



# SIERRA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday August 10, 2023

10:00 AM

**Chair: James Kelley**  
**Vice Chair: Liz Fisher**  
**Lawrence Allen**  
**Janet Baldrige**  
**Mike Filippini**

**Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers**  
**Downieville Courthouse**  
**100 Courthouse Square**  
**Downieville, CA 95936**

*The Sierra County Planning Commission welcomes you to its meetings which are regularly scheduled for the second Thursday following the first Tuesday of each month. Special meetings may be called from time to time and the meeting location, time, and date will be announced at the appropriate time as required by law.*

*This meeting will be open to the public for in-person viewing/participation, as well as available via video/teleconference using the link or phone number below.*

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLLCALL**
  2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
August 10, 2023 Agenda
  3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
July 27, 2023 Minutes
  4. **CORRESPONDENCE**
  5. **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

*At this time, the public has the opportunity to address the Commission concerning any item of interest not listed on the agenda. The Commission may not discuss or take any action on any item presented during the public comment period that is not on the agenda. The Commission may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public. Upon recognition by the Chair, please state your name, county of residence, and subject matter. Discussion of any non-agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes, or such reasonable time as is granted by the Chair of the Commission.*

**6. WORKSHOPS**

6.1 Presentations on Williamson Act Contracts, Conservation Easements, and Timber Production Zoning by Planning Department staff with guest speaker Bill Copren, former Sierra County Assessor.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**8. BUSINESS REQUIRING ACTION OR DISCUSSION**

8.1 Discussion on potential new ordinances and updates to existing ordinances, including public feedback on camping and short-term rentals.

**9. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORTS**

*Brief announcements or brief reports by Planning Director on activities or items of interest to Sierra County.*

**10. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Brief announcements or brief reports by Planning Commission members on their activities or items of interest to Sierra County.*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is Thursday, September 14, 2023.



# SIERRA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7/27/2023

Chair: James Kelley		Vice Chair: Liz Fisher	
Lawrence Allen	Janet Baldrige	Mike Filippini	

**Location:** Sierra County Courthouse | Board of Supervisors Chambers | 100 Courthouse Square | Downieville, CA 95936

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

**Commissioners Present:** Janet Baldrige, James Kelley, Liz Fisher (Mike Filippini absent)

**Staff Present:** Brandon Pangman, Corri Jimenez, Monica Beachell

**Public Present:** None.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Fisher/Baldrige Approved with change to commence workshop at the end of meeting.

Vote: 3/0 (Filippini absent)

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5/11/2023 Minutes approved as presented.

Motion: Fisher/Baldrige Approved without changes. Vote: 3/0 (Filippini absent)

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

None.

### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

### 7. BUSINESS REQUIRING ACTION OR DISCUSSIONS

#### 7.1. Request for an extension on the life of a Site Plan Review (SPR) for Project 1520 Leslie Dickey's driveway

Director Pangman provided a summary of the project as follows: The project site is on a 520-acre lot between Downieville and Sierra City. A utility easement road issue and CalFire 4290 regulations required the applicant to create a new driveway to approach the property. The

magnitude of the project triggered both a CEQA environmental review and a site plan review (SPR). The project was extended through COVID, and the applicant requested, in writing, an additional extension to finish the project through 2025.

Director Pangman recommended the Planning Commission approve the extension of the project for an additional 2-year period.

Motion to approve the extension for Project 1520: Baldrige/Fisher. Vote: 3/0 (Filippini absent)

**8. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORTS**

- 8.1.** Planning Commission Vacancy: Director Pangman informed the Commission that the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to appoint a Commissioner at the meeting on August 1, 2023.
- 8.2.** Yuba Salmon Study: Director Pangman provided the Commissioners with a handout on community meetings discussing the pilot study to reintroduce Chinook salmon to their historical habitat in the North Yuba River.

**9. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

None.

**10. WORKSHOPS**

- 10.1.** Fieldtrip to the Alleghany, Forest city, and Pliocene Ridge area.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn: Baldrige/Fisher. Vote: 3/0 (Filippini absent)

Meeting was adjourned at 10:39pm. The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on 8/10/2023

Respectfully submitted,

*Monica Beachell*

Monica Beachell  
Department Specialist

Approved as Witnessed

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Brandon Pangman  
Commission Secretary