

	<p><b>Meeting Summary</b> <b>Lake County Clean Water Program Advisory Council</b> Wednesday, June 9, 2010 Board of Supervisors Chambers 255 N. Forbes Street Lakeport, CA</p>
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**Council Members - Attendance:**

- County of Lake:
  - Rob Brown, Supervisor District V (VM) – Chair
  - Richard Coel, Community Development Director (SWPC) (VM)
- City of Clearlake
  - Bob Galusha, City Engineer (SWPC) (VM)
  - Joyce Overton, City Council (VM) – Vice Chair
- City of Lakeport
  - Dan Buffalo, MPA Compliance Officer (SWPC) (VM)

**Others present:**

Voris Brumfield, LC Geothermal/IDC Coordinator, Scott DeLeon, LC Water Resources Director, David Jezek LC Chief Building Official, Tom Blavet, LC Grading/Storm Water Inspector, Ron Yoder, LC Resource Planner, Danae Bowen, LC CDD Secretary, Daniel Schultz, Environmental Specialist, CA. Regional Board, Betsy Cawn, Debbie Clarke, Peggy Barthel, Jeff Lynch, Paula Britton, Anna Ravenwoode and Cheri Holden.

**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

Rob Brown, Supervisor District V, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

**9:06 a.m.**

1. **Review and approve meeting minutes from March 10, 2010 Council Meeting**  
Bob Galusha moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joyce Overton to approve the minutes of March 10, 2010. All were in favor.
2. **Update from PEOP & PIP Workgroup**  
Susanne Lyons, Workgroup Chair, was not present and will report at the next scheduled Advisory Council Meeting.
3. **Update on activities of CON & PCON Workgroup**  
David Jezek, Workgroup Chair, stated that a meeting was held on June 8, 2010 and there is nothing to add for an update on CON/PCON. He reported on the amount of disturbance of earth in illegal marijuana grows in the County and said that Ron Yoder will address those issues.

Ron Yoder, Lake County Associate Resource Planner, gave an update on the illegal marijuana grows in the County and noted that springs have been dammed up, transient campsites have been found and garbage is everywhere.

Supervisor Brown asked staff how the County should address these violations.

Richard Coel, Lake County Community Development Director, suggested bringing this issue to the Board of Supervisors for direction for staff to revise the summary abatement policy on these illegal grading sites. He recommended that a task force be formed to address these issues.

There was further discussion on eradication of illegal marijuana sites and a task force approach.

**4. Update from IDDE & MUNI Workgroup**

Steve Stangland, Workgroup Chair, was not present and will report at the next scheduled Advisory Council Meeting.

**5. Update concerning Program Website and Phone Hotline, and Public Presentations**

Mr. Coel announced that the Hotline (707) 263-2308 is up and running for the Clean Water Program and is staffed by the Community Development Technicians.

Voris Brumfield, Lake County Geothermal/DC Coordinator, provided a power point presentation and gave an overview of the Lake County Clean Water website. She reviewed the Social Networking page on Facebook for the Clean Water Program and asked for feedback with suggestions/corrections for updating the sites.

Bob Galusha, City of Clearlake Engineer, suggested BMPs be added to the website.

**6. Discussion and Evaluation concerning Program Priorities**

Mr. Coel said that priorities should be based on our limited financial and staffing resources. He said that the County is reacting as quickly as possible to the storm water violation calls and complaints. He stated that the average calls that have been received, staff has been very effective in getting those issues resolved. He said the problem with the cultivation sites is that there tends to be significant damage and more often than not you are not dealing with the property owner, so it is hard to find someone to compel in a hurry to get them to clean it up.

Supervisor Brown thought that property owners should be compelled to deliver regardless of their involvement, because it is their property and their responsibility. He said private property rights come with responsibility and they should be involved in the clean-up. He added that there should be links to the Sierra Club, Builders Exchange and the Farm Bureau showing their Best Management Practices (BMPs) and felt it was in their best interest that these organizations be involved to some degree, because they do not want to see illegal farming practices, regardless of the crop.

There was further discussion on the Quagga Mussel Prevention Program being included in the Clean Water program as one of the priorities.

Scott Deleon, Lake County Department of Water Resources Director, said that he has created an Invasive Species Program Coordinator position to focus on the onslaught of invasive species. He added that he will soon be updating the Lake County Water Resources Department website.

Mr. Coel suggested that the main energies on priorities should be addressed once a year around budget time.

**7. Discussion of, and Status Update concerning Program BMP Compliance**

Bob Galusha and Joyce Overton reviewed the practices of the City of Clearlake's policies.

Mr. Galusha said storm drain plaques would be installed on the inlets rather than the stenciling, and signs are being implemented to identify major creeks.

Ms. Overton said there is a group that has volunteered to help clean-up streams.

Mr. Coel said that the Lake County Public Works Department has recently completed the MS-4 Maps for the drainage maps for the County. He said it was a huge undertaking and the maps reference the drain inlets, piping and out flow. He said in completing these maps there has also been revisions to the existing spill prevention and response program procedures.

Ms. Brumfield distributed a handout of a chart that referenced Lake County Water Issues and Agency Contacts.

Mr. Coel suggested that the cities should also be added to this chart and posted on the website, so that there would be one place for all of the contact information.

**8. Open Public Comment Period**

Betsy Cawn, Lake County Resident, said she has been doing a survey of all of the boat launching ramps around the southern side of the lake and she noticed unusual organic growth similar to kelp near the old cement plant near Argulan Canyon Creek. She brought in a sample to have it identified and was told to bring it to Greg Gusti, County Director of UC Extension.

**9. Review of Outcomes and Agree on Next Steps**

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Annual Report – identifying challenges
- Evaluation concerning existing programs/priorities and BMPs Compliance
- Quagga Mussels
- Overview of programs by Cities and Lake County.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 9 a.m.

**Adjourned 10:06 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danae Bowen  
LC CDD, OA III