

Draft Minutes of Sept 2, 2021 Antelope Valley RPAC meeting
6:30 p.m via Zoom

Attendees:

RPAC members: Debie Bush, Eric Edgerton, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Mark Langner, Bruce Woodworth.

Mono County: Gerry LeFrancois (CD), Heidi Willson (CD), John Peters (BOS)

Agencies: Doug Power (USMC), Kim Murcia (USFS)

Other: John Trammel (Wildlands Conservancy)

Public: Two

Approve of minutes of June 3, July 15, and August 5, 2021:
Tabled until the names of attendees are added to the minutes.

Public comment:

Trammel introduced himself and discussed some of the projects the WC has in the area including the new park by the river on Larson Lane which includes trails and bank access.

RPAC member reports/comments:

Bush reported that the ATV jamboree will be from September 2nd through 11th - 115 riders are registered; he thanked the USFS for their assistance.

Informational/Discussion items:

MWTC update: Powers presented a MWTC update.

USFS update (Kim Murcia): Local campgrounds are open and the USFS is trying to accommodate persons displaced by recent local fires. Day-use is okay but there are fire and overnight restrictions. She will provide the Walker Store with a firewood cutting info sheet.

Supervisor's Report: Peters discussed the county ban on open fires, the impact of fires on the local economy, the recent large jump in Covid cases, and the mask mandate. He will look into getting a mask supply for local businesses to distribute to mask-less customers.

Planning Update: LeFrancois stated that the county is still assisting folks who were impacted by the recent fires. He mentioned pending proposals to increase the height of the cell tower on the hill south of base housing and a weed farm on East Side Lane. He said that comments on the West Walker River Parkway are still being accepted.

Discussion items:

Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)/ Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update: LeFrancois reported that the county is deciding on what and how to fund current and proposed projects. One project is the second phase of the Eastside Lane rehabilitation.

Return to in-person meetings: LeFrancois said that some hybrid meetings are happening but that there is a state requirement for a

virtual option for meetings and funding is a hurdle in establishing that capability in locations such as the high school.

Future agenda items:

The West Walker River Parkway (October), Weed abatement (November), Utilities: overhead/underground utility line installation, electric supply, internet service (November or December).

Bush requested that difficulty of obtaining and affording fire insurance, especially for businesses, be examined. Peters suggested that a letter be drafted to the Insurance Commission and related agencies requesting their attendance at a future meeting. Woodworth suggested that the fire department should also be part of that meeting. Bush will draft the letter and Woodworth will contact the fire department.

Submitted by Mark Langner