

“Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee Minutes” 08-02-2018

Members Present: Patti Hamic-Christensen, Vice Chair, Katy Buell, Arden Gerbig, Bruce Woodworth, Johnny Vannoy, Eric Edgerton, Debie Bush, Dan Anthony.

Others Attending: John Peters, County Supervisor. Gerry Le Francois from Community Development. Lt. Col. Adrian Arnold, USMC, Jan Cutts, Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest, Georgette Noble, Mike White and Jane Reid.

Minutes from previous meeting - approval motion by Buell & Edgerton, 6-0-2, approved with Anthony & Edgerton abstaining.

Vannoy– asks to agenzize a limitation on how soon a motion that has failed, to be brought up again for a vote. Comments on unsightliness of sheds and trailers along 395.

White pointed out drawbacks (including early/late hours, use of jake brakes) by Caltrans contractor’s use of Eastside Ln including a hydraulic spill. Suggested that county should insist on contractual compensation. Echoed by Edgerton and Vannoy. Peters will follow up with Caltrans.

Lt. Col. Adrian Arnold – Marine training hampered by unhealthy air conditions. Announced the application to the FAA by the Base for a Military Operating Area designation to improve air traffic safety. He did not know if there were an operations minimum height limitation above terrain.

Buell recommended the County web site for obtaining the Co. Resource Guide including phone numbers.

Hamic-Christensen highlighted 1) the upcoming Hospice Luau on Aug. 11, with Lion’s Club support and 2) the two RPAC approved Community Campus projects (parking and one tennis court) that will be before the Board of Supervisors on Aug. 14 for inclusion in the Budget 2020-2021. Encouraged public support at the meeting.

Cutts introduced herself as the new District Ranger – hopefully for a long tour - and agreed to return for another meeting to more fully discuss Vannoy’s call to more actively fighting fires, rather than defensive “back burns”, in order to improve air quality. Woodworth said that at least some advance notice might allow the community to better plan ahead.

Noble described the final efforts that are being made to save the Walker Recycling Center, where insufficient volume of materials, county support cutbacks and loss of a key employee were likely to otherwise cause the closure of the Center.

Bush asked to agenzize a discussion on the problem of travelers having no evident and suitable place to leave off garbage when returning home through the Antelope Valley.

John Peters – commented throughout earlier discussions and endorsed looking into a grant for Fire Safe Councils and pursuit of mobile air quality measuring stations. Appealed for more attention to DWR de-watering in Long and Little Round Valley.

Adjourned

Respectfully, Bruce Woodworth