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GRANITE BAY MAC MEETING

August 3, 2011– 7:00 p.m.

(GB Community Plan Goals and Policy Sub-Committee Meeting 5:30)

Eureka School District Office
5455 Eureka Road

Partial Agenda

Overview of Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District Services and Vector-borne Disease Update – An overview of the district’s services, future plans and projects will be presented. Updated information on the West Nile Virus will be provided. INFORMATION

San Juan Water District Update – General Manager, Shauna Lorance,, will discuss SJWD’s current water issues, state water objectives and current and past water legislation. INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF JUNE MAC MEETING

(July MAC Meeting was Canceled)

The Collections at Granite Bay (previously Seymour Ranch) – MAC heard a proposal for a Subdivision Modification and Variance to allow vehicle entry gates and related monument walls on a project located on the east side of Cavitt Stall Road, South. The parcel consisting of 17 lots on 13 acres was originally approved in 2004, but was in foreclosure until recently purchased by the New Home Company.

Staff noted that the proposed design did not meet County standards and applicant had made no attempt to modify the design. MAC heard input from a large number of residents opposed to gating the development, and after discussion of the issues, voted 5-1 to deny the Subdivision Modification and Variance to allow vehicle entry gates and related monument walls.

UPDATE - The Planning Commission heard this item on July 14. The Circulation Element of the Granite Bay Community Plan clearly states that “gated subdivisions shall not be allowed unless there are significant extenuating circumstances”, and the design modifications made by applicant still didn’t meet county standards. However, the Planning Commission once again ignored MAC and the Granite Bay Community Plan and voted 4-2 in to allow more gated sub-divisions. NOTE: The Planning Commissioner appointed by Supervisor Uhler to represent Granite Bay did not support the GBCP and voted in favor of the gates.



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Adopt Dry Creek Greenway Regional Vision and Certify the Final EIR – This project received \$250,000 grant funding several years ago and is ready to move forward. The proposed Dry Creek Greenway will provide a continuous and coordinated loop system of preserved lands and habitat, with a connection corridor of walking, equestrian and bicycle trails, from the Sacramento border to Dry Creek's sources, and to the Folsom Lake State Recreation area.

MAC passed a motion recommending that the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors adopt the Dry Creek Greenway Regional Vision and Certify the Final EIR. More information about the project is available at:
<http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/Planning/PlacerLegacy/WatershedPlanning/DryCreek/DryCrkGreenwayVisionPlan.aspx>

Improvement Project for Treelake Park and Playground – County Parks Division discussed plans for updating the playground at Treelake Park that does not comply with current safety standards or meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The 20 year old park includes a baseball and soccer field, sports court, and two playgrounds on the 8 acre site. The cost for the rehabilitation is estimated at \$150,000. MAC recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the request for \$108,000 from Granite Bay's Landscape and Lighting District reserves and redirect \$42,000 from currently budgeted reserve funds for the upgrades to the playground at Treelake Park, 5255 Parkford Circle.

2010 Census/Redistricting – The 2010 Census will affect the current Supervisorial Boundaries based on population and the rule requiring districts to not have a population deviation of more than 5-10%. Placer County is a challenge because of the way the population is distributed throughout the county. It was noted that the 348,432 population was an increase of 100,015 or 40%. Twenty-seven percent of the population is 20 years of age; 52% between 20-60; and 21% over 60. Communities that have been around longer tended to have an older population while the western area of the county, consisting of many large, new sub-divisions has a younger population. The updated proposals can be viewed on the county website at:
<http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CEO/Redistricting.aspx>

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Granite Bay Community Plan Update – The update of the GBCP began in August, 2008, when the Board of Supervisors directed Planning staff to begin review of the document originally adopted in 1989. The Plan's primary purpose is to direct future land use and development in a manner that preserves the character and identity of the community.

A series of public meetings began in 2009 and ultimately through community input, it was determined that there was overwhelming support to not change the Land Use Element of the Plan. In August, 2010, the Board of Supervisors voted to update only the Goals and Policies section of the Plan with no changes to the Land Use Element.

A volunteer MAC sub-committee began working with Placer County staff in December, 2010, to update the Goals and Policies of the Plan. A draft document will be released to the subcommittee for review in early August. The draft document will probably be available to the public in early September after which a special MAC meeting will be held in mid-September to hear comments.



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If everything proceeds on schedule, the proposed GBCP will be scheduled for a public workshop before the Planning Commission on October, 13, followed by a Public Hearing on November 10 for action by the Planning Commission. At the conclusion of this procedure there will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Supervisors to take action on the updated Granite Bay Community Plan. This is tentatively scheduled for December.

Auburn-Folsom Widening Project – Update – Many have wondered about the status of this project which seems to have stalled. According to Placer County Public Works, even though the project got off to a good start wet weather significantly impacted available working days. At this point, the contractor has until the end of September to finish the project.

At the end of July, the contractor will shift traffic in order to install an underground drainage system along the east side of the road to drain excess ground water from the road surface. The extra work is in response to the unanticipated ground water and roadway saturation issue that was found this past winter and hadn't presented itself previously. The extra work is estimated to take two weeks.

* * ***Miscellaneous*** * *

Winter Storm Events Facts – Placer County experienced three significant storm events in a 24 hour period during March and according to the Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Miners Ravine peaked at an elevation of 240.30 near Sierra College Boulevard, which is less than a foot from activating the Detention Basin's inlet weir gates. The high water level was close to overtopping the Itchy Acres Road crossing of Miners Ravine in Granite Bay.