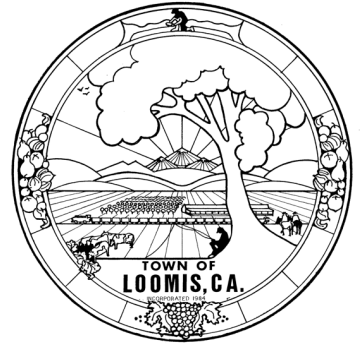


TOWN OF LOOMIS



TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager
DATE: September 13, 2022
SUBJECT: Town Manager Report for Sept. 2022 Council Meeting

Mayor and Council Members,

The following report provides an update on some of the major activities Town Staff has been working on in the past month.

Mosquito Fire Update

As you know, the Mosquito Fire burning near Foresthill started the evening of September 6. Since that time the fire has exploded, now burning more than 50,000 acres as of this morning. CalFire reported this morning that the fire is now at 18 percent containment, with nearly 2,700 personnel working on the fire.

The best place for information on the fire — and any emergency in Placer County — is <https://www.placer.ca.gov/emergencyservices>. If you put your mouse over the Disaster Information button at the top of the screen you can go to current incidents, where the most up-to-date information on the Mosquito fire is located.

Placer County is asking anyone who wants to help to go through the Placer Community Foundation. Their website is <https://placercf.org/relief/>

Leadership Loomis Cohort 4

The Loomis Basin Chamber of Commerce has operated the Loomis Leadership program for the past three years, with the Town assisting with logistics and with me serving on the program's steering committee. Leadership Loomis is intended to inspire and educate future leaders to get involved in our community. The program is designed to provide insight about the public agencies and community-based organizations that serve the Town of Loomis; inspire community members to become active leaders; and provide networking opportunities to build relationships that foster goodwill and a spirit of cooperation.

Unfortunately, the Chamber is either unwilling or unable to operate the program this year. Because the program has been quite successful in the past and because cultivating leaders in our community is important, the Town will be taking on Leadership Loomis for an abbreviated program this year. This won't have any additional impact on staff and won't have a financial impact on the Town, as a participation fee meant to offset program costs is collected for each Leadership participant.

The abbreviated program should start in January and will run through June. I will provide more details when the steering committee when the steering committee finalizes the program.

Parking Along Taylor Road

The Town has seen at least three accidents along Taylor Road, north of Horseshoe Bar Road, from poor sight distances when drivers are attempting to pull out of a driveway onto Taylor. As a

result, Town staff will be painting “No Parking” red curbs on the south side of driveways on Taylor, between Smithville Coffee and Loomis Grammar School.

Slurry Seal Project Bids

Item #10 on the consent agenda is the authorization to award a contract of up to \$500,000 for the Town’s slurry seal project. The bid opening for this project was this morning. Town Engineer Merrill Buck will provide an update on the bids received.

Costco

As Council will recall, the Town settled one of three lawsuits against the Costco project within a month of the project’s approval. The Town prevailed on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) challenges against the project, brought by the City of Rocklin and the “Citizens for Responsible Growth,” at the end of last year. However, the judge found a defect in the Town’s interpretation of its own zoning code.

The Town recently rectified that zoning issue by processing a General Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendment. Both Rocklin and Citizens for Responsible Growth are now challenging that decision. Motions and arguments were heard on August 4, with no judgement entered as of tonight.

Rocklin also appealed the Court’s decision on the EIR. Costco has cross-appealed that decision, as well as the Court’s decision in the Citizens for Responsible Growth case.

In the meantime, staff continues to process the project’s onsite improvement plans, which were submitted in March.

Hidden Grove Project

As you know, the Town received the formal application for the Hidden Grove project just before the Christmas holiday. That application is for a housing project, to be processed under a new California housing law called SB-330, located behind Raley’s on the former Village at Loomis site.

The Town has deemed the application complete, as of the beginning of the month. The application can be found at: <https://loomis.ca.gov/hidden-grove-re-submittal-received-6-20-2022/>

Now that the application is complete, under SB-330, the Town has 60 days (Tuesday September 6, 2022) to determine if the project is consistent with the objective standards of the General Plan. The Developer has provided the Town with an extension to September 26 for that review. The Town is now concurrently working on the EIR and project processing i.

The Town is only allowed five public hearings under SB-330. The Town Attorney has prepared a memo that we hope provides a comprehensive review of SB 330 and how it impacts the planning process. That memo can be found here: <https://loomis.ca.gov/documents/town-of-loomis-sb-330-overview/>

Town Manager Tuesdays

As noted last month, Town Manager Tuesdays has moved to a quarterly format. The meetings will be held from 9 am to 10:30 am at the Loomis Train Depot on the fourth Tuesday at the end of each fiscal quarter. The next meeting will be September 27, 2022.

These meetings are informal, without an agenda. They are meant as an opportunity for community members to discuss Town issues directly with the Town Manager.