

Antelope Valley RPAC Minutes (draft)

November 7, 2024 • 6:00 p.m.

Antelope Valley Community Center

RPAC members attending: Katy Buell, Debie Bush, Mark Langner, Bruce Woodworth, Eric Edgerton, Don Morris.

Public attending: 2

Agency Reps: John Peters, Wendy Sugimura

Public comment (for items not on agenda): none.

Action Items:

Approve Minutes from October 3, 2024: Since there was not a quorum at the October meeting the notes from that meeting did not require approval.

Informational/Discussion items

Review Caltrans US-395 Walker Safety Project (Wendy Sugimura).

Wendy discussed the project and asked for public and RPAC input. She said that CalTrans did not send a representative because they felt that they were not treated well the last time they attended an RPAC meeting here. Caltrans has money to implement the striping plan with the goal of slowing down traffic, preventing illegal passing and increasing safety. John said that smaller sections of striping should also be considered. Katy suggested red striping at the bike lane buffer zone. Bruce was concerned that people will think that they can pass where there is no striping. Debie asked about the 'planting strip' and said that that area is used for parking. Steve (public) proposed that a section between the Andrus Hotel and Walker Burger could be striped and he will send Wendy a map with the location. Concern was expressed about safety issues at the right turn onto Eastside Lane from north bound 395.

b. Presentation of Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Wendy Sugimura). Wendy presented a review of the plan, which is updated every 5 years. She asked the group to provide input on what they considered the main hazards and any mitigation that might be implemented. She will send link to a related survey to RPAC members and return in late spring with a draft plan update. Concerns of the group included earthquakes, floods, pandemics, wind, snow and fire events. Bruce suggested adding terrorism and mass casualty events. Katy suggested adding smoke events.

Monthly Reports:

RPAC member reports/comments:

Eric reported that he was stepping down from the RPAC due to a move out of the area. Gratitude for his participation was roundly expressed.

Debie expressed concern that the county bus does not stop at the bus stop in town - even if someone is waiting there - unless the person called the day before to make a reservation.

Bruce asked if anyone had information on the million plus dollar lawsuit the Lahontan Water District has filed against Park Ranch.

MCMWTC Update (MWTC Staff):

Captain Saurez provide an update.

USFS update (Aaron Coogan)

No USFS rep was present but John said that there is a hiring freeze on seasonal employees which is not a good thing.

Supervisor's Report (John Peters):

John reported on construction progress at the County jail, recreational activities, his efforts to secure a living wage for county employees, Project Greenlight, potential water transfers within AntelopeValley and offered thanks to folks who volunteer to serve on local boards and commissions.

Planning update (Wendy Sugimura):

Wendy said that the county has met with Liberty Utilities and that they now appear willing to help with the under-grounding of electric lines and will comply with county regulations concerning under-grounding.

She discussed the cargo container that were recently placed on a property along 395 in central Walker (Katy asked about this at a prior meeting). The owner wants to store stuff for his contractor business. Allowing this depends on an interpretation of the zoning regulations by the planning commission.

Submitted by

Mark Langner

This month's acting secretary