

Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting Minutes

Sept 4, 2014

RPAC Member Attendees:

Dan Anthony
Katy Buell
John Vannoy
Ned Welsh
Bruce Woodworth
Gerry Le Francois
Tim Fesko
Arden Gerbig
Don Morris
Mark Langner
Orval Mosbey

Excused Absences:

Mike Curti
Judy Curti

Guests:

Doug Power (MWTC)
Jeff Ulrich (USFS)
Victor Aguirre (Mono Co. EMS)
Jim DeGraffenreid (Mono Co. EMS)
Bill VanKente (resident of Coleville)

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Corrections: none
Moved by Mark Langner
Seconded by Ned Welsh
Passed

Informational / Discussion of Actions:

MWTC Update:

Doug Power shared some details of the MWTC Horsemanship Program. Elite members of the Green Berets are crossing the Antelope Valley on horseback from the Sweetwaters to Mill Creek as a training exercise.

USFS Update:

Jeff Ulrich is now the resident expert on methods to utilize/commercialize pinyon/juniper trees as part of the tree removal program enhance the sage grouse habitat. He mentioned some work done with Bentley on identifying potential uses such as bio-char, compost, wood straw and others.

Mountain Gate:

Arden Gerbig reiterated that Phase 2 of Mountain Gate is deferred until spring 2015.

Supervisor's Report:

Tim Fesko elaborated on the Phase 2 Mtn Gate bidding process and said the County will re-bid in the spring in hopes of receiving 3 to 4 bids.

A balanced budget to be submitted by mid-September. Tim said the County is looking at some layoffs and concessions from bargaining units.

Sept 9th Supervisors meeting held at the Walker Community Center at 6PM. A Service Recognition was held for the Community Center addition and community volunteers. \$1000 donation from the Rivers Community Church will help continue improvements at the Community Center. Plans include new windows and some insulation in the older portion of the main room.

Flu Clinic at the Senior Center on Sept 7, 2014 from 1-3pm

Resource Efficiency Plan Review:

Gerry Le Francois reviewed the highlights of the Resource Efficiency Plan. The plan is for CEQA and looks at greenhouse gas emission reductions. Consists of an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, a forecast of emissions and targets to reduce the emissions. Mono Co. emissions account for 0.031% of the State's CO2. Even though Mono County accounts for such a small percentage, having a Resource Efficiency Plan is one of the tools to acquiring Transportation Grants. As part of this program to reduce emissions, Mono County has implemented the PACE/HERO program for home energy upgrades. It is essentially a low interest loan program paid back through the tax bill. Gerry will send links to the program information. Over 900,00 products are eligible under this program.

Main Street:

Opticos should have a draft design package to the County by November.

Trails Planning/Scenic Byways/Active Transportation Plan:

Bruce Woodworth shared some additional information he had gathered on the ownership of parcels along the Walker River. These "FEMA" parcels have usage restrictions but could possibly have value as trails and/or fishing access.

Next Steps:

Shorter Term: Put together existing local trail guide with the local Chamber and County trails people(?).

Identify county contact for the FEMA parcels.

Longer Term: Identify larger projects for trails/paths/access to be ready if/when funding becomes available.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by Dan Anthony

Next meeting: Oct 2, 2014, 7PM Walker Community Center