

Minutes of the Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee

Thursday April 4, 2019. 6:30 pm - Antelope Valley Community Center

Members attending: Kati Buell, Mike Curti, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Debbi Harrison, Mark Langner, Don Morris, Bruce Woodworth, Eric Edgerton, Debie Bush, Arden Gerbig, Ned Welsh.

Agency and other representatives: Gerry Le Francois/Hailey Lang/Justin Nalder/John Peters/Phil Moores, Mono County; Eric Dillingham, USFS; Kevin Brown, D & S Waste.

Public Attendance: 5

Approval of 3-7-19 minutes. Motion (Hamic-Christensen/Woodworth) approved.

Public comments: None.

PRAC member comments: Christensen reported that Hospice is up and running and that there are respite events upcoming at the senior center. Several members commented on the recent Liberty Energy town hall meeting and the good work that CERT did during the recent power outage. Gerbig said that the next Mt. Gate Park work party is scheduled for the 27th.

MWTC update: None

USFS update: Dillingham, a USFS archeologist, introduced himself.

Supervisor's report: Peters reported on the recent power outage and the related town hall meeting. He discussed proposed changes in California fishing regulations and said the comment period is currently open. He reported that the county CAO has resigned and the recruitment process is being started; the position should be filled around the end of summer. He said that he will be attending a RCRC meeting in Death Valley this month.

Update on development projects in Antelope Valley: Lang reported on short term rental issues.

Unmet Transit Needs: Phil Moores of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority said he was looking for input and comments concerning local unmet transit needs. He discussed the process for establishing fees for charter bus service and said the county is working on a policy concerning this issue. Christensen said that there was a need to extend the weekly bus service into Carson City and that transit services should be better advertised and suggested a postcard mailer.

Potential impacts of the Benton Crossing landfill closure: Kevin Brown representing D&S Waste and Justin Nalder representing Mono County discussed possible changes with solid waste collection due to the pending closure (2023) of the Benton Crossing landfill. Topics discussed included fee increases, the cost of new transfer stations, state mandates, the county Solid Waste Task Force (there is currently an at-large seat open on this board), the relationship between Mammoth Lakes, Mono County and private waste companies, recycling and the lack of recycling opportunities, tourist generated trash (it was suggested that part of the TOT be used to fund the disposal of tourist generated trash) and the county's RFP concerning solid waste management and disposal.

Discuss special meeting option(s) for a future presentation on the Walker River Basin Transaction Program Study: Lang reported that the Panorama Consulting Group would like to present its CEQA/EIR report to the RPAC. They are available on May 7th when they are also doing a presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion to hold a special meeting of the RPAC on May 7th at 7pm to allow Panorama to present its report to RPAC (Welsh/Christensen) passed 11-0-0. This meeting will be in addition to the regularly scheduled RPAC meeting on May 2nd. Woodworth requested that this be included as an action item on the agenda. The county will send a copy of the ER to RPAC members before the meeting to allow time for review of the document.

Submitted by Mark Langner