

ANTELOPE VALLEY

Regional Planning Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Thursday June 6, 2019. 7:00 pm
Antelope Valley Community Center

Members attending: Kati Buell, Mike Curti, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Arden Gerbig, Debbi Harrison, Eric Edgerton, Mark Langner, Don Morris, John Vannoy, Ned Welsh.
Agency and other representatives: Hailey Lang/John Peters/Matt Paruolo, Mono County; Anne Orlando/Marcella Rose, USFS; Kurt Althof, Liberty Energy; Doug Power, USMC.

Public Attendance: 3

Approval of 5/2/19-19 minutes. Motion (Langner/Buell) approved.

Public comments: None.

RPAC member comments: Curti reported that burn pile season is still open. The 6/5/19 Sage Grouse meeting in Walker was discussed. A Mountain Gate Park clean-up is scheduled for 6/22/19, 8am to 12 noon. Renewing efforts to create a local Fire Safe Counsel was discussed.

MWTC update: Powers reported that the base is gearing up for summer classes.

USFS update: Orlando, USFS Wildlife Biologist, talked about forest issues including campgrounds, snowmobiles closures, backcountry conditions and ranger station hours of operation.

Supervisor's report: Peters reported on the 2020 budget, the hiring process for the new CAO, the Walker Health Fair, Tioga Pass, and the recent Emergency Response meeting he attended in Sacramento.

Update on development projects in Antelope Valley: Lang reported on a couple of pending marijuana growing projects.

Bridgeport RD 'Don't feed wildlife' awareness program: Rose discussed the multi-agency program, its funding grant, outreach efforts and said she was looking for input on the issue. The problems with garbage collection/storage and the Walker area being the location for relocation of 'problem' bears from Yosemite NP and the Tahoe area were discussed.

Communication efforts during utility work from Liberty Utilities: Althof reported that LU is trying to get more involved in the community. He discussed outages and communications concerning outages. He said that LU will be replacing bare lines with insulated ones to decrease the fire risk. He explained the importance of customers reporting outages and keeping their contact info updated.

AV area recreation needs and concerns: Paruolo, Recreation Coordinator, explained the recreation program and its management. He is looking for input and information on recreation needs, issues and opportunities in the area. He requested from RPAC a list of the top local five priorities concerning recreation. The problem of dealing with visitor garbage was discussed.

Submitted by Mark Langner