

AV RPAC MINUTES for the 02-04-2021 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Patti Hamic-Christensen, Co-Chair. Meeting was held in accordance with County's COVID-19 public meetings and held virtually on ZOOM.

Present:

RPAC: Eric Edgerton, Debie Bush, Katy Buell, Arden Gerbig, Mark Langner, Bruce Woodworth, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Ned Welsh, Debbie Harrison, Roger Donahue, Charles Brown, Sally Rosen

County: John Peters: District Supervisor, April Sall: Planner Bob Lawton: CAO, Mary Booher: EOC, Matt Paroulo: Public Works

MCMWTC: Douglas Power, Col. Daniel Wittnam: Commanding Officer MCMWTC

USFS: Jan Cutts, Bridgeport District Ranger, Annabelle Monti, Carson Ranger District Forester

Guests: Rich Nalder: Antelope Valley Fire Chief, Greg Miller: Cal Trans, Mark Heckman: Cal Trans, Jennifer Guenther: Liberty Utilities

Votes: [No abstentions unless noted.]

Election of New Officers: Katy Buell nominated Eric Edgerton for Chair, Mark Langner 2nd. Both Katy and Debie Bush declined nominations for Chair. Eric Edgerton was elected Chair unanimously. He immediately assumed role as Chair for the February meeting. Katy Buell nominated Debie Bush as Vice Chair, she accepted, Mark Langner 2nd. Debie was elected unanimously as Vice Chair. Mark nominated Katy Buell to continue as Secretary. Katy accepted, Bruce Woodworth 2nd. Katy elected unanimously as Secretary.

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes of December 3, 2020 and January 7, 2021. Motion to approve Dec 3, 2020 minutes made by Mark Langner and 2nd by Debie Bush. Approved. Motion to approve Jan. 7, 2021 made by Debie Bush and 2nd by Ned Welsh. Approved.

Information/Discussion Items

- RPAC Member Reports: None
- MCMWTC: Sgt. Maj. Doug Power. John Peters introduced the new Commanding Officer at the Base, Col. Danial Wittnam. Col. Wittnam shared his background with the Marine Corp and his commitment to partnering with the Community. At present there are 1200 marines training at the Base.
- USFS report: Jan Cutts, Bridgeport Winter Recreation Area is open
- Supervisor's Report: John Peters, COVID vaccines ~5000 administered to date (Feb 4). Introduced new RPAC member, Sally Rosen – WELCOME!
- Planning Update: April Sall. Use Permit before the Planning Commission at the February 18 meeting seeking exception for underground power line requirements to allow for above ground lines that have already been installed.

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- Cal Trans Mark Heckman discussed future Sonora Jct shoulder widening project. The draft EIR is open for comment. A link to the draft EIR can be found on this webpage. <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-9/district-9-current-projects/sonora-junction-shoulder-widening-project>. Greg Miller talked about the area covered by District 9 and that we won't be seeing any road construction in our neighborhood this upcoming season. He shared that the Cal Trans employee who got caught in the avalanche while plowing Walker Canyon is home from the hospital. Mark and Greg took questions.
- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership, Matt Paroulo (V Mono County Public Works) discussed the Prop 68 per capita grant that Mono County has for capital improvements to Mono County Recreation facilities. We briefly discussed the plan for the 2nd tennis court prepared by the Lions Club and endorsed by the RPAC. These plans will be considered when allocating the \$400K. He then updated the RPAC on the progress of the National Park Service non-monetary RTCA (River, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program) grant for the next phase of Mountain Gate Park. A renewal of the RTCA grant needs to be made to continue the planning work and to incorporate a regional trails plan for Northern Mono County in this planning effort. A letter of support from the RPAC to continue the planning process with the Park Service will be considered at the next RPAC meeting.
- Fire Update: Mary Booher from Mono County EOC. Waiting on snow melt to commence phase 2 of debris removal. Working with LA to bring in some temporary housing RVs.
- Pinon Trees and Fire: Annabelle Monti, HTNF tree specialist. Discussed regeneration in the Mountain View Fire area – quick moving, most likely a viable seed bank still in the soil. No specific recommendations for replanting (pinon trees are not available as starts). Suggested Jeffrey Pines as a native species. Rule of thumb – if 1/3 of the crown of the tree is still green, it stands a good chance of survival. Annabelle.monti@usda.gov
- John Peters, Supervisor, shared the Board of Supervisor's recent decision to keep the redistricting of Mono County in-house. <https://www.commoncause.org/california/page/local-redistricting-2021/>

Future agenda items:

Accessory Dwelling Units

Transportation Needs

NPS - RTCA updates

Follow up on Walker Basin water transfers and the EIR

Next Meeting March 4, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Katy Buell, Secretary.