

Fish Camp Planning Advisory Council
Final Minutes (Approved 5/3/25)
9:30 a.m., Saturday, January 25, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Baxter

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

2. Welcome Guests

Chair Baxter

Guests introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes

Minutes of the draft minutes of the October 26, 2024, were approved. Move: Royce moved, Bassett second. Rolfe abstained.

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

5. Committee Business

a. Election of FCPAC Officers, Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for the 2025 Year. Discussion was had regarding appointing a new Secretary, no one volunteered. Therefore, Rolfe moved Bassett second to reelect slate as whole. Approved.

b. Discussion on Any Issues Impeding Council Effectiveness and Goals and Objectives for Next Year for Preparation of the 2024 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. Biggest issue is getting minutes out in a timely manner. Secretary Rolfe will endeavor to due better.

6. Discussion on Traffic Control, Property Protection, and Updates to Mariposa County Code 10.08.020 Stopping, Parking, or Standing Prohibited Where. Reinhart reported: The issue is with people not following signs, traffic hazards, public hazards, private properties. Biggest challenge is people challenging the SCOPE members. SCOPE is civilian and a presence, but have no authority. Must retreat if they are challenged. They want to provide SCOPE with the authority to write parking tickets, but cannot if there's no signage. They need the property owner to tell SCOPE to ask person to leave. If they don't, or leave and come back, then it's trespassing. Need sign that says "Posted: No Trespassing," (Not just "No Trespassing"). People have no regard for signage, private property, etc.

Motion to County: We would like to amend Mariposa County Code 10.08.020 to provide the following amendment to Paragraph 24:

24. On the east and west sides of State Highway 41 within the State Highway right-of-way in the community of Fish Camp from Jackson Road to **PINE Street** from November 1 to **May 1** annually.

And Add the following paragraphs to Mariposa County Code 10.08.020 :

- 25. On either side of the road entire length of road on White Chief Mountain Road from November 1 through May 1 annually.
- 26. On either side of the road on Vine Street from November 1 through May 1 annually.
- 27. On either side of the road on Fairveiw Street from November 1 through May 1 annually.
- 28. On either side of the road on Cedar from November 1 through May 1 annually.
- 29. On either side of the road on Fir from November 1 through May 1 annually.

Rolfe moved, Christian seconded, motion approved.

Barry Green asked: Whether we can add additional snow play signs at the General Store and at the Post Office to alert people that snow play turnoff is at Raymond Road. Heidi from Forrest Service: She would also like to see a sign at the turn off on Mt. Raymond Road. Park Service has first 1200 feet of Mt. Raymond Road, and then Forrest Service is at the top. Heidi will look into getting signage on their stretch. Adam Wimberly said on behalf of Caltrans, he'd been asking for 12 years. Reinhart will speak with Dina at Post Office and Donovan at the store re: civic effort rather than official signage.

7. **Discussion on Handling and Disposition of Refuse Collected at Saturday Collection in Fish Camp.** Reinhart presented: What happens to the trash we collect. It's up to us as the last consumer and handling of the trash to do the proper separation of the recyclables. There is no sorting after it leaves us, so it's up to us to sort. Concern is to limit the amount of waste going to the land fill.

8. **Ex Officio Reports:**

a. **USFS, District Ranger**

Daniel Tune, absent

Heidi Edgecomb presented and asked if there were any questions. Discussion was held regarding the reservation system. Other than certain weekends in February for the Horsetail Falls event, they don't know if a reservation system will be used for balance of year. Reinhart: Even with reservations, traffic is backed up through Fish Camp. When we are at anticipated high traffic, how many gates are manned? Answer: Back up happens regardless. Park Services try to maintain maximum staffing for peak hours 10-2pm. They've had trouble staffing. They don't have enough permanent employees. They have trouble hiring seasonal employees.

b. **CAL FIRE & Engine Co. 33**

Chris Bernard, absent

Glendenning: Does Mariposa County have evacuation zones? Reinhart will ask Monty if there are any maps and will also inquire as to the evacuation plan for Camp Green Meadows, because they currently are not on any plan.

Reinhart: Other than a doorbell tampering, there's haven't been any issues.

Presented above.

Guest asked if the section east of the bridge should be an official right turn lane. Per Adam Wimberly: East of bridge is not an official right turn on their maps, it's just a paved shoulder. Signs shouldn't be an issue, Fish Camp needs signs. He doesn't believe there's any issues from Caltrans perspective. Discussed snow and road conditions: Brine is being used, very small amount of salt with water, used sparingly on certain sections. Again discussed adding a sign at the snow play turn off. Caltrans has to go through a certain processes, but he'll see what work around he can do. State road ends 200-300 feet before National Park sign. Also, will work to sand the road to get them up to snow play.

Rosemarie Smallcombe

Sarah Hughes offered to respond to any questions.

Tim McGinty

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entering all required data into the application. First, a spreadsheet is created. The spreadsheet creation is very involved. How many houses have cleared their lots, how many have trees over hanging, etc. No one address is called out; it's all about percentages. Once application is submitted, the State will respond with what either needs to be fixed, and also a requirement of time to be spent per property. Goal is to have process completed by end of July 2025. Once approved, wants signage that Fish Camp is a Firewise community.

10. Future Agenda Items. None.

11. Next Scheduled Meetings
May 3, 2025.

12. Adjournment 10:32 a.m.