

## AVRPAC Meeting Minutes January 5, 2020

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by at 6:30PM

Attending: RPAC members: Katy Buell, Ned Welsh, Roger Donahue, Bruce Woodworth, Debie Bush, Arden Gerbig, Don Morris, Patti-Hamic Christensen, Eric Edgerton, Mike Curti, Mark Langner, Debbie Harrison  
Government and representatives: April Sall, Wendy Sugimura, Michael Draper, Doug Power (USMC), David Eastman (USFS)

Approve Minutes of Feb 6, and Jan 23, 2020. Hamic-Christensen/Edgerton Approved

Public comment:

Orval Mosby: Cemetery parking area treatment, Living Last Supper presentations

Wendy Sugimura: introduced new planner for our area, April Sall.

RPAC member reports/comments:

Katy Buell: Friends of the Inyo hiring Trail Ambassadors for summer/fall, Buckeye Hotsprings seeking grant for improvements.

Patti HC: CERT fundraiser 3/14 at 5:30, Hospice Volunteer Training 4/30, 5/1, 5/2

Roger Donahue - trashed out Topaz Lake fishing area - not clear who is responsible USFS will check on ownership/responsibility

Informational Discussion Items

MWTC Doug Power: Finished winter battalion this week, next battalion in April

USFS: David Eastman - District Fire Ranger. Looking for Desk receptionist. Difficulty in hiring - if interested, talk directly to staff (also looking for Wilderness Managers). Mill Canyon pile burning. Bridgeport winter recreation area barely open. Only 5" right now. Hoover wilderness utilizing [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) for wilderness permits only March 18th. \$6 fee. 50% filled by reservation 50% walk in.

Supervisor's Report: John Peters - Bridgeport USFS desk job is seasonal full time. Report on recent trip to DC, meeting with Dept of Interior, Rep Paul Cook, and other DC staff. Chief Christianson says the hiring group will remain in Albuquerque. Advocating for rural western US communities. Great Basin Air Pollution Control Dist. meeting. Updated and improved smoke plan. Advocacy - take time to listen to others and come together to help John to do the best he can.

Unmet Transit Needs: Phil Morres Director. Outcome of last year's visit: Bus to Carson City, better published information - looking for feedback. Solicited interest in a day trip bus to Mammoth (Lee Vining has requested such a service). Patti suggested a voucher system for financially indigent.

2020 Census: Michael Draper: Census will not mail out info to PO Boxes. Need to go online to be counted to prevent a house visit by census workers.

RPAC discussion on possible changes to cannabis regulations. Michael Draper - discussed maps showing impacts 600' and 1000' buffers as talking points. Community suggested up to 2000' buffers. There are existing standard 600' setback to schools, 300' setback to adjoining property line with a different land use designation and 150' to water. What types of cannabis activities should be buffered? Cultivation, manufacturing, processing, retail, micro-businesses? Community members are primarily concerned about the odors. Currently two outdoor grows in Antelope Valley out of 5 permits issued in Mono County. Limit of 10 total grows in the County. Call for banning of cannabis activities. Re-addressing cannabis regulations be a community based conversation. County working on odor mitigation regulations. No outstanding cannabis grow permits in the system.

Future agenda items:

Workshop on potential solar farm sites from Liberty Utilities (TBD)

Supply and demand for energy growth (TBD)

Fire Insurance Concerns / California Fair Plan

Report on Planning activities

Cannabis Update: Thresholds for nasal rangers, existing setback regulations with modifications with number parcels are totally affected by each buffer, and add a 1500' buffer scenario. Fresh look at CO and WA regulations.

Next RPAC meeting, April 2, 2020, 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM