-8 feet from shoulder and add drainage.

The culvert and french drain repair in 2017 on Highway 41, got a lot of water under the road. As a result, a portion of the road failed. They will start the repair project this Wednesday, starting with one way electronic flagging. The red cycles are expected to last 3-5 minutes. The repair contract calls for 20 days, but they expect to be finished in 7-8 days.

Discussion: Is there a weight restriction on double and triple axles? No, the asphalt is 10 inches thick with gravel under. No movement on the southbound lane, no weight restrictions.

f. District I Supervisor

Rosemarie Smallcombe

Public works worked 12 hours a day non stop. Joe Williams is the new road and bridges manager. As damage occurs, Shannon Hansen, Matt Hesenried (county engineer) are creating an inspection list with priority. Mud and debris will get attention before potholes. If the community sees an issue, please report to Ms. Hansen or Supervisor Smallcombe. They will confirm whether it's on the list.

Last fall, there was a possible moratorium on short term rentals. The Board moved from that short term rental study. Now, an economist is conducting a comprehensive study. An online survey is expected to be released end of month. Supervisor Smallcombe will provide the results to add to our minutes. The Board expects to host town hall meetings starting in early June, which will be relayed to the community. One in Wawona, Yosemite Valley. They are working with a consultant. They'll advertise as broadly as they can to get community input.

Trash pickup. County has 2 contracts, one covers entire county, except Wawona. The other is Wawona only. There is a third contract for Yosemite Hospitality and Recology. Currently, both contracts have expired and Recology is operating under an old contract. The Board is looking to combine all 3 to have a single contract. They want a competitive bidding process. Trash pick up is covered by Prop 218 under CA Constitution, they have to go through a 218 process. Get bids, rate schedules, then go to community for acceptance of the rates. Will start the process in June, will have update in the summer.

Firewise: Donn Harter and Gretchen Hewlitt with Supervisor Smallcombe, have met a few times. Donn and Gretchen are working to make sure there's as robust an email list as possible so

Gretchen can send out a letter to encourage people to attend the Fish Camp Fire Association meeting in July so it can be discussed further. Encourages anyone with fire background to be on committee to assist with risk assessment.

Glendenning: Remember to keep track of time raking your property and clean up place. It will help to get used to habit of keeping track of hours so that when the community is Firewise approved, we'll be ready. The hours will be prospective not retroactive.

CHP contact number: (209) 356-2900. It's not the main number, but a central call center, which may be routed to Oakhurst office.

Ed Walls has resigned, next month there will be an advertisement for planning commissioner for District 1.

Reminder to community: SCOPE will check in on your cabin if you sign up for house checks. The form is on the Sheriff's website. The SCOPE volunteer will either be Tim McGinty or William Reinhart.

g. District I Planning Commissioner

**Ed Walls, Absent retired,
moved to Nevada.**

Quite a few planning commissions meetings have been canceled. May 5 is the next meeting. A few variances are on the agenda.

h. Department of Public Works, Director

**Shannon Hansen
Absent**

Trash bids under Ms. Hansen's purview. The Department are trying to get the storm damage behind them.

7. Issues of highway and other repairs due to heavy snow and rains damage in YNP and other roadways.

Supervisor Smallcombe will be in Wawona for property owners meeting. There are still 3 places on Wawona Road that are one way only with traffic lights. Waiting for the soil to dry before they can make permanent repairs. Asking for caution while driving.

8. Fish Camp Annual Meeting, Pot Luck, and Firewise Report

First Saturday in July.

9. Future agenda items - None.

10. Next scheduled meetings: Set meeting Calendar for 2023

July 15, 2023

October 28, 2023

~~January 27, 2024~~

11. Adjournment: 11:06