

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Robert Black:

1. **Placer County Economic Development** – the meeting was moved to July 16th due to the lack of a quorum (everyone's on vacation)
2. **Placer County Air Pollution Control District** – The Board met and approved a grant for a biomass energy electrical generation facility in Foresthill that will use discarded waste from logging, to fuel an electrical generator. This will not only help reduce the amount of waste left behind after logging that creates a fire hazard, but will also eliminate the smoke and ash created by burning these piles, and generate electricity with no fuel costs.
3. **School Liaison** – nothing new to report – school's out for the summer.
4. **Business Liaison** – I'll be attending the July 16th Economic Development meeting with Jenny from the Loomis Basin Chamber of Commerce as my guest. We'll be seeing some of the ideas the Board has come up with to promote and attract, retain, and expand business in Placer County.

Councilmember Rhonda Morillas:

1. **Placer County Flood Control & Water Conservation District** – The Board approved the annual budget.

Councilmember Miguel Ucovich:

1. **Local Agency Formation Commission** – Approved Budget for 2014-15. Continued to process application for Squaw Valley to become incorporated.
2. **Placer County Transportation Planning Agency** – The report is attached.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Boardmembers and Other Interested Parties **DATE:** July 1, 2014
FROM: Celia McAdam, Executive Director
SUBJECT: AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS UPDATE

June 18, 2014 Board Meeting

- The Board had a lively discussion on the Cap and Trade program, which has become a hot topic in transportation in California, as it appears to be one of the few prospects for transportation funding. Briefly, these revenues were authorized through the passage of AB32 in 2006, and require greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) to be reduced to 1990 levels by the year 2020. The Cap and Trade component requires businesses to reduce their GHG emissions to continually lower levels (the “cap”) or buy credits which would be used to reduce those emissions (the “trade”).

A distribution of the \$872M in estimated revenues for FY 2014/15 were included in the State budget passed June 15, including \$250M for High Speed Rail, \$25M to local transit operations, \$25M to state transit operations including Capitol Corridor, \$130M to competitive grants to fund Sustainable Communities Strategies under SB375 and affordable housing, \$200M to low carbon transportation, and \$242M to a variety of weatherization, energy, water, and water diversion projects. The legislation also directs that in future years, 25% of the funds will go to High Speed Rail and 35% to grants to support Sustainable Communities Strategies, with the remaining 40% subject to annual budgetary allocation by the State.

Boardmembers went into great detail in expressing their frustration and disapproval with the Cap and Trade program overall, and particularly with the funding distribution that the Legislature adopted. Ultimately, the Board took a position to push for maximum local control of the funds and maximize the amount of funds directed to transportation, while directing staff to work to maximize the grant awards for Placer jurisdictions.

- The Board approved the refinancing package for the Agency’s Nevada Station office building, at a 3-4% reduction of interest rate with no change in the term length. As a result, the Agency is projected to realize a savings of approximately \$500,000 over the remaining life of the bonds.
- The Board also:
 - Adopted an amendment to the FY 2013/14 budget for the Western Placer Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (WPCTSA);
 - Adopted the FY 2014/15 budget for WPCTSA;
 - Approved Letters of Task Agreement for a variety of ongoing consulting services, including legal, accounting, outreach, and auditing, for FY 2014/15.

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Other Notable Activities and Issues

- The ribbon cutting ceremony for Phase 2a of the Lincoln Bypass, which adds two more lanes between Nelson Lane and .9 miles north of West Wise Road was a great success! Emceed by PCTPA Board Chair Jim Holmes, event speakers included California Transportation Commissioner Jim Earp, Caltrans District 3 Director Jody Jones, Lincoln Mayor Gabriel Hydrick, and Executive Director Celia McAdam.



Representatives from the Lincoln, Rocklin, and Roseville Chambers of Commerce, as well as William Jessup University, helped spotlight the importance of the Lincoln Bypass and other infrastructure projects on our economic vitality.

A big thanks goes to DeSilva Gates Construction for underwriting this fun event.

- The Lincoln Bypass event also caps off the 30+ year career of Caltrans District 3 Director Jody Jones, who retired at the end of June. Congratulations and thanks go to Jody for her strong support and partnership on Placer's many highway project successes, including the I-80 Bottleneck widening, I-80/Douglas Blvd interchange, I-80/Sierra College Blvd. Interchange, and so many more.

No, we don't know who her successor will be yet. But they certainly have big shoes to fill!

- It would be great to have all the money we needed to build the transportation projects we need now, but that doesn't mean we're sitting on our hands. These two meetings coming up in July mean that we're still moving full steam ahead to do whatever we can with whatever we've got...
 - Interested in the **SR 65 Widening** between I-80 and Lincoln? A lot of people are, and we're hoping they'll turn up at our community meeting from **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at the Lincoln Civic Center Community Room at 600 Sixth Street in Lincoln**. This meeting will bring in the community to see the alternatives that PCTPA Board looked at in May for adding capacity to SR 65, and getting their comments and concerns as we move into the environmental process.
 - How about bringing **10 round trips on the Capitol Corridor** to Placer County? Adding rail capacity between Sacramento and Roseville is another project that we're working on with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, and a meeting to kick off the environmental process will be held from **5:30 pm – 7:30 pm on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at the Roseville City Council Chambers at 311 Vernon Street in Roseville**.

On tap for future Board meetings:

- Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) hearing to make a conformity determination for the Lincoln Airport;
- Presentation on focus group and polling information about transportation projects and potential funding sources.