

ANTELOPE VALLEY

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MEETING MINUTES FROM 11/2/23

Antelope Valley Community Center, Walker

Attending:

RPAC: Bruce Woodworth, Katy Buell, Mark Langner, Debie Bush, Jim Ricks. There was not a quorum of members.

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

Public: None.

Public comment (for items not on agenda):

None

Action Items:

Approve of October minutes: Tabled due to lack of quorum.

Informational/Discussion items:

Solid Waste Update (Paul Roten): PR provided an update and answered questions from the group. He said that there is a new Facilities Superintendent and that county workers will take over cleaning and custodial work in north county as the former contractor has been fired. KB and BW expressed concern about Mountain Gate Park and the need for better trash collection and road maintenance. BW and JP requested that fill-dirt be made available for use for park road. ML suggested getting bear proof containers at the park, that the transfer station should look into accepting 'office' paper for recycling (as most other similar facilities do) and that there is a problem with out-of-state users (who don't pay Mono County solid waste fees on their property taxes) using the transfer station but not paying their fair share for this service. PR said that he would be looking into all these concerns and that county Solid Waste funding is in the red so fair fee collection is important. DB said that Nevada residents on northern Eastside Lane would likely be the ones that are using our transfer station. DB was concerned that the while the county promotes tourism it is not doing enough to provide for collection of their trash and suggest that an additional dumpster be provided for that. PR reported that the county lost some Cal-trans 'clean California' money that could have provided for more dumpsters.

Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) & County Road Maintenance (Kalen Dodd): KD reviewed and discussed these programs. Monies have had to be shifted to provide for Northshore Drive rehabilitation. He said that County roads are rated every few years to determine the priority for repairs and maintenance. Antelope Valley streets (Larson, Topaz and Cunningham) are not budgeted for maintenance until at least FY28-29 although work is planned over the next couple of years on Pinenut Road, Eastside Phase II and with right side lane edge striping. The county gets about 2.5 million a year in gas tax money; DB was concerned about a drop in this revenue since electric vehicles aren't paying a gas tax. BW said that this might be a problem but that electric vehicles benefit society in other ways. ML asked if there might be historic preservation money

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available that could be used for local bridge maintenance. KB was glad that the county wasn't so gung-ho about needlessly plowing Golden Gate Canyon Road. KD reported that two Public Work employees were injured in a traffic collision earlier this week.

Monthly reports:

RPAC member reports/comments: The group discussed the lack of a quorum and the poor attendance of several members.

MWTC update (Doug Power): DP provided an update of training activity. KB voiced concern that MWTC helicopters were recently flying very over the valley and creating a disturbance; DP said he was unaware of this.

USFS update: JP said that there is a new District Ranger who is an in-house hire with 10 years of local experience.

Supervisor's Report (John Peters): JP discussed Veteran's Day activities, the hiring of new HR and IT Directors, and attending a recent IMACA (food bank) meeting; they need volunteers and more outreach in north county.

Planning update (Staff): WS reported that there were no new pending projects in the area. She said that one new FT Planner and a Code Enforcement Officer has been hired but that staff is still short handed.

Draft minutes submitted by ML.

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