

BRIDGEPORT VALLEY

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Meeting of May 11, 2023

Bridgeport Elementary School, Room #6 205 Kingsley St, Bridgeport, CA 93517
Hybrid with zoom

ACTION MINUTES

Members Present: Brianna Brown, Steve Noble, Jimmy Little

Presenters & County staff present: Justin Nalder, John Peters, Jeff Simpson, Wendy Sugimura , Paul Roten, Chris Mokracek

Community present: Sherry Sorensen;

1. **Call to Order** by Jimmy Little at 5:14 pm.
2. **Public comment** (for items not listed on the agenda): no public comment;
3. **Action Items:**
 - a. Approval of the minutes for the February 14, 2023 meeting
 1. Motion by Jimmy Little Second by Steve Noble
 - a. Roll call vote: Ayes: 3 Noes: 0
4. **Discussion Items:**
 - a. County Emergency Services updates:
 - i. Introduction of Chris Mokracek and discussion on emergency services/operations - update given that Mono County has been added to federal designation; FEMA in the county now; in Mammoth; they are at Civic Center; Looking at Memorial Hall for work around possible; FEMA will be doing recovery teams to outlining communities that did not get as heavy hit to help sign them up for FEMA assistance; Ready.Mono site getting info to register online - press release will be happening soon; site now has info

about runoff information; after action survey for people to log in and give input on storms; on ready.mono site county wants people to sign up for the emergency notifications if they are not signed up already; sandbag locations around communities; concerns about flooding continue to happen around the county with increasing temps and possible rain/snow conditions; discussion about working with communities to be more prepared for longer-term isolation and power outages;

- ii. Introduction of Wendilyn Grasseschi - Mono County Wildfire Mitigator - wants to get thoughts about Bridgeport's needs for wildfire mitigation in future meetings; a couple of interesting items with a couple of grants to get a wildfire mitigation tool trailer - moved around the county and could be used for community project; grant for larger equipment like chipper; grant in for bio-mass facility in Ormat; any interest for a cal-fire demonstration to make homes equipped for more home hardening;
- iii. Flooding and spring snow-melt discussion (Paul Roten) - all staff continues to be on call due to possible increases in temps and flooding possibilities; trying to get material and equipment in place prior to any major event happening; when someone finds damage from flood water Paul would like to receive the notices; Update about Virginia Lakes road with 2 blowers down yesterday and moving blower over to Virginia Lakes tomorrow; hitting biggest burm and 2 more remaining until they get to the top;

b. Additional PW project updates (Paul Roten) - Prop 68 meetings are happening around communities to start prioritizing and finalizing plans; Bridgeport money going towards rehabbing Bridgeport Park; Courthouse update about repainting and installing permanent bird deterrent; Banner update with gathering all the parts, poles being built, with working on getting drill to place posts;

c. Economic Development department and fisheries program updates (Jeff Simpson) - update about fisheries; increase in cost which impacts the amount of fish being able to be stocked; 1 additional load coming at end of June; lots of SBCA loans out for businesses that were impacted by disaster; loans for businesses, homeowners and renters; visitor profile discussion about seeing an increase in off-road; PUD update;

5. **Informational Items:**

- a. **Supervisor's report:** John Peters - the county is searching for a new CAO; the first round of interviews happening in 1st week of June; a new Chief People Officer hired; recently consolidated public health and social services are being managed by Kathy Petterson; road update with Topaz and 395 with working on design work then environmental no expecting that until Mid to late June; will require a delay and potential closures with minimal impact; 338 being opened by Memorial Day; Saturday Monitor pass should be opened; meeting happening tomorrow with directors and maintenance staff of District 9 and 10 of Caltrans talking about how to get Sonora open as safely and quickly as possible; West side is clearing about a mile a day and the East side is moving about .5 miles a day with East side continuing to push past zone until they meet District 10 - hoping for opening possible 2nd week of June with work happening 7 days a week 12 hours a day; Yosemite is dealing with similar equipment and massive snow amount;
- b. **MWTC update:** Doug Power - not present;
- c. **USFS update:** Megan Mallowney - not present;
- d. **Planning update:** April Sall - hired some additional staff in the planning department; appeal taken to BOS for a movement from multi-family unit to a mixed-use and was overturned and allowed the change to happen; High Sierra cannabis proposal use permit was approved in north county and operations use permit approved by the board;
- e. **RPAC member reports:** Brianna Brown - Chamber update and tourism hopes; Jimmy Little - water is up and running quickly - winter grooming happened and was successful for the times they were able to get out - April 1st deadline seems to be a good date for when the program will stop - looking for possible other grooming equipment options - waiting for tourism to increase; Steve Noble - CSA 5 trying to get back on schedule with meetings and projects moving forward that has been in the works -

6. **Future agenda items**

- a. Wendilyn Grasseschi back for Fire Mitigation Fire Staff Info
- b. Future meeting date moved to June 15, 2023 - No July meeting

7. **Adjourn** at 6:55 p.m. By: Jimmy Little