



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Special Meeting

Paradise Fire Station, 5300
Lower Rock Creek Rd.,
Paradise, 93514

July 20, 2010

6:00 PM Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Hunt, Chair
Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
No one spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

1a) Wheeler Crest Emergency Access Update (Jeff Walters or Brett McCurry) -
Update on status of Wheeler Crest Emergency Access.

Action: None.

This item impacts the communities of Swall Meadows and Paradise. Brett McCurry provided an update:

- Met with CalFire yesterday to review possible routes.
- Options: 1) do nothing; 2) widen Swall Meadows Road and perform fuels reduction; 3) create a road south of Lower Rock Creek Road; 4) create a road north to Tom's Place; 5) consider using an existing road from Swall Meadows to Paradise. Options present problems such as steepness of grade, drainage issues, and private property issues.

Supervisor Hazard: Using an existing road would require installation of gates to stop regular access. Reiterated the issues involved with an emergency access: best route, environmental considerations, funding. Hazard suggested creating a report documenting the work done so far in order to assist with future planning. The issue needs continued exploration.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

2a) Rock Creek Canyon Specific Plan Processing (Gerry LeFrancois, Courtney Weiche) - Status update on Rock Creek Canyon Specific Plan process (informational only).

Action: None.

Gerry LeFrancois, Community Development, provided an update:

- This is a development proposal for the old Paradise Resort.
- The project plan was available at the end of May for review, and is available online. People can contact LeFrancois for more information.
- The comment period for state agencies closed on July 15th; the public comment period will continue through July 30th.
- Comments must be submitted in writing (letter or email) to either LeFrancois or the consultant.
- The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 14th.
- The item will come before the Board of Supervisors either the 1st or 2nd Tuesday in November.
- The Board will make the final decision.
- Existing land use is designated Rural Resort. Current activity on the site is permitted under the existing land use.
- The current lodge will become a private residence. Several of the cabins will be preserved; others will be demolished.

Public Comments

- Consider mitigating the impact to the deer herd.
- Consider a county-wide approach to impacts, such as creating a mitigation account funded by developers.
- Consider traffic mitigation, such as calming devices or an alternative access.
- Review the current setback requirement.
- Consider continued access to the stream.

LeFrancois encouraged people to submit their comments in writing so they can be addressed. All comments and responses will be bound and should be available in September.

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Additional Departments: Public Works, Sheriff, Risk Management, County Counsel

- 3a) Everest Challenge Special Event Update (Supervisor Hazard) -
Workshop regarding the Everest Challenge Stage Race special event.

Action: None.

Supervisor Hazard: The Swall Meadows community has complained about this event because of its competitive nature. Bikers use too much of the roadway, thus creating difficulties for drivers. A proposed ordinance pertaining to this issue has been put on hold.

The event promoter outlined plans to mitigate the problems this year:

- Will meet in advance with the cyclists to outline the rules.
- Will have spotters along the route to make sure riders stay in a single file. Those who don't comply will be disqualified.
- No private support cars or spectators will be allowed on Lower Rock Creek Road.
- There will be several responders along the route to assist if riders have problems of a medical nature.
- The date is September 25th. Riders will be on the road for about 4 hours.

Public Comments

- Some cyclists come in advance to practice and ride 3-4 abreast.

- Some cyclists won't move over to let cars pass.
- Safety organizations should be notified in advance of these events.
- If the event gets too big, the promoters may have to consider a closed course.

Supervisor Hazard: CalTrans is sweeping street shoulders which should give riders more room. The promoter has been working to find common ground with the community in order to make the event work, and the process this year has helped set the stage for planning future events. Advance notice will be posted so the community is aware of the event.

ADJOURN: 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

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