

## LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

### MINUTES

#### REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2024

#### Commission Members

P John Hess, District I  
A Everado Chavez, District II (VChair)  
P Batsulwin Brown, District III  
P Christina Price, District IV (Chair)  
P Maile Field, District V

#### Staff Members

P Mireya Turner, Director  
P Michelle Irace, Principal Planner  
P Nicole Johnson, Deputy County Counsel  
P Ruby Mitts, Office Assistant III  
P Danae LoDolce, EH OA III

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#### 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Christina Price.

#### VERIFICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE(S)

The clerk reported items were properly noticed.

#### ACTION ON MINUTES

Comm. Brown moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Field to approve the minutes from February 22, 2024. All were in favor. Comm. Hess abstained from the vote. Comm. Chavez was absent.

#### CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one present wished to speak.

#### 9:05 a.m. **Presentation and Overview of Lake County 2050**

Director Mireya Turner spoke to the comprehensive update to the 2008 General Plan and all eight of the County's Local Area Plans (i.e., "Lake County 2050"), which were adopted at various times between 1989 and 2010.

PlaceWorks Inc., Planning Consultants Tanya Sunberg, and Jacqueline Protsman Rohr provided a presentation on Lake County 2050.

This item was informational only, no motion was made.

#### 9:41 a.m. **Opened Public Comment**

The following people spoke:

Deputy Community Development Administrator Shannon Walker-Smith, Tami Alexa, Amanda Jo Samson, Pamela Coleman, Amy Zingone, Dawn Kennedy, Amanda Collins, Roberta Lyons, Larry Galupe, Betsy Cawn, Margaux Kambara, and Mike Wink.

10:06 a.m. No one else wished to speak, and public comment was closed.

10:06 a.m. Chair Price called a 5-minute recess.

10:13 a.m. Chair Price reconvened the meeting.

10:13 a.m. **Public Hearing on Consideration of proposed Major Use Permit (UP 20-33), and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS 20-39), for cultivation of 304,710-sf of outdoor commercial cannabis canopy; Applicant: Meili Liu/Liu Farms; Located:8531 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks (APN: 006-003-34)**

Assistant Planner Trish Turner presented the staff report and spoke to the projects' points of interest.

#### 10:21 a.m. **Opened Public Comment**

The following people spoke:

Applicants Meili Liu, Merriam Keshner, and Dan Rush. Zoom Room participants: Maria Kann, Denise Orpustan-Love, and Donna Mackiewicz.

10:43 a.m. No one else present wished to speak and the public comment was closed.

Principal Planner Michelle Irace commented on several changes to the Conditions of approval: A3, E1 and M1

Comm. Brown voiced his concerns with tribal consultation and felt they should have more participation in the project's cultural resources.

Commissioners further discussed their concerns with the project.

Director Turner suggested a continuation for more research on cultural resources and for consultation with the tribal community on culturally sensitive information and on biological resources that were performed in a drought noted by Donna Mackiewicz with the Redbud Audubon Society.

Staff recommended continuing this item to March 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Comm. Field moved Comm. Hess 2nd continuing this item to March 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

**11:19 a.m.** Director Mireya Turner provided department updates.

**11:23 a.m. ADJOURNED**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Christina Price, Chair**  
**Lake County Planning Commission**

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**Ruby Mitts,**  
**Planning Commission Assistant**