

# Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting Minutes

## August 7, 2014

### RPAC Member Attendees:

Mike Curti  
Judy Curti  
Ned Welsh  
Dan Anthony  
Katy Buell  
John Vannoy  
Bruce Woodworth  
Gerry Le Francois  
Tim Fesko  
Arden Gerbig  
Lauretta Cochran  
Don Morris  
Mark Langner

### Excused Absences:

Orval Mosbey

### Guests:

Dave Brillenz (MWTC)  
Jeff Ulrich (USFS)  
Hal Curti

### Public Comment:

None.

### Approval of Minutes:

Corrections: accepted  
Moved by Bruce Woodworth  
Seconded by Arden Gerbig  
Passed

### Informational / Discussion of Actions:

#### Water Sale/Lease Analysis in the Walker River Basin / Resource Conservation District:

Hal Curti presented an overview of the draft analysis of the potential sale/lease of water from the Walker River Basin in California to benefit Walker Lake in Nevada. The ~ 350 page document is located on the Resource Conservation District's website <http://monorcd.org/projects.html>

### MWTC Update:

Dave Brillenz filling in for Doug Powers reported that exercises would be commencing in two weeks time. August 11, 2014 is family day for the Marines and families at Topaz Lake. Discussion on low flying helicopters over the populated areas of Antelope Valley. To report issues concerning activities associated with MWTC, call the Duty Officer at 760-932-1401

## USFS Update:

Jeff Ulrich reported that there had been numerous small fires (<100 acres) ignited by lightning. Tree removal to improve habitat for the sage grouse will commence in the fall. USFS is still looking for businesses that would be interested in removing and repurposing the wood. 100,000 acres to be cut over 10 years. Pinyon forests have increased coverage over the past 150 years. There are 67% more pinyon trees than in 1860.

## Mountain Gate:

Arden Gerbig reported that there was only one bid for Phase 2 and that the bid was in excess of the allotted budget. The bid was rejected and the county will re-bid next spring with some modifications to the proposal including removing some of the more costly items. The county is seeking an extension for the Grant monies that were to be expended by the end of 2014. The project is deferred until 2015.

## Supervisor's Report:

Tim Fesko: Discussion of Conway Ranch Inland Aquaculture Group (IAG) fish hatchery. Looking at a conservation easement for fish hatchery on Conway Ranch. The county has appropriated \$101,800 for fish stocking until 2015.

Topaz Lane bridge repairs are out for bid.

Sept 9, 2014 6PM (Tuesday) will be the first Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meeting in the Walker Community Center.

There was a Walker "Main Street" design process meeting with Opticos Design Inc (<http://opticosdesign.com/>), a public projects design firm. Opticos did a walk through of Walker and met with members of the local businesses and community.

## Trails Planning/Scenic Byways/Active Transportation Plan:

A working session was held where potential pedestrian/bike/horse/ATV trails in and around Walker were identified and marked on a large map. Public easements for accessing and crossing Walker river in Walker were discussed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by Dan Anthony

Next meeting: Sept 4, 2014, 7PM Walker Community Center