

COUNTY OF INYO PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2007

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The Inyo County Planning Commission met in special session on Wednesday, August 29, 2007, in the Superior Courtroom, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, California. Chair Payne opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by the clock in the Courtroom.

These minutes are to be considered for approval by the Planning Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL - Commissioners: William Stoll, Cynthia Little, Sam Wasson, and Paul Payne.

Also present were: Assistant County Counsel, Randy Keller; Senior Planner, Jan Larsen; Senior Planner for Planning Director, Associate Planner, Adena Fansler; and Secretary, Sharon Birmingham.

Absent: Commissioner Rich White and Planning Director, Pat Cecil.

ITEM 2: WELCOME TO 2ND DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSIONER CYNTHIA LITTLE. The Commission welcomed Commissioner Little to the Planning Commission.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action Item) – Approval of Minutes for June 27, 2007.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Wasson and seconded by Commissioner Stoll to approve the Minutes for June 27, 2007 and that they be entered into the Administrative Record.

The Motion carried (3-0-1-1). Commissioner White absent; Commissioner Little abstained as she was absent on June 27, 2007.

ITEM 4: **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA** – Opportunity to add or delete any item to the agenda with the approval of the Commission.

There were none.

ITEM 5: **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – Opportunity for anyone in the audience to address the Planning Commission on any subject pertaining to planning that is not scheduled on the Agenda.

There were none.

ITEM 6: **CRYSTAL GEYSER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TIME EXTENSION (Action Item Only)** – Crystal Geysers requested a second one-year time extension to establish the use of construction of their proposed water and flavored beverages bottling plant, as allowed under Section 18.81.140 of the Zoning Code, “Conditional Uses – Lapse of Approval.” The project is the development of a beverage bottling plant and associated facilities on a 30-acre portion of a 120.4-acre parcel located approximately 3 miles south of Olancha, west of, and adjacent to U.S. Highway 395. The General Plan designation is Light Industrial (LI), and the zoning is Light Industrial (M-2).

Senior Planner, Jan Larsen, presented the Staff Report to the Commission. A few corrections were noted as follows: Within the Agenda, instead of Subdivision Ordinance, the wording should be Zoning Code. Also, on page two the spelling of the Applicant’s name was incorrect as it should be as follows: Weklych, Vice President of Manufacturing.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Wasson and seconded by Commissioner Stoll to: Grant a one-year time extension for Conditional User Permit No. 2001-19, expiring on July 7, 2008.

The Motion carried (4-0-1). Commissioner White absent.

ITEM 7: **WORKSHOP-THE ROLE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSIONER AND THEIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES** – Assistant County Counsel, Randy Keller, presented a short workshop to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS – There were none.

PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Senior Planner, Jan Larsen, updated the Commission on various projects.

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATIONAL – There were none.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Chair Payne adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, Administrative Center, Independence, California.

Prepared & Recorded by:

Sharon M. Birmingham,
Secretary To
Inyo County Planning Commission