

Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting Minutes, May 1, 2014

RPAC Member Attendees:

Don Morris
Orval Mosby
Mike Curti
Judy Curti
Ned Welsh
Dan Anthony
Katy Buell
John Vannoy
Bruce Woodworth
Douglas Power (MWTC)
Gerry Le Francois
Tim Fesko
Steve Brunner (MWTC)
JJ Carroll (MWTC)
Jeff Ulrich (USFS)
Arden Gerbig

Public Comment:

Mark commented that the condition of the public restrooms at the senior center are looking a bit worn. Fesko responded that design work is in process to remodel the public restrooms.

Approval of Minutes:

Corrections: accepted
Moved by Don Morris
Seconded by Ned Welsh
Passed

Informational / Discussion of Actions:

Mountain Gate Project Update: Arden – Working on the final prints contract to send out for bid. Fishing pier can be included in the amount budgeted.

MWTC Update:

Doug Power
New Sgt Major, Steve Brunner, introduced himself. 3rd tour at the MWTC. Col. Carroll paid his respects and bid us farewell. He reviewed and commended the numerous joint ventures between the base and the community. Change of command is 27th of June. Col. Carroll is heading to Korea.

USFS Update:

Jeff Ulrich: Outfitters needs assessment just completed. Will be vetted with the community. Will allow long term permits for outfitters instead of year to year. East Walker pinon treatment program (27,000 acres). Working with Indian tribes to preserve pine-nut gathering areas and clearing the rest for sage grouse habitat. Working on Wheeler stream restoration. Most forest service campgrounds will be open within 2 weeks. Powell Mtn Wild Horse and Burro study may conflict with the bi-State Sage Grouse plan. Applications for mineral permits being sought in the Aurora area. May 15th the annual pine nut blessing

ceremony. Discussion on control of noxious weeds in the county and getting the county and forest service together on some noxious weed eradication.

Supervisor's Report:

Tim Fesko: Fish and Wildlife announced that 3 amphibians (2 frogs endangered, 1 toad threatened) have been listed under the endangered species act. 1.8 Million acres listed as critical habitat for these critters, mostly south of Antelope Valley.

Bodie road is open. Sierra passes open.

Community Center expansion is in progress. Targeted to be completed by end of the month and under budget.

Trails Planning/Scenic Byways/Active Transportation Plan:

Gerry Le Francois passed out current alternative transportation facilities map for the Antelope Valley.

Looking to create a "shopping list" of transportation projects that the county can draw from to apply for federal funding under MAP21. Will allocate time in the next meeting to discuss transportation ideas.

Gerry suggested that people email him with ideas prior to the next meeting and we will form a discussion around people's interests.

RPAC Terms for members.

Tim Fesko removed himself from the meeting prior to discussing the last two items on the agenda.

The RPAC discussed history of thoughts behind terms for RPAC members and what the other RPACs have done. The consensus was that what we are doing is working for us.

Motion to leave our bylaws for membership and terms as they are was made by Buell

Seconded by John Vannoy

In favor – unanimous

2 absences

Should Tim Fesko continue as an RPAC member?

Motion made to allow a qualified community member to serve on the AVRPAAC while holding an elected official position by: Bruce Woodworth

Seconded by: Orvil Mosby

In favor – unanimous

2 absences

Meeting adjourned by Dan Anthony

Next meeting: June 3, 2014, 7PM Walker Community Center