

# BRIDGEPORT VALLEY

## Regional Planning Advisory Committee

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### Special Meeting of September 6, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Twin Lakes Annex Conference Room  
199 Twin Lakes Road, Bridgeport, CA

### ACTION MINUTES

**Members present:** Barry Beck, Bob Peters, John Migliore, Justin Nalder, Steve Noble, Bob Peters, Benny Romero, Jeff Hunewill

**Presenters & County staff present:** John Peters, Doug Power, Bill Boyes (CHP), Tony Dublino

**Public present:** Jan Hunewill

1. **Call to Order** by Chair Beck at 7:00 pm and **Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Public comment** (for items not listed on agenda):
  - a. Steve Noble - Updates on Bridgeport Cemetery entry arch hopefully done by end of September.
3. **Informational Items:**
  - a. Supervisor Report (John Peters): Reported on Bridgeport Jail, Slinkard Fire, Mono County Recreation Task Force, Local Transportation Commission, Birding Event, Kite Festival, Founders Day, Virginia Lakes housing tract town hall meeting, Upper Summers Meadow bridge repair status, Fisheries Commission, Mono County Public Works positions.
  - b. MCMWTC update (Doug Power): Update on battalion trainings and base operations, anniversary event on Sep. 22, 2017, Annual Ball on Nov. 10, 2017.
4. **Action Items**
  - a. Steve Noble and John Migliore provided information on status of engineer's banner drawing, the timeline is pushed because the engineering is not done. Additional discussion was held on what additional roadblocks exist to completing the project. The Caltrans permit has been issued and the project should be submitted to Public Works for project management. An email will be sent to Supervisor Peters requesting support in prioritizing this project.

Motion to send a message to the Board of Supervisors, Community Development Director, Public Works Director and CAO's Office requesting that a County employee be assigned to follow up with engineering on this project.

Motion: Bob Peters, Second: Jeff Hunewill (7-0-0)

- b. John Migliore opened discussion on Conway Ranch status and asked, "what is the process of getting the RPAC's concerns before the board on Conway Ranch?"

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Benny Romero provided a historical overview of the ranch acquisition and original intent of purchase; it was perfect for a small college program like the Range Education Foundation. Resource Concepts can be a good resource. That ranch lends itself to winter grazing. Jan Hunewill provided information from the recent Eastern Sierra Land Trust meetings which discussed support of grazing on Conway Ranch. There is a contract in place with Mono County. The Board of Supervisors should have an opportunity to hear from grazing professionals the same as they have heard from the bighorn sheep biologists. Head gate design assistance is available locally.

Tony Dublino described the intent of the 2017 Operations Plan and that a presentation on a request for proposals will be before the Board on October 5, 2017. The Center for Biological Diversity threatened to sue if a planning document was created without having gone through the CEQA process. FIN cancelled their lease and Irrigation Specialist Agreement when they found out that sheep grazing would no longer be allowed. There is a possibility that the property may be sold. Grants that carry with the land are very restrictive. The Board is supportive of economic ventures on the Ranch. Aquaculture does not seem to pencil out but could be an option for someone. It may simply become an interpretive and educational opportunity.

Item will be brought up again in October.

c. Bob Peters provided an overview of the RPAC's request for the CHP Office to stay in Bridgeport. Bill Boyes CHP lieutenant responded that the California Office of Finance was putting pressure to move the Office to Bishop. After a recent ride-along approval was given for a Bridgeport Office. Two properties are being pursued for the new office location just south of Bridgeport along 395.

d. John Migliore provided proposal to establish the Chair of the RPAC, or the Vice Chair in their place, to be the only ones who can cancel any individual BVRPAC meeting.

Motion to appoint the Chair or the Vice-Chair in their place to have sole authority to cancel BVRPAC meetings.

Motion – John Migliore Second – Jeff Hunewill ( 7-0-0)

6. **Future Agenda Items:** Discussion on meeting presence and recapping what we accomplished.

7. **Adjourn** at 9:09 to October 10, 2017 meeting – Twin Lakes Annex Conference Room.