



COUNTY OF PLACER  
WEIMAR/APPLEGATE/COLFAX  
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
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**7/17/19 MEETING MINUTES: APPROVED 9/18/19**

Weimar/Applegate/Colfax MAC

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 - 6:00 PM

Colfax City Hall, 33 South Main Street, Colfax, CA 95713

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Chair David Johnson - 6:00 PM**
- 2. Welcome & Introduction of Members:** Chair David Johnson, Vice Chair John Gagnon, Alan Shuttleworth, Diana Suarez

**Staff Present:** Cindy Gustafson, District 5 Supervisor, Kelly McCaughna, District 5 Aide, Shari Teal, WAC MAC Secretary

**3. Approval of July 17, 2019 Agenda:**

SHUTTLEWORTH/GAGNON /UNANIMOUS/5/0

**4. Approval of May 1, 2019 Minutes:**

GAGNON/SHUTTLEWORTH/4/0  
ABSTAIN: SUAREZ

**5. Public Comments:**

John Gagnon commented on the Placer County Cannabis Ordinance.  
Laurie Brennan talked about the Neighborhood Watch Group and their concern for the fire insurance availability and rates issue.

**6. Reports:**

Public Safety:

- **Placer Hills Fire** – Battalion Chief Brian Eagan – CAL FIRE full staffing will be later this season due to the wet May conditions. New budget will allow the Colfax Fire Station to obtain a second engine; medical rescues have averaged one incident (1) per day; and the North Fork North American River Fuel Break is in progress. The CHIP program is available to the public with an approximate 6 week waiting schedule.
- **CAL FIRE** – None
- **CHP** – None
- **Placer County Sheriff's Office** – None

The MAC is composed of appointed community members whose purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors about activities and problems of the area represented. Residents are encouraged to attend and talk about issues important to them. More info at [www.placer.ca.gov/bos/mac](http://www.placer.ca.gov/bos/mac). Placer County is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in public meeting. If you require disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aid or services, to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Board of Supervisor's Office.



7. Local Government:

**Placer County - District 5 Supervisor Cindy Gustafson -**

Thanked WAC MAC for their service.

The next BOS meeting will be held at Lake Tahoe.

Agenda to include discussion of a Short Term Rental ordinance.  
Conditional use permit application has been made for a Squaw Valley base to base gondola.

Recommended all to sign up for Placer Alert.

Fire Insurance Issue: A survey is being sent out to the public. Data will be sent to the Insurance Commissioner Lara to amplify and raise awareness of this current problem.

There is an open seat on the WAC MAC.

Regular Coffee Chats are being reinstated with the first one being held August 5, 9 – 10:30 AM, Colfax City Hall.

**City of Colfax -**

Kim Douglass was in support of the Placer County Sustainability Plan.

8. **Action Item:** None

9. **Information Items:**

**A. Industrial Hemp Update**

**Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures** provided an overview of recent changes in state and federal law regarding industrial hemp that will likely result in its legalization and regulation as an agricultural crop. As part of the process to begin developing county policy and regulation, county staff are conducting outreach and seeking input from the public regarding what hemp is, its legal status, potential concerns, how it is differentiated from cannabis, and how industrial hemp might one day fit into Placer County's landscape.

## **B. Winery and Farm Brewery Zoning Text Amendment**

**Nikki Streegan, Planning Services Division** provided an overview of the proposed Winery and Farm Brewery Zoning Text Amendment, including key components of the CEQA analysis and policy considerations. She also provided an overview of the county's approval process and information on opportunities for public input on this item, including future public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Marilyn Jasper, Public Interest Coalition, provided comments and documentation regarding revisions to the Winery and Farm Brewing Zoning Text Amendment. See attachment.

Written comments were also provided by Carol Rubin proposing changes to this Zoning Text Amendment. See attachment.

## **C. Placer County Sustainability Plan (Climate Action Plan)**

**Angel Green, Planning Services Division** provided an overview of the proposed Placer County Sustainability Plan, including proposed Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission reduction measures, adaptation strategies, and implementation plan. She also provided an overview of the county's approval process and information on opportunities for public input on the plan, including future community workshops and public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

### **10. MAC Member Roundtable:**

Members may provide informational comments on topics relevant to the MAC mission. Topics include, but are not limited to seniors, Parks & Recreation, Waste-water, Water, and Fire/Public Safety. - None

### **11. Adjournment – 8:36 PM** - next regular meeting September 18, 2019. John Gagnon indicated he will not be able to attend this next meeting.

Attachments - 3

Recorded and transcribed by Shari Teal, Secretary WAC MAC