

# ANTELOPE VALLEY

## Regional Planning Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the Antelope Valley RPAC  
August 3, 2023 - 6:30 p.m. Antelope Valley Community Center,  
Walker, California

Attending:

RPAC: RPAC: Bruce Woodworth, Katy Buell, Mark Langner, Eric Edgerton, John Vannoy, Debi Bush.

County and Agency: Doug Power (USMC), Wendy Sugimura (MC), Rob Makoske (MC), John Peters (MCBOS), Peter Stanton (WBC), Carlie Henneman (WBC).

Public: Two.

Public comment: None

Action Items:

Approve minutes of June 1, 2023. Motion Buell/Bush) approved 6:0.

Informational/Discussion items

Introduction to Walker Basin Conservancy and water transfer programs (Wendy Sugimura, Peter Stanton): Wendy discussed the history and process concerning the Walker River and Walker Lake conservation efforts including the County MOU with the NFWF which deals with federal funding for terminal lakes. She said that per the agreement the County will be developing and bring a plan forward. Peter presented a power point presentation about the WBC and their efforts and answered the group's questions. Bruce was concerned about the loss of open space to development should water rights be sold and suggesting inviting the Water/Irrigation District to a future RPAC meeting. Debi was concerned about the salinity of Walker Lake and the possible loss of alfalfa needed to feed cattle in winter. Mark asked about the over allotment of the River's water and pending lawsuits.

Discuss Marine Corps' Implementation of Master Planning Action Environmental Assessment (Doug Power): Doug said that this plan was released last month and comments are due August 7th. While a couple of RPAC members had received a letter concerning these 70

proposed projects, the majority of members were unaware of the proposal. Mark took exception to the USMC's apparent lack of real interest in public involvement and the short time period for public comment. He questioned why such a large project had not been introduced to the RPAC until four days before the comment period ended. Doug said that he would get the comment period extended and Wendy said that she would send the RPAC members info on the project.

## Monthly reports

### RPAC member reports/comments:

John said that US 395 should be Cal-Trans' business and not the RPAC's and that the RPAC should concentrate on cleaning up our area and filling complaints against code violations.

Mark asked about out-of-state users of our transfer station and asked if they pay an extra fee since they don't pay the 'solid waste' fee (on property taxes) that local residents do. John suggested having the Solid Waste director talk at a future RPAC meeting.

Mark asked about the status of the letter/reply that the BOS send Liberty Utilities concerning their lack of compliance with County regulations. Wendy reported that Liberty is not being cooperative and did not want to meet with the BOS/PC as requested. They also replied that the ordinances do not apply to them; the County disagrees and the legal department is looking into the situation with a possible next step being contacting the PUC.

MWTC update (Doug Power): Doug provided an update. Katy reported that there was a lot of USMC litter at Summit Meadows when she was up there in June.

USFS update: none

Supervisor's Report (John Peters): John reported that the BP Court House has been painted, the BP reservoir is 93% full, local fishing is good due to stocking, money is available for broadband upgrades, Cal-Trans will be working on 395 at Topaz Lake until late October, the County budget hearing is on August 10th and that a new CAO has been hired. He said that BOS meeting are on Tuesdays.

Planning update: Wendy reported that there is a pending directors review for providing power to a well. She said that the department

is short three planners and that the North County Code Enforcement Office will be leaving in September.

Submitted by Mark Langner.