



## **Lake Arrowhead Municipal Advisory Council MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Michael M. Dest Training Room. Twin Peaks County Building  
26010 Highway 189, Twin Peaks, CA 92391  
(Adjacent to the Sheriff's Office)**

### **LAMAC Members in attendance:**

- **James Grant, Chair**
- **Jenny Hueter**
- **Peter Venturini**
- **Ken Stowe**

### **LAMAC Members absent:**

- **Michelle Ambrozic, Vice Chair**

### **County Staff in attendance:**

- **Lewis Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> District**

**1.0 Call to Order & Pledge Allegiance to the Flag: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Jim Grant.**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ken Stowe and seconded by Jenny Hueter to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022 combined MAC meeting. Approved 4/0/0 (Ambrozic absent)**

**3.0 Guest: Andrea Harlin, Government & Legislative Affairs Liaison, California Department of Transportation – District 8: Andrea Harlin discussed the upcoming Culvert Repair Project on Hwy 18. This project will focus on replacing and realigning drainage systems and preserving their integrity. 16 culverts will be replaced and 5 will be rehabilitated, helping prevent erosion, mitigate flooding, and protect slopes. This project will start on 48<sup>th</sup> street in San Bernardino and complete at the Crestline Cutoff Bridge in Crestline. The typical**

working hours for this project will be starting 10/03/2022 Monday-Friday 7:00am-3:00pm, with limited amounts of night work and weekend work. There will be tons of signage, and one lane open in each direction in work areas only, with a few traffic switches in lower Waterman Canyon. This project is expected to be complete in the Spring of 2024. Harlin explained that the project in “The Narrows” is separate from the Culvert Project and the main focus of that project is storm damage repair and preparation. Harlin also discussed the CalTrans service request page online where people can report trash on the road, debris, or roads needing attention. Harlin updated the Hwy 173 project saying they are waiting for the utilities to do their work before finishing the upside of the project. Harlin took questions from the audience. Harlin explained she would get back to the MAC regarding details on the Hwy 173 Hospital project and the trash pickup on Hwy 18/189 project

#### **4.0 Community & Agency Updates:**

- **Senator Ochoa-Bogh’s office:** Sidney Sonck gave an update on the 2022 legislative session. Six of Senator Ochoa Bogh’s bills were signed by the Governor and one was vetoed. He discussed an overall tightening of the State budget. Also, AB 1405 sponsored by the Senator has been signed into law and it is now up to LACSD and AWAC to move forward.
- **Congressman Obernolte’s office:** Corrine May gave an update on issues affecting Congressman Obernolte’s office.
- **San Bernardino County Sheriff:** Lt. Craig Harris announced that the department is fully staffed, but they are looking for an office assistant. They have been conducting recruiting events with over 400 attendees. Harris also let the audience know to be aware of a few theft incidents at Rite-Aid and CVS Pharmacy. Harris took questions from the audience.
- **San Bernardino County Fire:** Bryan James talked about the number of acres burned in the past two Running Springs Fires on Hwy 330; 26 acres and 3 acres. He also mentioned the RAP Program and the importance of keeping areas around homes free of brush and debris. James took questions from the audience.
- **CalFire:** Brett Taylor explained that they are doing well with resource supply. They are also doing a fuel reduction project at Heaps Peak that is 3.5 miles long. Taylor shared some statistics, in 2021 over 2 million acres burned, so far in 2022 365,000 acres have burned. Taylor reminded the audience that we are still in a severe drought and that October and November are the worst fire months during fire season, so be aware and prepared. He also mentioned that Crestline has a new fire captain and battalion chief. Taylor took questions from the audience.
- **United States Forest Service:** Brian Grant announced that there is a new infrastructure bill that is used to develop fuel treatment programs and evacuation corridors for at-

risk areas. It is in the analysis phase. They have been busy putting out many small lightning fires in Big Bear, and the three fire agencies are working well together. He announced that prescribed fires are on pause and that the homelessness issue at the bottom of Hwy 18 is under federal jurisdiction and has been difficult to control. He took questions from the audience.

- **Arrowhead Lake Association:** Bob Mattison shared that the lake is about 5.7 feet below full. Lake temperature is about 68 degrees at the surface. Mattison also mentioned that the recent board election is complete and they will be seating new board members soon. He also reminded everyone to winterize their boats.
- **Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council:** Laura Dyberg shared that the Pine Cone Festival had over 1000 people in attendance. They are still actively researching grants and working closely with the local water agencies.
- **Rim of the World Recreation and Park District:** Jenny Hueter discussed current and upcoming activities, including Halloween at the park on October 27, a haunted house, movie night in Arrowbear Park, tumbling classes, and basketball season.
- **Crestline Lake Gregory Chamber of Commerce:** Sara Green announced the chamber received the same amount of County tourism funding as the previous year. Corks and Hops was their biggest selling event, they will be doing a special Corks and Hops event in February at the San Moritz Lodge for Mardi Gras. The Crestline chamber will also be putting on a “Flip the Switch” party for Crestline’s first Christmas lights celebration, there will be a trophy and a prize given out to the best group project. Sara took questions from the audience.
- **San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford’s Office:** Lewis Murray announced the Lake Arrowhead MAC meetings will be moving to the County Building at the Sheriff’s station in Twin Peaks, First Thursday of the Month at 6pm. He also encouraged the audience to attend the Tri-Chamber Mixer on 10/13 at the Resort at 5:00pm. Lewis took questions from the audience.

**5.0 Correspondence & Announcements from Board Members: None**

**6.0 Old Business:** Scott Rindenow shared information regarding the Hwy 173 road closure issues. He has met with Sheriff Dicas, Fire Chief Kat Opliger, who were both willing to support this effort. The next step will be to meet with Caltrans,

**7.0 Public Comment\***

- **MAC receives comments on non-agenda items.**

**8.0 Adjournment and Next Meeting date:**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm. The next meeting of the Lake Arrowhead Municipal Advisory Council will be held on November 3, 2022, 6:30 pm, at the County Building in Twin Peaks**

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**\* Public comment on discussion items is limited to three minutes per item per person. Limitations during Public Comment are at the discretion of the MAC Chairman.**