

“Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee Minutes”
01-02-2020

Members Present: Mike Curti, Chair (delayed arrival); Patti Hamic-Christensen; Vice Chair; Bruce Woodworth, Secretary; Eric Edgerton; Debie Bush; Debbi Harrison; Katy Buell; Arden Gerbig; Ned Welsh.

Others Attending: John Peters, Mono County Supervisor; Gerry Le Francois; Ron Kaiser; John Borton; Orval Mosby; Shane Brandon; C.J. Haramis & Ms. Haramis; Michael Storc; Jeni Pearsons; Mary Roeser; Kerry Roeser; Red Patton; Ron Kaiser and others – sign in writing not fully legible.

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VOTES: [Curti/Welsh, 12-1-2] indicates a motion by Curti, second by Welsh, 12 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions.
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[DATES & TIMES OF ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY MEETINGS/EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON AVIS – 1610 AM RADIO. CALL CERT AT 530-495-2900 TO ADD OTHERS.]

November 2019 Minutes approved [Buell/Hamic-Christensen] unanimously.

Public, County Supervisor & Committee members Comments/Announcements:

Woodworth:

The County has received a Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Grant provided by the National Parks Service (NPS) to facilitate recreation planning and community involvement in Antelope Valley.

There are no plans as yet, and there are no implementation funds as part of the grant. It’s about ideas and they are looking for developable projects that might find funding in the future.

Ideas to this point are centered on trails within Mt. Gate Park and the public lands surrounding the Valley.

Matt Paruolo, the Town/County shared Recreation Czar brought this initiative to the RPAC in June.

The County was awarded the grant in December. And are now asking for RPAC members, fishermen, farming/ranching interests, equestrians, trail bikers, bird watchers, businesses and the public to join in the idea process. [Contact Bruce Woodworth 775-461-6550, woodworthsaw@gmail.com to be part of the effort.]

Up to this point, Buell, Gerbig and Woodworth have put in some time and the NPS will take whatever we all provide and then hold focused discussions to sort through it. Should be starting in late February. If things develop later there will be public hearings to vet the results.

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CJ Haramis asked for RPAC support regarding the River Lane cannabis project expected to be considered Feb. 4, at the Board of Supervisors’ meeting, but it was not on the agenda as a decision/action item. Patti Christensen offered a motion to have a special AV RPAC meeting on the subject for which Haramis agreed to prepare specific policy/ordinance recommendations to present to the meeting on January 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center. [Hamic-Christensen/Welsh, approved 6-2-1]

K. Rosier supported the need to further discuss the cannabis project.

Mosby announced a January 23, 9:30AM Cemetery Board meeting at an as yet unknown location.

Buell – spoke about oversight of county mandated undergrounding of power lines and bright LED lights requirements for construction.

Edgerton – Asked for update on the Walker River water lease/sale process, and suggested review of abandoned buildings policies.

Supervisor Peters commented on the dewatering of Long Valley lawsuit success for restoring water; Great Basin Air Pollution Control Board has old wood stove replacements available; Eastern Sierra Council of Governments [ESCOG] MOU upcoming (could positively affect fire protection projects). California Primary Election is in March, not June this year. County Civic Center in Mammoth progressing. Circle of Service awarded to John Peters for work on in-home support, health services etc.

Fire insurance may be on an upcoming meeting agenda.

Respectfully submitted. Bruce Woodworth