County of San Diego
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday Nov. 3rd, 2016 at 4:30 P.M.
Borrego Springs High School Community Room
2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, California

Administrative Items

A. Chair Tom Beltran called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members. Members present: Tom Beltran, Judy Haldeman, Rebecca Falk, David Farley, Bonnie Petrach, Member absent: Linda Haddock, Bill Berkley.

C. Approval of the Agenda. Farley moved to approve the agenda; Petrach seconded. All in favor. Agenda approved.

D. Public Comment: an opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Sponsor Group on any subject matter within the group’s jurisdiction that is not already on today’s agenda, with a time limit of three minutes (3:00) per speaker.

Member Falk commented about being on the water advisory committee and wanted the chair to call upon her to make a report during the proper time. Beltran asked that she make her report during the committee report section of the meeting.

No members of the public raised comments.

E. Member’s review of maps and other printed materials for meeting. None presented

Consideration and approval of minutes for October 6th, 2016 meeting. Motion to approve; Petrach moved to approve, Haldeman seconded. Changes by members to the minutes were presented to the Secretary. Motion Passed.

Action Items

F. Discussion and Selection of Borrego Springs Sponsor Group “Rules of Order” – Falk brought handouts to the October 6th. Meeting regarding rules of order for proper meeting protocol. Chair Beltran noted that past Chair Rich Caldwell used a loosely modified Keesey’s rules of order but no official protocol for parliamentary procedures had been officially adopted by the Group. Falk noted that the County requires that there be a protocol in place and that we, as a group should adopt one for our meetings so that everyone knows our procedure. Chairman Beltran stated that he likes the somewhat informal aspect of the modified Keesey rules due to the fact that it allows for a less than rigid meeting and more “back and forth” dialogue between members and the public. Haldeman asked Falk what was her motivation for bringing this subject to the Group. Falk replied that as vice chair, she needed to be prepared to lead the meetings in the absence of the Chairman and wanted a guide. Petrach made note that we tend to use Rosenberg’s rules and liked the ease of use, such as not being too rigid or formal. Falk moved to table the discussion until the December 1rst. Meeting. Petrach seconded. Passed.

G. Discussion and Establish a Plan for Moving Forward with the Review of The Community Plan. Chairman Beltran asked Falk to start the discussion. Beltran made comment that the original idea of the review was for the member’s education and familiarity with the Community Plan and that it seems to have morphed into a review for making changes to the plan. Not being an action item without a vote by the members, it is not up for review for changes. We talked about how the discussion moved from an educational aspect to a vehicle for making changes to the plan. It was unanimously agreed by the members present with their comments that our goal was not to make changes to the Plan but to inform and educate ourselves of the Plan. The question of organizing the discussion so as not to jump all around the Plan but take the items of particular interest to individual members was brought forth. Haldeman said she would like for the Group to continue to read, out loud, and discuss the plan (as we have been doing) for our own clarification and agreement on the issues and policies of the Plan. Member Falk made a motion to continue, as originally intended, to read through the plan, page by page for our own education and clarification. Haldeman seconded. Motion passed.

H. INFORMATION AND NON ACTION ITEMS
I. Correspondence and Chair’s Report. Chairman Beltran received a notice of an environmental impact report on the County’s “climate action plan”. Tom asked if members would like an internet link to review the documents.

J. Falk spoke of a call from Jim Bennet concerning the Advisory committee of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan meeting and her, as the Group’s representative to that meeting, being able to record the meetings. Bennet told her that he thought that she would have to announce that she wanted to record the meeting and the members of that meeting would have to agree. Chairman Beltran told her that State Law allows her to record any public meeting without obtaining permission. Question was made whether those meetings are public or not. Falk said she would find out and that the meetings do not start until January of 2017.

K. Petrach asked what happens when our time with the Group is over. Chair Beltran said we “re-up”.

L. CONTINUING DISCUSSION AND READ THROUGH OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN. Farley led the discussion starting on page 32.

M. Member Petrach volunteered to lead the discussion at the December 1st. Meeting, picking up where we left off.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. after Falk so moved, Haldeman seconded. Motion approved.

David Farley, Secretary

The next regular meeting will be held December 1st, 2016 at 4:30 P.M. at the Borrego Springs High School Community Room, 2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004.