

## Minutes of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization Meeting November 18, 1995

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Burton, Robert Carlyle, Halcie Clark, Rich Day (alternate), Donna Dose, Elizabeth Getzoff (alternate), Bruce Graves, Susan Humason, Nancy Moriarity (alternate), Michael Pique, Carol Ravenscroft, John Tainer,

The PMPO Board meeting was convened at 10:00 A.M. Saturday November 18, 1995. The minutes of the August 19, 1995 meeting were approved. The treasurer, Halcie Clark, reported a current balance of \$9593.75.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Relay Engineering Major Use Permit:** Bruce Graves reported that in a Pre-Intake Assistance committee meeting, the county staff recommended against Relay Engineering's proposal to extend their tower from the existing 35ft to 135ft in height. The County staff also warned Relay Engineering that the proposed project would require an Environmental Impact Statement.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Palomar Ranger District Proposal:** The Palomar Ranger District of the Cleveland National Forest requested comments on their proposal to allow livestock grazing to continue on the Mendenhall allotment and to protect the Laguna Mountain skipper butterfly and its host plant *Cleveland horkellia*. Carol Ravenscroft will get more information and will draft a letter for approval by the PMPO.

**Membership in Land Trust Alliance:** Approval was voted for an expenditure of \$35 to renew the PMPO's membership in the Land Trust Alliance, a land conservancy organization.

### MORE OLD BUSINESS:

**Yale Well:** Mike Pique and George Ravenscroft reported on the visit to the Yale well site hosted by Jerry McLees for the Project Planner Maxx Stallheim, the Regional Planner Nancy Whelan, and a botanist from the County.

A letter from Jerry McLees of Brian Mooney Associates provided the PMPO with an update on the Yale well project. Following the Pre-Intake Assistance meeting of November 9th, the County Department of Planning and Land Use is preparing a letter to Mr. Yale focusing on groundwater, biology, noise and traffic safety.

George Ravenscroft spoke with both John Peterson, the County groundwater geologist and Doug Roff, Mr. Yale's hydrology consultant regarding the importance of monitoring the water flow in Cedar Creek for proper evaluation of the potential impacts of the Yale well. George has an appointment with Mr. Roff next week for the installation of meters to monitor water level and flow from the nearby Tainer wells.

George Ravenscroft reported that the new Federal regulations regarding spring water have been issued, pre-empting the State regulations. The new Federal regulations favor the classification of well water as spring water, since they do not include the clause requiring adjacency of a well water source to a free-flowing stream.

Following his receipt of the County letter, Mr. Yale might go to a meeting of the County Board of Supervisors to promote his project. Bruce Graves gets the agenda for these meeting, but unannounced open forum presentations are also allowed. Once a project is scheduled with the County Board of Supervisors, the PMPO can no longer legally discuss the project with individual Supervisors. Tom Burton will make sure that Bill Horne, the new Supervisor for the Palomar area, is informed of PMPO concerns prior to scheduling of the Yale project. George Ravenscroft met with lawyers from Worley and Schwartz concerning water rights law and the potential County liability from the issuing of discretionary permits. Tom Burton will also check into Calvary Chapel's interest and concerns for the Yale well project.

Approval was voted for payments of up to \$2000 to Brian Mooney Associates for their continued work in monitoring progress on the Yale well project and keeping the County informed of PMPO concerns. Bruce Graves will ask for itemized expense accounting for this work.

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### MORE NEW BUSINESS:

**Annual Newsletter:** Bruce Graves noted that we need to begin preparations for the May 1st fund-raising newsletter announcing the Annual PMPO meeting. Photos are needed. George Ravenscroft will write an article listing the past accomplishments of the PMPO. Susan Humason will help with the newsletter preparation.

**Annual Meeting:** The PMPO's annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 25th, 1996 during Memorial Day weekend. A pancake breakfast is planned at the Lodge, which Rick Healey reported that he will soon be re-opening.

**California Department of Forestry Nursery Closure** The California Department of Forestry nursery program, which provides site-specific native plants for reforestation by small landowners, has again been threatened with immediate closure. John Tainer will draft a letter of support from the PMPO for continuation of this program.

### MORE OLD BUSINESS:

**Bailey Subdivision:** Robert Carlyle reported that trees were being cut down to build a road on the Bailey subdivision adjacent to his property. George Ravenscroft said that Bill Meyer had informed him that this project had been approved in its revised form.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth D. Getzoff, Secretary.