

# **“Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee Minutes” 08-07-2025**

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## **Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee (AV RPAC) Meeting Minutes 08-07-2025**

Committee Members Attending: present: Don Morris, Chair; Debie Bush, Vice Chair; Bruce Woodworth, Secretary; Jim Ricks, Dave Casselman, Katy Buell. Sally Rosen and Mark Langner were on the phone, but unable to participate.

Non-Committee Members Attending: either present or remote: John Peters, Co. Supervisor; Erin Bauer. Planner, Melinda Guerrero, Planner; Wendy Sugimura, Planner.

### Action Items:

1. June 5, 2025 Minutes approved [motion Bush/ 2nd Woodworth], Vote approved unanimously after a revision of the Liberty Utility recent price hike was 13%, not 30% as stated in the original draft of the Minutes.
2. The RPAC Committee unanimously endorsed a letter of Appreciation to Caltrans for their work in Walker with new lane striping and signage to diminish the abuse of illegally using the turn lanes on Highway 395 in order to pass traffic. Chair Morris will sign the letter.

### Announcements:

1. Woodworth asked if anyone knew who had voluntarily enhanced the paths by placing border rocks to outline the paths near the restroom at Mountain Gate Park. No one knew. Woodworth wished to thank the anonymous perpetrators.

### Information/Discussion Items:

1. Sugimura reported that there had been an inquiry before the County LandTAC about developing a large property in north Walker. Buell suggested that if it went forward a public easement along the river frontage might be discussed with the applicant. Also Sugimura said an Code Enforcement officer and Building Inspectors are being recruited.
2. Bush described the recent star gazing public event and noted that there may be another locally on or near Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.
3. Peters announced:
  - a. The Marine Corps Ball will be held in November.
  - b. No one from U.S.F.S. was present due to an injury.
  - c. The county Assessment Appeals Board needs appointees. Some familiarity with real estate appraisal is important.
  - d. CalFire is doing local fire assessments in the Antelope Valley.
  - e. Regarding Liberty Utility rising fees, the County has corresponded with the utility.
  - f. Jail construction in Bridgeport is starting; it might be a 2 year completion time period.
  - g. The new California “CRIS” emergency radio system may be operational in Jan. 2026.
  - h. The Wildlife highway crossing, south of Walker on Highway 395 is likely to be done by the end of the year
  - i. County Solid Waste fees will be rising, but not the “gate fee” to dump that

- affects most residents.
- j. Several positions with the county are opening. Luis Molina (Environmental Health) has left his position.
  - k. Guerrero & Sugimura updated the Committee on two Sonora Pass properties changes under review by the County
  - l. Bauer & Sugimura described the ongoing quest to improve the Zoom audio for RPAC meetings.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Woodworth". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bruce Woodworth, Secretary 775-461-6550