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Antelope Valley RPAC
Meeting Minutes -draft
February 5, 2026 • 6:00 p.m.
Antelope Valley Community Center
442 Mule Deer Road, Coleville CA, 96107

RPAC members (present in bold): **Debi Bush**, Katy Buell, David Casselman, **Mark Langner**, **Don Morris**, Jim Ricks, John Vannoy, **Steve Wright**, **Bruce Woodworth**

Agency and other representatives present: Scott Burns and Erin Bauer (Mono County), Heather Stone, Sheri Lisius and Martin Oliver (BLM), Matt Berry and Eric Schwarzrock (Liberty Utilities).

Public present: Two.

Public comment: none

Action Items

Approve Minutes from December 4, 2025: Motion (Mark/Bruce) approved.

Elections RPAC officers. Steve was nominated for Chair (Mark/Debi) and was approved, Debi was nominated for Vice-chair (Steve/Mark) and was approved and Mark was nominated for Secretary (Don/Bruce) and was approved.

Informational/Discussion items

BLM fuel break work (Heather Stone): BLM representatives discussed existing fire breaks in the area and presented a map showing the location of past fires and the locations of additional proposed breaks. A mix of treatment methods would be used. They are looking for better access into tree thinning areas so they can haul away trimmings. There is no timeline for the project. Sheri Lisius (Field Manager) and Martin Oliver (Botanist) introduced themselves.

Liberty Utilities (Matt Berry and Eric Schwarzrock): Liberty representatives discussed the local power system. They said that there are 50k customers stretched from Portola to Walker, that Liberty has been operating the system for 15 years, that 94% of the system is in a high fire threat area and that there have been problems with community relations in the

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past but they are working on improving them. The Mountain View fire, system upgrades, vegetation management and the CARE programs (which offers reduced rates) were discussed. Smart meters will be installed within the entire service area by September. Stephanie Lang expressed concern about the reliability of existing meters. Debi was concerned about late bills and early due dates.

Monthly Reports

RPAC member reports/comments: Debi said that a local Walker Fire-wise Community was being established and that there will be a Community meeting on March 10th at 6pm.

USFS update: Erin reporting on behalf of the USFS said that a new LEO will be coming onboard in late summer, that there is a vacant Range Management position and that they are seeking applicants for campground management services.

Public Works updates: No representative was at the meeting.

Supervisor's Report: John was not at the meeting.

Planning update: Erin reported that there are now 2 building inspectors on staff and that work is being done to allow all-remote meetings sometime in the future.

Submitted by Mark Langner