

ACTION MINUTES

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

February 16, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louis Boitano, Supervisor, District IV
Richard Forster, Supervisor, District II

Supervisor Boitano called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

AGENDA: Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 17, 2011 and December 19, 2011 minutes were approved with minor corrections submitted by Supervisor Forster and the December 27, 2011 and January 19, 2012 minutes were approve as submitted.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

ITEM 1. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF SETBACKS OUTLINED IN TITLE 19 AND CHAPTER 15.30 AS REFERENCED IN LETTER FROM WENDELL G. PEART DATED JANUARY 26, 2012—Wendall G. Peart, DVM
(Present: Wendell Peart, Harry Brandt, Robert Allen, Floy Salyer Goulart, Jerry Trottier, and Bob Lucas, Members of the Public.)

Wendell Peart said the County needs to take into consideration fire danger and whether or not fire insurance will be obtainable at the time of subdivision approval. It is becoming difficult to obtain affordable fire insurance on homes being sold in unincorporated areas designated as high fire danger, which in turn, is affecting the economic well being and development of the County. Real estate agents need to disclose that fire insurance may be difficult to obtain. Mr. Peart is under the impression that at least one insurance company will not insure the residents of Jackson Pines because of the surrounding properties. Connie Gonsalves, with AAA Insurance, indicated to Mr. Peart that she would like to participate in future meetings regarding this matter.

Bob Lucas requested that noxious weed laws be enforced and the County be pro-active when it comes to fire control. Scotch broom has overtaken property along Ram's Horn Grade and is currently an extreme fire hazard. Mr. Lucas also said the road from Sherwood Forest to Pine Drive in Amador Pines is blocked impairing fire access and the 300 yards of road used as a shortcut on Ponderosa off CalAm has dense Manzanita.

Mr. Peart asked the Committee to consider adopting a new ordinance requiring all new lots to have a 50-foot defensible space being mandatory and enforceable by the County in order to move in a direction to help insurance companies provide fire insurance. The Committee advised

that clearances and defensible space requirements are regulated by CalFire. Many groups, such as the Commission on Aging, are concerned over the fact that homeowners are losing their insurance.

Committee Action: The Committee scheduled a workshop after the April 10, 2012 Board of Supervisors' meeting to further discuss this matter. CalFire is to be invited to attend and participate.

The meeting adjourned at 10.55 a.m.