

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

## \*\*\*MEETING MINUTES\*\*\*

Thursday, June 2, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

In-person at the Borrego Library, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs & also via Zoom

*The County follows California Department of Public Health guidance that strongly recommends everyone wear a face covering in indoor public settings, whether you have been vaccinated or not.*

Agenda Packet at this link:

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**WE REPRESENT YOU WHEN ADVISING THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ON LAND USE ISSUES**

- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.** Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. Present Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair John Peterson, David Farley, Bill Haneline, Julie Gerson, Bruce Durbin and Judy Haldeman
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF May 5, 2022.** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of May 5, 2022. Farley M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval.
- C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (may be limited to 3 min):** Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. Bobbie from Santa Fe Palms commented that the large trucks coming through Borrego Springs during the night were a safety and noise issue. Elena Thompson commented against the placement of a SVP in Borrego Springs.
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. La Casa Del Zorro Solar Project Fencing Beautification and Update.** John Wells presenting for La Casa. Informational presentation with possible action/approval. Report on progress from Wells but no action taken by the Sponsor Group.
  - 2. Affirmation of summer break in meetings (no meetings for July and August).** If Chair has occasion to call a special meeting that it be via Zoom over the summer. Reauthorize the Chair to decide based on public health guidelines at the time of publishing the September agenda whether or not to meet virtually only--in case this is needed-- in which case Sponsor Group agreement for that will be obtained retroactively at the September meeting. MOTION: Peterson M, Gerson S. Unanimous approval.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. County of San Diego Borrego Springs Land Repurposing Project, a proposal for grant funds from the CA Department of Conservation for a pilot project for rehabilitation of fallowed agricultural land.** Jim Bennet, County Water Resources Manager, presenting. This item pulled from the agenda as project was rejected.
  - 2. Dollar General Store Update with Developer David Church.** After explaining/describing the project, there will be time for questions/answers, comments, requests. Church reported that Dollar General wants to be a partner in the community and provide convenience and affordability. Group members suggested that Church modify building to conform to the character of Borrego Springs with possible smaller sign, landscaping, sw colors, shielded lighting and raising parking area rather than long ramp for accessibility.
- F. GROUP BUSINESS:**
- 1. Announcement and Correspondence Received:** See agenda packet for County Broadband survey and meeting for Borrego on May 31<sup>st</sup> and for information about Borrego Valley Endowment Fund's Mercy Airlift Program for all Borrego Springs residents.
  - 2. Discussion Items:**
  - 3. Subcommittee Reports: Summary update from Watco (Sponsor Group Water and Land Use Subcommittee) regarding groundwater level monitoring in the northern half of the basin.** John Peterson presenting.
  - 4. Meeting Updates:** See next subcommittee meeting notice at the end of this agenda.
- G. ADJOURNMENT.** MOTION: To adjourn meeting. Farley M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Judy Haldeman.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2022, 5 pm at the Borrego Springs Library Community Room, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, California and via Zoom..

**UPCOMING STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING:**

**Water and Land Use**, Wed. June 15, 2022, 3:00 pm, email Chair John Peterson at petersonenv@hotmail.com to be put on the email list for the agenda and link to attend.

**The Chair has appointed the following BSCSG Members to serve as point of contact for the following areas:**

a) Sheriff's Office/Crime: John Peterson, b) Dollar General Store (presentation by developer at BSCSG June Meeting): Bruce Durbin, c) Road Maintenance, Bill Haneline. Upcoming, once they are seated as Members: c) 18-Wheel Trucks, Nancy McRae, d) County initiated grant for Pilot Farmland Fallowing Project (presentation by Jim Bennett, County Water Resources, at BSCSG June Meeting), Jim Dax. Emails sent to the Chair at [rebfolk7@gmail.com](mailto:rebfolk7@gmail.com) will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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