

# ANTELOPE VALLEY

## Regional Planning Advisory Committee

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### Draft Minutes

Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee  
October 5th, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.  
Antelope Valley Community Center, Walker, California

### Attending:

RPAC: Bruce Woodworth, Katy Buell, Mark Langner, John Vannoy, Debie Bush, Sally Rosen, Jim Ricks.

County and Agency: Doug Power (USMC), Wendy Sugimura (MC), Rob Makoske (MC), John Peters (MCBOS).

Public: One.

Public comment (for items not on agenda): None

### Action Items

Approve minutes of August 3, 2023. Motion (Debie/Sally) passed with with the corrections to the spelling of Debie and Katy's names.

### Informational/Discussion items

Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Rob and Wendy provided a review, update and discussion. They reviewed road projects that are proposed for this budget cycle; none are in north county. Wendy said current funds are designated for roadwork and not for other projects such as trails. John discussed how road repair priorities are determined and he requested that Public Works be present at the next meeting to further discuss these issues.

The group discussed changes to local Circulation Element including:

18.A: "Retain the existing scenic qualities" should read "Retain and enhance the existing scenic qualities".

18.B: Add something about school zone safety. Debie and Katy talked about the flashing school lights and the problem with the vagueness (and lack of enforcement) with the current signs. Wendy and Rob will look into alternative signage options.

18.C: Tying in the Mountain Gate planning documents to this document.

Wendy and Rob will come back to the RPAC with draft wording.

### Monthly reports

RPAC member reports/comments:

There was group discussion concerning zoom meetings and the desire to look into offering hybrid RPAC meetings in the future when funding is available for the equipment. Zoom meetings are currently available for the Bridgeport RPAC. Mark said that the ability to participate remotely would make it easier for agency representatives from Mammoth and Bishop to participate and CJ said that there would be more public participation.

Mark expressed disappointment at the lack of employee directories at the USFS, BLM and CalTrans websites and said that this was poor public service.

John was not happy about the amount of smoke that control burns are producing.

MWTC update (Doug Power): Doug said that 1000+ French, British and California troops are currently in training and that local fire training has been conducted at the base 'burn house'.

USFS update: None

Supervisor's Report (John Peters): John reported that there will be a new Bridgeport District ranger soon and that he met with USFS staff to discuss county/forest service road maintenance; the USFS is not likely to repair damaged roads this year. He is concerned that local campgrounds are being opened too late in the season and closed too early- many campgrounds are already closed and all local campgrounds will be by the end of the month. He reported that gates will be put up on Buckeye Road to keep vehicles from driving on the xc-ski tracks this winter.

John reported that there is a new county IT Director and assistant CAO, the '23/'24 budget has been passed and demolition work has begun at the new BP jail site. He recently traveled to Washington DC and Wyoming to discuss PILT payments (the county receives about \$1.7 million each year) and attended a Rural Counties of California meeting.

Planning update (Staff): None

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