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**GRANITE BAY MAC MEETING  
February 5, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.  
5455 Eureka Road**

**NOTE THE LOCATION HAS BEEN CHANGED  
TO  
EUREKA SCHOOL GYM  
(in back of School)**

**Partial Agenda**

**U.S. Postal Inspector Report** – Patrick Mahoney, US Postal Inspector and John L. Tong, Postmaster EAS 22, Roseville Post Office will discuss mail thefts, prevention methods and what to do if you become a victim of mail theft. The Granite Bay area has experienced cluster mailbox break-ins and the information will help residents address this issue.

INFORMATION

**Important Information on the Drought and its implications for Granite Bay and Placer County-** Presented by Einar Maisch, Director of Strategic Affairs for Placer County Water Agency and Shauna Lorance, General Manager of San Juan Water District – Discussion of the drought and the implications for Granite Bay and Placer County.

INFORMATION

At its regular Board meeting on February 12, at 7:00 in the district office on Auburn Folsom Road, SJWD will consider available options for the crisis, and based on their grim discussions at the January 22 meeting there are no good ones.

Of great concern at this time is the WATER EMERGENCY. Granite Bay depends entirely on Folsom Lake for its water supply and even though our water rights are the oldest in the state (150 years) and we are supposed to receive 33,000 acre feet a year, Granite Bay is projected to have severe water problems by mid-July unless there is significant rainfall.

Also, the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan being pushed by Gov. Brown threatens the water supply for over 500,000 residents in this area. The plans to construct two huge tunnels would drain Folsom Lake to dead pool status every 8-10 years (something like it is now). What happens if this area experiences a drought and the lake has been drained by the tunnels? The BDCP does nothing to provide new water; it just moves water from this area.

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Due to the poor economy, new projects and construction slowed considerably, but many projects approved years ago have become active. MAC canceled a number of meetings due to the lack of activity, but lately a few new projects have been presented as follows:

**Island at Granite Bay** – The site is located west of Sierra College Boulevard, south of Annabelle, north of Haskell Way, east of Roseville and consists of 13.6 acres. The adjacent parcels located in Placer County are zoned RS-Ag-B-40. Applicant wishes to develop a medium density, single-family, “village concept” of 60-70 detached residences and requested input from MAC and the audience on the project. This proposal is in the conceptual stage and will return to MAC with more detail.

**Douglas Boulevard/Berg Street** – MAC heard an information item for a proposed medical and business office complex on northwest corner of Berg and Douglas. Applicant didn’t have a detailed presentation, but noted the offices would probably be sold rather than leased with operation hours Monday through Friday from 9-5. After completing an environmental review, applicant will return to MAC when more details are available. The parcel is zoned residential at this time.

**The Ponds – Update** – Since the original submittal, there have been revisions to the project. Gone are the medical offices which have been replaced by two buildings for 26 loft units, with each tenant having an individual entrance. These buildings would be 18 feet high with peaks about 26.5 feet high.

The event pavilion continues to comprise one building for administration, catering/kitchen facility, guest rooms, and restrooms with the second building dedicated to an open event area for meetings, parties, weddings, receptions, dances, etc. This building faces the quarry ponds. The event center would be 7,500 square feet and 28 feet at its highest peak.

The updated project was presented to MAC in July and many questions were raised concerning the type of businesses that might use the lofts, design of the loft buildings which were likened to storage units, parking if day and night use overlapped for event activities, etc.

The project has reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> Submittal stage. Current zoning is Residential/Agricultural, but applicant seeks a rezone and community plan amendment as the site it is currently zoned residential.

**Hills Minor Land Division – 1<sup>st</sup> Submittal** –County has received an Environmental Questionnaire for four new parcels of approximately 1 acre each on a 5.4 acre parcel accessed from Joe Rodgers Road. Property is zoned Residential .4 - .9 acre minimum and project conforms to Granite Bay Community Plan.

**Mather Subdivision** – Located at 9755 Sierra College Blvd. just south of Old Auburn Road. Project consists of 7 lots on 7.3 acres. MAC supported the project and it was approved by the Planning Commission.

**Sewer Maintenance District 3 – Regional Sewer Project** – Improvements to Sewer Maintenance District 3 (SMD3) include constructing a pump station located at Wastewater Treatment Plant at 4928 Auburn Folsom Road in Loomis, installing approximately 13,100 linear feet of 10 inch pipeline from WWTP to SMD2 sewer system located



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on Twin Rocks Road in Granite Bay, and decommissioning the SMD3 WWTP. Wastewater will be conveyed to City of Roseville’s Dry Creek WWTP. Completion by 12-31-14.

**Event Centers** – Due to increased requests for “event centers” the Board of Supervisors directed County staff to draft an Event Center Ordinance. There have been four workshops at the Planning Commission that resulted in a Draft Event Center Ordinance. This draft was presented to MAC in January, 2014. After reviewing the proposal, MAC voted to support the draft. After the draft is presented to all the MACs for input, there will be a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission.

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**South Placer Fire District** – At a recent fire board meeting, an information item was presented to the Board of Directors that Obamacare may affect ambulance transportation revenues in the future with fewer transports to the hospital and more reliance on the engine paramedics to recommend other modes of patient treatment instead of the hospital emergency room. Sac Metro and Folsom Fire Departments have already begun charging for paramedic engine companies on medical responses as medical response fees are billed separately from the ambulance transport fees. Obamacare seeks to reduce frequent transports to the ER by incorporating a community paramedic into emergency medical services to evaluate and take vitals for high risk patients who would otherwise have been transported by ambulance.

Also, the SPFD has submitted a proposal to the Loomis Fire District to provide administration services. SPFD already responds to 50% of Loomis calls and Loomis Fire is a viable organization with a budget of \$1.6 million and \$1 million in reserves.

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**Auburn-Folsom Widening – Update** – The last portion of the widening of Auburn-Folsom is underway. This section will complete the project from Douglas to Bell at a cost of \$5.6 million. The original goal for completion was the fall of 2015, but the good weather this fall may allow an earlier completion date.