

TRINITY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
January 22, 2026 at 6:00p.m.
Trinity County Library Conference Room
351 Main Street, Weaverville, CA

Chair: Comnr. Dist. 3 Rory Barrett
Vice-Chair: Comnr. Dist. 2 Amelia Fleitz
Commissioner Dist. 1 Carol Fall
Commissioner Dist. 4 Duncan McIntosh
Commissioner Dist. 5 Dan Harper

MINUTES- PLANNING COMMISSION

***NOTE:** The public was invited to attend the public hearing via Zoom Link.

Commissioners present: Barrett, Fleitz, Fall, McIntosh, Harper

Staff Present: TCCDD Director, Drew Plebani; Asst. Planner-Planning, Angel Chappell; Assoc. Planner-Planning, Alex Banaskiewicz; Environmental Code Specialist-Natural Resources, Patrick Flynn; Recording Secretary, Deborah Rogge; Recording Secretary, Jorge Martinez

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

PUBLIC COMMENT: During the Public Comment period members of the public may address the Planning Commission on any matter not listed on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Planning Commission.

Public comments were heard from: No public comment

REGULAR CALENDAR:

Item A. Minutes: Approve meeting minutes from November 13, 2025.

Approved as presented 3-0 (Fleitz-Fall-Harper)

Item B: Community Development – Natural Resources – Rattlesnake Mine Abandonment Hearing.
Commissioner Fleitz recused herself.

Public comment was opened and being there were no speakers, public comment was closed.

By motion made and second (Fall/Harper) by roll call vote 5-0. The Planning Commission determines that the Rattlesnake Mine, located north of Coffee Creek, CA is abandoned based on the following:

- There is evidence that the mine is abandoned, given the lack of annual reporting for over a decade and the collection of the financial assurance monies by the operator without completion of reclamation.
- The mine operator has failed to provide an acceptable financial assurance mechanism.
- The mine operator has failed to provide the lead agency with a financial assurance cost estimate as required by PRC Sections 2773.1 and 2773.4(d)(1)(A).
- The lead agency, Board, or supervisor is unable to contact the mine operator or the operator's agent of record after 90 days of the mine becoming idle as defined in PRC Section 2727.1.
- The surface mining operation meets the criteria stated under PRC Section 2770(h)(6) or there is evidence that the operator has physically abandoned the mining operation.

Roll call vote: Harper-aye, Fall-aye, McIntosh-aye, Fleitz-aye; Barrett-aye

Item C: Community Development – Planning – P-24-14 Wireless Communications Facility in Hayfork

Public comments were heard from: Nick Tagas-project representative, Christopher Davis-project representative (zoom), Mary Cole-Lewiston, Vidette Vanderweide-Lewiston, Stephanie-Hayfork, Gary-Hayfork, Lisa-Hayfork, Lina-Hayfork, Holly-Hayfork, Ryan-Hayfork, Daniel-Hayfork, Shane McDonald-Trinity County Waterworks-Hayfork, Alicia Adair, Demitri Papadopoulos-Hayfork. Being there were no other speakers' public comments closed.

By motion made and second (Harper/McIntosh) by roll call vote 3-2. Motion made to continue item to the March 12, 2026, meeting to review comments received by memo dated January 22, 2026.

Roll call vote: McIntosh-aye, Harper-aye, Fall-no, Fleitz-no, Barrett-aye

Item D: Community Development – Planning – 2050 General Plan Update: Environmental review Scoping Meeting.

The commission received and discussed a presentation from Minter-Harnish and Rincon Consulting.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Fall shared that she and Supervisor Leutwyler held a town hall meeting in Trinity Center to educate the community on state law regarding residential treatment facilities. Commissioner Fleitz inquired as to when the commission would be receiving laptops. The commission also asked to have the date of a meeting added to staff reports and to receive calendar invites for planning commission meetings.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Plebani reminded the commission of January 29, 2026, meeting starting at 2:00 pm. Also requesting that the cannabis zoning ordinance be addressed separately from the rest of zoning code and requesting an early start time of 2:00 pm on February 26, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: The Planning Commission adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by: Deborah Rogge, Recording Secretary



Drew Plebani, TCCDD Director
Secretary of the Planning Commission