

# ANTELOPE VALLEY

## Regional Planning Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the Antelope Valley RPAC  
June 1, 2023 meeting  
6:30 p.m at the AV Community Center

Attending:

RPAC: RPAC: Bruce Woodworth, Katy Buell, Mark Langner, Eric Edgerton, Charlie Brown, John Vannoy, Sally Rosen, Debi Bush.

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

Public: One.

Public comment (for items not on agenda): None

Action Items:

Approve minutes of May 4, 2023. Motion Vanoy/Rosen passed by all.

Informational/Discussion items:

Recommend the Mono County Board of Supervisors direct staff to mail the West Walker River Parkway Plan to Antelope Valley residents prior to adoption into the Regional Transportation Plan:

The group discussed. Wendy said that having a plan allows use of funding streams that could show up. Kati and Mark said that the plan has been presented to the public and that there has been plenty of opportunity for public input and that mailing the complete plan out to everyone would be a waste of money. Debi said that this is just a plan and it is not yet funded or set in stone. Charlie said that he wasn't against the plan but thought that there were other issues which were higher priorities.

Motion: Recommend the Mono County Board of Supervisors direct staff to mail the West Walker River Parkway Plan to Antelope Valley residents prior to adoption into the Regional Transportation Plan (Bruce/Eric ): failed, all against.

Recommend to the Mono County Board of Supervisors that Mountain Gate Park be renamed in honor of Arden Gerbig (Bruce Woodworth):

The group discussed. Debi said that the thought was nice but she wasn't sure that Arden would want the park named after him. Mark said that he did not support naming parks for people but thought a memorial bench would be appropriate. John P said that a bench could likely be tied to other parts of the park plan.

Motion: Recommend to the Mono County Board of Supervisors that Mountain Gate Park be renamed in honor of Arden Gerbig (Bruce/Kati): Failed: 1 for, 3 abstaining, 3 against.

Motion: RPAC request permission from MC to install a bench at Mountain Gate Park in honor of Arden Gerbig and requests MC assistance in planning, design, installation and funding. (Debi/Bruce): passed by all.

Informational/Discussion items

Update on County roads (Public Works): No representative from PW was present but Wendy collected a list of roads that the RPAC members said needed maintenance including: Golden Gate and Mill Canyon roads which were heavily damaged by storms and

River and Pine Nut Roads which are rutted. Debi was concerned about emergency access. John said that the people living on private roads are responsible for their maintenance not the county. Eric said that some of the private roads are not up to county standards.

#### Monthly reports

RPAC member reports/comments: Mark and Kati recommended folks drive up to Little Antelope Valley for the wild flower bloom.

MWTC update (Doug Power): Doug reported that they are transitioning from winter to summer operations. He said that there will be only one battalion training this summer but all formal courses are continuing.

USFS update: John reported that there is not currently a Bridgeport District Ranger but that someone will be filling in on a 120 day basis.

Supervisor's Report (John Peters): John reported that the Motorcycle Jamboree will be returning to Bridgeport next week. He said that plow crews are about a mile apart on 108 but a mid-June road opening is targeted. He said that plow crews are miles apart on 120 but that an early July opening is possible. John reported that he has been in contact with Caltrans concerning the repair of 395 at Topaz Lake; the project is under design and that things are up in the air concerning closures and construction. He said that the County is looking to fill the CAO and assistant CAO, IT Director and Housing Coordinator positions. He discussed the Community Wildfire Plan and the new state mandated 30' setback rules. He discussed plans for the second tennis court and the various committees and assignments that he is working on. He said that Topaz Lake is currently 49% full and that there is a WRID meeting next week. John requested that all members of the RPAC speak to at least one person this month about joining the group.

Planning update (Staff): Wendy reported that April is leaving for another job and that Planning is at half staff but that Rob, who introduced himself at a prior meeting, will be taking over as the North County Planner. She reported that the BOS has approved the Sierra High permit that had been appealed. She said that Liberty Utilities has replied to the letter that they were sent by the BOS concerning compliance with County under grounding requirements and that the department will respond and provide more details later.

#### Future

Review/modify General Plan Land Use Element Chapter 11 - Utilities is currently on hold due to staffing levels. Mark said that he felt that since this was a county-wide issue the revision of the chapter should be done by the Planning Department and then presented to the RPAC for review. Bruce disagreed and said the process should be from the bottom up.

Next RPAC meeting:

Motion: Cancel the July RPAC meeting (Debi/Bruce): passed by all.

Submitted by Mark Langner.