

BRIDGEPORT VALLEY
Regional Planning Advisory Committee

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Meeting of
November 10, 2020
5:00 P.M.

As authorized by Gov. Newsom’s Executive Orders, N-25-20 and N-29-20, the meeting will be accessible remotely by livecast with Members attending from separate remote locations. The public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment. There is no physical meeting location. This altered format is in observance of recent recommendations by local officials that certain precautions be taken, including social distancing, to address the threat of COVID-19.

ACTION MINUTES

Members present: Brianna Brown, Steve Noble, Justin Nalder, Jimmy Little

Presenters & County staff present: April Sall, John Peters, Jan Cutts, Rhonda Duggan, Gerry LeFrancois, Jeff Simpson

Public present: Sherrly Sorensen

1. **Call to Order** Called to order at 5:07 pm.
2. **Public Comment** (for items not listed on agenda):
3. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Minutes:**
 - i. Approve the minutes of meeting held August 11, 2020
 1. Motion: Justin Nalder, Second: Brianna Brown Ayes: 4 Noes: 0
 - ii. Approve the minutes of meeting held October 13, 2020
 1. Motion: Brianna Brown, Second: Justin Nalder Ayes: 4 Noes: 0
 - b. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign RPAC letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding filling the HTNF Law Enforcement position
 1. Motion: Brianna Brown, Second: Steven Noble Ayes: 4 Noes:0

4. **Discussion Items:**
 - a. RPAC recruitment for empty seat(s) - We have 1 vacant seat open right now - Jimmy will be working on a mailer to send out to bring interest into the RPAC -

- b. Economic Development and Tourism Department Update (COVID relief programs) (Jeff Simpson) - presentation on programs that are available to local businesses - EIDL (Economic Injury Disaster Loan) offering loans to businesses with low fixed rate and can apply at SBA.gov - Small Business Admin (PPP) that is not currently available but maybe if another stimulus package comes out - MONO C.U.R.E county program open to businesses in unincorporated area that had a loss of 10% from last year during months of March thru July with award not to exceed \$10,000 - One time grant opportunities came from Rural LISC, US Chamber of Commerce and Verizon Small Business Fund -
- c. Discussion of RPAC annual calendar -

5. Informational Items:

- a. **Supervisor's report:** John Peters - Supervisor report - CalTrans update that they are considering applications for state highway encroachments - COVID update on a possible variance to not hold MWTC cases against county - CalTrans working on speed signs that have not been working - BOS got budget update today and tax collection went up and projected same next year but county is doing ok and stable - Broadband presentation at BOS meeting - County fire restrictions have been lifted;
- b. **MWTC update:** Doug Power - Update about MWTC - the unit is going to be leaving base soon - base is being "closed" to try and clear the COVID spread out - today is Marine Corp birthday - training is naturally at a pause right now as they transition between summer and winter so it is a good time;
- c. **USFS update:** Jan Cutts - update on Forest Service - forest starting to close down for winter - hired winter rec positions - expecting an increase in winter recreation - new Rec Supervisor hired and filled - started selling christmas tree permits and fuel wood permits at walk up window - Christmas tree permits can also be purchased at recreation.org - perimeter of Slink fire will be closed through the winter to allow for recovery of area - ;
- d. **Planning update:** April Sall - planning update - no planning projects in bridgeport or north area - Bridgeport PUD did some testing on treatment plant and summary is the test was successful in removing arsenic but there was a lot of corrosion with the tanks and Ken will come to the next meeting - PUD planning community open house in the spring - RPAC survey sent out via direct mail;
- e. **RPAC member reports:** Brianna Brown - Chamber will be meeting soon to begin planning for 2021 year; Jimmy Little - update on business; Justin Nalder - meet with Friends of Inyo

to talk about joint collaboration in regard to Travertine hot springs - they will be taking it back to discuss if that is something that they are interested in making that happen - Solid waste is getting close to ask for request for proposals for trash service - working with County Council to get grazing permit setup for Conway Ranch for the 2021 season; Steve Noble - CSA has been quiet during COVID but still accomplished some engineered drawings submitted to CalTrans for banner - improvement projects finished in 2020 Memorial Hall kitchen - trying to get meeting next month to refill some open CSA seats - projects completed by CSA courthouse fence, courthouse canon, memorial hall remodel, flowers around courthouse, entrance to cemetery -

6. Future agenda items

- a. Sidewalk operations during winter (specifically School Street);
- b. North County Water Transaction study update;
- c. Bridgeport PUD Arsenic Treatment Plant Update;
- d. December meeting will not take place as in prior years - next meeting will be January 12th

7. Adjourn at 6:52 p.m. By: Jimmy Little

- a. Motion: Justin Nalder, Second: Brianna Brown Ayes: 4 Noes: 0