

EL PORTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING FINAL MINUTES (Approved 5/11/21)

DATE: TUESDAY April 13, 2021
TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: teleconference

1. Roll call:

Mariposa County: Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe

Committee: Cat Fong, Greg Magruder, Kevin Shelton, Mark Abney, Paul Amstutz, Pinky Collamer, Schree Yager

NPS: Alan Kunz

PG&E: Nathan Alonzo (Government Relations for Mariposa & Madera County), Creed Young – PM, John Katcherside (customer outreach), Missed Name (Land permitting specialist)

CalTrans: Alan Lau (PM Ferguson Permanent), Cory Casey (Resident Engineer), Curtis Fraley (Meyers & Sons / RL Wadsworth Contractor)

2. 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.

3. Review, correct, and approve minutes of March 9, 2021

Paul made a motion to approve, Greg seconded

Cat Fong – approve
Mark Abney – approve
Ryan Kelly – approve
Alan Kunz – approve
Pinky Collamer - approve

4. County Items

- Foresta Bridges - MGE / Public Works Meeting
 - Meeting requested by EP PAC with MGE and Public Works did not happen in March.
 - Committee reiterated the standing request for an update on this Public Works contract (initial request for community update made in 2020)
 - **ACTION ITEM:**
 - Supervisor Smallcombe will identify meeting date with Public Works and MGE and committee will advertise recruit attendees
- Parkline - No overnight Camping Ordinance Timeline / Enforcement

- See attachment for social media example
- Timeline to ordinance taking effect:
 - April 6 first reading
 - April 20 second reading
 - May 20 ordinance goes into effect
 - Includes schedule of fines
 - \$350 level set by CA vehicle code
 - \$72 and \$100 discussed by Board of Supervisors
 - Committee feedback on fine?
 - Committee endorses a fine of \$100 for violation of ordinance
 - Concern exists for pullouts not covered by this ordinance that are under USFS jurisdiction.
 - Will require collaboration with USFS staff
 - See linked article for example of dispersed camping issue in CO
 - https://www.outtherecolorado.com/news/dispersed-camping-to-be-banned-in-popular-colorado-mountain-valley/article_aa729878-919e-11eb-ac4a-fbc86e052db4.html?fbclid=IwAR3Mwenu_oEXP11p0iySRdVqhRNWwkxr7qOuKvGpdCrHUGpy_0RpfK6ohU
 - **ACTION ITEM:**
 - Committee will help notify public about impending change
 - Post temporary sign on Yosemite View Lodge fence
 - Supervisor Smallcombe to follow up with USFS contacts for other pullouts that will need to be addressed
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- PG&E Project – Exchequer – Yosemite Reliability Project
 - 2019 & 2020 phases are complete downstream
 - PG&E owns line up to Yosemite View Lodge
 - PG&E contracted to replace NPS owned line within park boundaries
 - Summer 2021 Phase III – (Briceburg to Yosemite)
 - Work will take place 6 days / week, 7 am – 5:30 pm
 - Helicopters will be used throughout to move workers and materials
 - Outreach letters will be sent, door to door customer contacts will occur
 - 20 miles of line, 54 tower replacements, 1 tower modifications
 - All towers will have safety enhanced
 - Replacement & re-tensioning of 70K line
 - Avian protection measures, structural upgrade
 - Rough Schedule:
 - Vegetation Work – May, June, July
 - Civil Foundation – Fall / September
 - Completion – November
 - Square lattice steel towers (4' wide)
 - See attachment for example replacement pole
 - Micropile foundations
 - 4-6 holes drilled in ground
 - Air compressors, concrete
 - Setting Tower
 - Arrive prebuilt – installed with crane or helicopter
 - Helicopters
 - Need to identify landing zones
 - Stage materials in Mariposa
 - Drive up to LZ and deploy same day
 - Rancheria
 - Access road to site above town for pulling line
 - Highway 140 lane closures to mitigate debris fall

- Caltrans Inspector (Bob Gill) Point of Contact
 - message boards
- Customer Power will stay on via generators
 - Power interruptions will be related switching
- **ACTION ITEM**
 - Nathan to provide map of work locations, veg removal, PPT
 - Alan to confirm NPS Compliance timeline
- Ferguson Permanent Restoration Project Update
 - See April PDF presentation for details and renderings
 - <https://ca-mariposacounty.civicplus.com/451/El-Portal>
 - Click on the file link under Resources titled-Ferguson Rock Shed Project Update April 2021
 - Current Phase – Talus Removal 2021
 - Off haul will take place in mid-May to winter
 - Single trucks at a time, will utilize pull-outs
 - Approximately \$27M budget for current phase
 - This project is a collaborative design with contractor and PG&E
 - Typically, Caltrans designs in-house, then bid and build
 - First time segmented construction jacked through a curve
 - PG&E describes this as a signature project for District 10
 - Next cost estimate due in May
 - 2019 estimate was \$117M
 - Caltrans will then seek to secure constructions funds in Winter 2021
 - Rock Shed construction to start late summer 2022
 - Concrete piles, forming and casting retaining base
 - Then cast and form segments and jack into place 11 segments
 - 5 years of construction anticipated
 - Post-construction – will remove bridges, abutments, slope
 - Portable concrete batch plan at CalTrans Sandpile Area in 2021
 - Will install project cameras for updates
 - Will post to Facebook & Twitter

5. Community Topics

- Hite's Cove New Portable Toilets
 - New portable toilet is at trailhead
 - USFS is paying for 3 months
 - **ACTION ITEM**
 - Rosemarie will follow up on point of contact and removal date
- Odgers Site in El Portal
 - No discussion
- NPS / El Portal Burn Pile Update
 - Sign posted ap EP Burn Pile instructing residents to not bring yard waste to the burn pile but instead use open top dumpsters
 - **ACTION ITEM**
 - Alan will follow up with NPS for clarification

6. Next Meeting

- Next meeting – May 11, 2021
- Agenda Items- to be determined

7. Adjournment