

# **“Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee Minutes” 04-03-2025**

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## **Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee (AV RPAC) Meeting Minutes 04-03-2025**

Committee Members Attending: either present or remote: Katy Buell, Chair; Debie Bush, Vice Chair, Bruce Woodworth, Secretary; Mark Langner, Sally Rosen, Dave Castleman, Don Morris, Jim Ricks.

Non-Committee Members Attending: either present or remote: John Peters, Co. Supervisor, Aaron Coogan, USFS, County Staff: Wendy Sugimura, Marcella Rose, Karyn Spears, Erin Bauer. Col. Jackson Doan, Marine Commander

### Action Items:

1. 03-06-2025 Minutes approved [motion Buell / 2nd Bush], Vote unanimous with Rosen abstaining.

### Discussion Items:

1. Spears led discussion that included the problem of transient tourist trash disposal and other illegal trash dumping, siting of receptacles. Bush gave the perspective of business owners. Woodworth suggested photo surveillance and issuance of tickets therefrom – state regulation might be needed. Langner inquired about cleanup at the Walker Transfer station.
2. Coogan of the USFS provided the Committee with an overview of underfunding, understaffing during the federal government restructuring. Mine permitting has a high priority. He said he would inquire into the bonding required of businesses assisting in the wood/tree permitting. Castleman asked about conditions in Levitt Meadows and volunteer assistance to the local Forest. Buell asked about Chris Flat campground. It will be open.
3. Col. Doan indicated that Marine winter training is finishing up and evacuation training in the case of emergencies at the base and housing will be upcoming.
4. Rose spoke about County recreation programs emphasizing the revitalization of the Visitor Center in Bridgeport. Damage at Levitt Lake is a concern. Also Mountain Gate Park in the Antelope Valley will continue with planning processes. Buell & Langner said they'd like to assist, as did Woodworth following the meeting.
5. Peters indicated that the Mono Board of Supervisors meeting will be in Walker on May 13<sup>th</sup> and spoke of his involvement in the Association of Counties in CA and nationally.

He solicited comments and stories regarding the impact of fiscal cuts to the USFS on rural areas and discussed the Community Park improvements on the near horizon. Castleman mentioned the street lighting shortcomings in the Valley and the state of repair of the Cunningham bridge and others. Suggested seeking a town hall meeting with U.S. congressperson, Kevin Kiley.

6. Sugimura mentioned the continuing improvement of remote meeting technology in the county. No local development projects.
7. Buell announced the Volunteer Day at Mountain Gate Park (at the south end of Walker) scheduled for Sat. May 24, 9-noon. Also the Towns to Trails meeting upcoming.
8. Bush said the Chamber of Commerce April 8 meeting will highlight the Firewise program.
9. Woodworth requested digital photos for the displays at Mountain Gate Park.

Thanks to Langner for the draft notes on the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Bruce Woodworth, Secretary

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