

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

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

Agenda Packet:

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- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.** Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Rebecca Falk, John Peterson, Bill Haneline, Nancy McRae, Julie Gerson, David Farley, Bruce Durbin and Judy Haldeman present.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF October 6, 2022** Falk requested that a sentence be added on E. 1. at the end of the paragraph. "The county is seeking to open ways to support communities instead of a Community Plan update". MOTION: Approval of the minutes with this addition. Farley M, Peterson S. Falk, Peterson, Haneline, McRae, Haldeman, Farley, Durbin AYE. Gerson abstained.
- 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.** None
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Request from the Sponsor Group's Watco subcommittee on Water/Land Use that the BSCSG send a letter to the Watermaster Board (WMB) expressing concern about a recent WMB decision to not require that a de minimis well applicant provide a specific water quality protection for the basin when drilling a new well.** John Peterson presenting. See Agenda Packet for a letter to the BSCSG from Watco and a letter the BSCSG can decide to send to the WMB. Falk added that, if approved, she would send the letter to Borrego Water District, Watermaster Board and the county. MOTION: To send the letter and cover letter with a copy to the Borrego Water District and the county. Haldeman M, Farley S. Unanimous approval.
 - 2. Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Priority Request List.** Judy Haldeman presenting. See Agenda Packet for the Request List to discuss and vote on. Also possible for future, no deadline: Recreational Activities Request for the Library Park, funded by the County, not PLDO funds. Haldeman reported that a water feature/splash pad was still the priority. MOTION: To send request for a splash pad to Parks and Recreation. Peterson M, Farley S. Falk, Peterson, McRae, Gerson, Farley, Durbin and Haldeman AYE. Haneline NAY. For ideas, see: <https://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/participate/ProgramGuides.html>
 - 3. How shall the BSCSG respond to the offer from the Rotary Club to provide funds to help us establish a web page for the BSCSG?** Diane Johnson representing Rotary and Rebecca Falk. See Agenda Packet for a response from Nancy McRae to last month's announcement/request for feedback on other Planning Group web pages. No response at this time to move forward with a website due to county restrictions and volunteer time restrictions.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Community Signage Program Update:** Nancy McRae spoke about an email from the county requesting information from us and a 2022 Borrego Village Association study about community ID signs. See Agenda Packet for information about the study. Signage is an important element of community identification. The BSCSG could help facilitate community input and serve as a liaison between the community, the Borrego Village Association and the county. Nancy McRae and Bruce Durbin will facilitate.
 - 2. Update on a public workshop related to the County Regional Decarbonization Framework in the area of Electricity.** Currently the recommendations are to have two utility scale energy projects (like a solar farm or wind farm) in addition to other initiatives like rooftop solar. That could mean that our area will be considered. There is a study about geographic areas that could work and we are within that area. This is the time to participate in this initiative as it is formulating recommendations that the Board of Supervisors will consider in

the early Spring of 2023, To join, email Zerocarbon.Lueg@sdcounty.ca.gov to ask for help to sign up or sign up at: <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/rdf> .

3. <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/> is the County Planning and Development Services (PDS) web page link. The web page has a new design with fantastic access to information, with more changes to come. **Please check it out.** Use arrows on display at the top of the page to see information. For SG members, it is really necessary to view and explore this web site now that it is so well designed and has links to major initiatives. Don't forget to join the email list at the bottom of the page to be kept informed about County services! Sponsor Group Chair Rebecca Falk is happy to show how to access Citizen Access one-on-one with any group member or members of the public if that is still unclear after looking at the newly designed PDS web page. Citizen Access is an online program that allows anyone who opens a free account to look at any San Diego County project application and progress.

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

1. **Announcement and Correspondence Received:** La Casa Solar, Dollar General, County Executive Office Communications, County Graffiti Removal Program and upcoming workshops (see agenda packet).
2. **Discussion Items:** Comments on SDGE Microgrid tour?
3. **Subcommittee Reports:** Road Maintenance, Bike Lanes on Palm Canyon, Bill Haneline.
4. **Meeting Updates:**

G. **ADJOURNMENT MOTION:** To adjourn meeting. Farley M, Haneline S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **December 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, email Chair John Peterson at petersonenv@hotmail.com to be put on the email list for the agenda and link to attend each meeting. **Next Regular Meeting will be held on November 16, 2022 at 3 pm and a recently report revealing a water quality issue will be one item on the agenda.**

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 will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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