ANTELOPE VALLEY Regional Planning Advisory Committee

Minutes of Thursday, February 2, 2017 meeting 6:30 p.m. Antelope Valley Community Center

RPAC attending: Bruce Woodworth, Katie Buell, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Don Morris, Dan Anthony, Orvel Mosby, Jordyn Pinochi, Arden Gerbig, Mark Langner

Public attending who signed list: Lester Richards

Agency attending: Gerry Le Francois, Doug Power, John Peters

Approval of minutes of December meeting (Mosby/Patti H-C) Passed with DAnthony abstaining.

Nomination and election of 2017 Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary: Motions by Langner/Patti H-C, Patti H-C/Buell and Morris/Buell passed approving Buell as Chair, Mike Curti as Vice-chair and Langner as Secretary.

Public comment: There will be a St. Pat's Day dinner benefit for CERT and a Valentines dinner sponsored by the Chamber in Walker. Several community members are still not getting RPAC meeting e-mail notices. There will be a Caltrans meeting concerning 395 shoulder widening proposed near Fales Hot Springs.

Informational / Discussion or Action Items

MWTC update presented by Doug Power.

Supervisor's Report: John Peters discussed possible FOI trail work-party day, a complaint about a local rancher abusing cattle, LCT restoration on the lower Slinkard Creek and summer stocking, the upcoming EMS workshop in Mammoth and a 2/13 Town Hall meeting he is conducting at 5pm at the Community Center in Walker.

Antelope Valley Trails. Katie led a discussion of the idea of creating/improving recreational trails in the area. She had a hand out and map of suggested routes. These routes are outside of populated areas, on existing trails/roads and on state/federal lands. Issues discussed included Native American sites, buy-in from the agencies, and the need for and benefits of trails. Katie will get back to the group with a larger and more detailed map of the trails and will further contact agencies to ascertain their interest in trails on their lands.

Motion: (Patti H-C/Woodworth) The RPAC supports the intent of the General Plan as related to the development of trails and supports the continued exploration of specific trails for potential development. Passed with DAnthony voting no and Morris abstaining.

Discussion to recommend items that should receive consideration by the County for future maintenance: Group was told to contact public works or Supervisor Peters with concerns.

Submitted by Mark Langner