

BRIDGEPORT VALLEY

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Meeting of March 22, 2016 7:00 P.M.

Animal Control/Public Health Conference Room
199 Twin Lakes Road, Bridgeport, CA

ACTION MINUTES

Members present: Barry Beck, Jeff Hunewill, Steve Noble, John Migliore, Bob Peters, Nick Way, Gene K., Benny Romero, Erinn Wells

Presenters & County staff present: Wendy Sugimura, Tim Fesko, Doug Power, Steve Nelson (BLM), Heather Stone (BLM)

Public present: Nancy Alaniz, Rick Alaniz, Annamaria Echeverris, Jason Davenport, Tony Dublino, Brett Emery, Stacy Gibbons, Liz Grans, Ed Inwood, Jami Jerrett, Jimmy Little, Justin Nalder, John Peters, Alan Pottasch, Rockey Reed, Ken Reynolds, Jason Sieg, Jeff Simpson, Misti Sullivan, Tim Sullivan, Alicia Vennos, Charlie Waldriff

1. **Call to Order** by Chair Beck at 7:00_ pm and **Pledge of Allegiance**.

2. **Public comment** (for items not listed on agenda):

- John Peters – He is running for District 4 Board of Supervisor
- Bob Peters – Yosemite National Park and a German group to stimulate tourism in area.
Discussion of closing the CHP office in Bridgeport.
- Rockey Reed – Bike path on Twin Lakes road?

3. **Informational Items:**

a. Supervisor Report (Tim Fesko):

- Moment of silence for the people of Belgium
- Conway Ranch meeting in regard to trout raising and fisheries
- District ranger for the USFS – Jeremy Marshall
- CHP LT. Jeff Holt – wants the office to stay in Bridgeport

b. MCMWTC update (Doug Power): Winter exercises are done. Summer programs include water purifying training. CRL James Donnellan wants to herd horses from Smith to the base.

- c. Update on local planning issues (Wendy Sugimura): Conway Ranch – brainstorming session – would like public input. RPAC have discussed bike lanes, the public needs to comment to Caltrans.

4. **Action Items**

- a. Approve minutes of meeting held January 21, 2016 , – Ayes 9 Nos 0 Absent 1 .

5. **Discussion Items**

- a. Community wildland interface fire prevention treatments (Steve Nelson & Heather Stone, BLM)
 - Late summer/early fall planning on fuel reduction
 - Wilderness Study Area – BLM cannot touch it.
 - BLM needs to do a NEPAC – Vegetation restoration
 - Wind and Pinyon/Juniper are our biggest threat for fire and we need to minimize this threat. Pinyon /Juniper are invasive species and threat for fire so the goal for BLM is community protection and ecological preservation.
- b. WORKSHOP: Economic Development efforts and opportunities (Wendy Sugimura)
 - Community Issues – Eastern Sierra Community Bank and status of CHP
 - ESCB reduced hours – electronic banking is the basic reason. The bank will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays – 11-4. There is a night drop and the ATM will be fully stocked as to not run out of money.
- c. Mono County Community Development Department (Alicia Vennos & Jeff Simpson)
 - Tourism gets 1/12th of the TOT or about \$212,000 this year
 - Customer service training offered from the department
 - Business attraction is another service the department assists with
 - 5 tips for marketing – Social Media is the biggest
 - The department wants business owners to reach out to them for help
- d. Annual input on unmet transit needs (Wendy Sugimura) –
 - Nothing to note

6. **Future agenda items:** Conway Ranch Strategic Facilities Plan, Sustainable Agriculture Plan, update on Caltrans construction project

7. **Adjourn** to April 21, 2016 meeting – Animal Control Conference Room.