

Draft Minutes:

Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee

Feb 1st, 2024. 6:00 p.m.

Antelope Valley Community Center, Walker

Attending:

RPAC attending: Bruce Woodworth, Katy Buell, Mark Langner, Debi Bush, Eric Jim Ricks.

RPAC absent: Don Morris, John Vannoy, Sally Rosen.

County and Agency: Doug Power (USMC), Wendy Sugimura (MC), John Peters (MCBOS).

Public: None

Public comment (for items not on agenda): None

Action Items:

Approve of 12/2023 minutes: Motion to approved by BW/DB passed by all.

Motion to change regular meeting time to 6:00pm by ML/KB passed by all.

Motion to recognize, with a 'certificate of appreciation', RPAC members that left the Committee in 2023 (Welsh and Hamic-Christensen) and to recognize all members who leave the Committee from now on by DB/KB passed with BW voting no. Discussion: BW thought the recognition should also extend to members that have served in the past few year and ML thought that recognition should be reserved for members who were active participants.

Informational/Discussion items:

RPAC reports:

DB said that she is working on a local candidates night. KB discussed wild horses in Adobe Valley.

MWTC: DP provided a personnel and training update.

USFS: None

Supervisors Report: JP read an email from the Bridgeport District Ranger and discussed USFS issues including:

The new BPRD District Ranger has a range management background and has worked in the district for 10 years.

There are several open positions within the RD.

The Chief of HTNF, Bill Dunkleburger, has retired.

Control pile burning will be continuing in Mill Canyon.

There are mining proposals on the Nevada side of the Bodie Hills.

The Bi-state Sage Grouse is on the verge of being listed as endangered. Chris Flat CG is likely to be closed for the season because of flood damage. Fire wood permits are available. Desert Creek CG won't be worked on until a Sage Grouse study is completed. JP said that he will be meeting with the USFS Chief in Washington DC soon.

JP recognized the efforts of Debbie Harrison for her work with food distribution through AMACA. He said that the general store in BP will be closed for remodeling in Feb, March and April and that BP is getting auto e-charging stations. He reported on AB817 which addresses Brown Act teleconference rules and has changes that might allow the RPAC to conduct meeting via zoom again. He discussed two parcels on Eastside Lane that were recently donated to the County for possible workforce housing sites.

Planning update (Staff): WS reported that 1 million dollars has been earmarked by the CalTrans highway Safety Maintenance Program that will address Walker bike lanes, striping and sign improvements; design will begin this year and construction next year. CalTrans should get back to us with their plan. Draft minutes submitted by ML.

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