

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

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

Thursday, October 6, 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 recommends everyone wear a face covering in indoor cooling centers, like our public library, whether you have been vaccinated or not.*

Agenda Packet: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1s-nzECoblSx9wBM81-lq6U-Bn5gpDgbA?usp=sharing>

### THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME TO OUR MEETINGS

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

- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair John Peterson, David Farley, Bill Haneline, Nancy McRae, Bruce Durbin, Judy Haldeman present. Julie Gerson absent.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF September 1, 2022** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of September 1, 2022 with minor corrections. Farley M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval. One absence and one unfilled seat.
- 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.**
- D. ACTION ITEMS:** None
- 1. Election of Nominees for Expiring Seats #2/Falk, #4/Peterson, #6/Farley—choosing to end service and not seek another term, and #8/McRae.** There is one application (certified by the Registrar of Voters) for seat #6, no other applicants except that Falk, Peterson and McRae are seeking another term. MOTION: To proceed with a vote on all seats. Farley M, Haneline S. Unanimous approval of nominating for reappointments. (7 for, 1 absence and 1 vacancy). Seat #2 Rebecca Falk, Seat #4 John Peterson, and Seat #8 Nancy McRae. Seat #6 is currently held by David Farley. Farley is not seeking another term. Jim Dax is the only applicant and was also nominated for membership earlier this year. Unanimous approval of nominating James "Jim" Dax for Seat #6 (7 for, 1 absence and 1 vacancy).
- 2. Election of Officers for 2023: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.** MOTION: Approval of Falk for Chair, Peterson for Vice-Chair, and Haldeman for Secretary for the coming year. Farley M, Haneline S. Unanimous approval. One absent and one unfilled seat.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Report on Sustainable Land Use Framework and likely substitution for a Community Plan Update.** County Staff presenting and available for questions. The community is seeking clarification about this item and what to expect from/how to prepare for the Board of Supervisors Meeting at the end of December 2022 about community concerns and needs. Presenters are either (possibly both) Lynette Tessitore, Chief, Long Range Planning and/or Don Chase, Land Use/Environmental Planning Manager, General Plan/Community Plans. Falk asked how this new planning will affect Borrego Springs. Lynette commented that the focus will be on VMT areas first and then those communities outside the VMT areas. She said that the county was not sure how this looks yet and that it will depend on input from the community. Diane Johnson commented that the Stewardship Council is still ready to assist. The county is seeking to open ways to support communities instead of a Community Plan update.
- 2. October 19<sup>th</sup> Water and Land Use Subcommittee (WATCO) meeting at 3 pm via Zoom to discuss Nitrates and Wells with Trey Driscoll, Principal Hydrogeologist for Intera, Consultant for BWD and Member of the Watermaster Board Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).** Zoom invitations will be sent to the Sponsor Group email list as well as to the WATCO email list. If not on those lists but you want to attend, please send your email request for an invitation to [petersonenv@hotmail.com](mailto:petersonenv@hotmail.com), John Peterson, Chair of the WATCO Committee of the Sponsor Group.

3. **San Diego County is holding public workshops related to its Decarbonization Initiatives in the following areas: Buildings (first workshop Thursday, 9/29), Electricity, Transportation, Land Use and Natural Climate Solutions, Food Systems and Circular Economy.** To join, email [ZeroCarbon.Lueg@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:ZeroCarbon.Lueg@sdcounty.ca.gov) to ask for help to sign up, or refer to the email in the Agenda Packet with links to the "Interest Form" and "Engagement Portal." Your ideas will be recorded and considered but only if you voice them. I have found County Staff very responsive to ideas. This is a chance to influence what the Board of Supervisors will consider in the early Spring of 2023. In addition to Electricity, Transportation, Land Use and Natural Climate Solutions, Food Systems and Circular Economy add Buildings to the list.
4. Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO ) Priority Request from the County is still pending communication with County Parks, but there may be an update by the time of the meeting. See documents in the agenda packet for background on the opportunity Borrego Springs has to request use of approximately \$100,000 of Borrego's PLDO funds for improvement to our parks, within County guidelines and approval. This will be back on the agenda as an action item at the November 3, 2022 Sponsor Group Meeting. Suggestions from the public are welcome and can be directed to Rebecca Falk or Judy Haldeman or brought up at the November meeting.

**F. GROUP BUSINESS:**

1. **Announcement and Correspondence Received:** See Board of Supervisors' 9/27/22 approved **Code of Conduct** (Agenda Packet) affecting this Group and all County Boards, Commissions, Committees and Community Planning and Sponsor Groups. Also see pdf slide show and RFalk notes from Chair Quarterly meeting on Community ID Signs--in the Agenda Packet. Nancy McRae is the Sponsor Group point person on Community ID Signage. Diane Johnson reported that the Rotary Foundation had offered to donate funds for a website for the Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group. Falk suggested that members look at the websites for Fallbrook, Lakeside and Valley Center for discussion at a future meeting.
2. **Discussion Items:**
3. **Subcommittee Reports:**
4. **Meeting Updates:**

**G. ADJOURNMENT MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting. Farley M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval. One absent one unfilled seat.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 3, 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**, email Chair John Peterson at [petersonenv@hotmail.com](mailto:petersonenv@hotmail.com) to be put on the email list for the agenda and link to attend each meeting. **Next Meeting October 19, Wednesday, 3 pm via Zoom.**

**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, d) 18-Wheel Trucks on S-22, Nancy McRae, e) Community Sign Program, Nancy McRae. Emails sent to the Chair at [rebalk7@gmail.com](mailto:rebalk7@gmail.com) will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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