

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

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

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Agenda Packet:

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- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair John Peterson, Bill Haneline, Julie Gerson, Nancy McRae, David Farley, and Judy Haldeman present. Bruce Durbin arrived at the meeting at 5:24 p.m.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF November 3, 2022** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of November 3, 2022. Farley M, Haneline S. McRae asked for amended wording on item E. 1. MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of November 3, 2022 as amended. Farley M, Haneline 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.** Rick Dobbins commented that he had received a notice from Cal Fire regarding some overgrown vegetation on his property; he would lose habitat for his wildlife as incur substantial expense in order to comply with this notice. Falk stated that she would raise this issue at the chair quarterly meeting on Saturday. Paul Schuessler commented that he was a park ranger in the valley for 30 years and did not recall any fire due to overgrown vegetation.
- D. ACTION ITEMS: None**
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Borrego Valley Stewardship Council.** Presentation by Bri Fordem, President, about current/planned outreach project/s to the Borrego Springs community. Please see the infographic in the agenda packet. She reported that the Borrego Valley Stewardship Council had received a grant as part of SGMA and that the money will be used to host community forums for better communication on issues such as water, health care, housing, jobs, education, environment and quality of life. Peterson commented that he was glad to see that water was the first item on the list of concerns. Fordem will continue to provide reports to the Sponsor Group.
 - 2. Thursday, December 14, 2022 Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting, Item on Sustainable Land Use Framework/Long Range Planning (formerly Advance Planning) change of direction for the unincorporated county.** Rebecca Falk presenting and asking for ideas to present to that BOS meeting to support county staff in seeking Board approval to pursue a new way (alternative to Community Plan Updates) to help and support unincorporated communities have, as they put it. "Healthy, Thriving, Vibrant, & Resilient Communities." What needs do we have that we could use County help with? Would anyone else like to speak at that meeting? This is not a time to detail any needs, but a good time to give some examples to BOS members. Water quality, health clinic with urgent care, affordable housing, and air quality were some of the issues mentioned. Cristen McVey, Head Librarian, commented that a more integrated network of services for the rural community would be effective.
- F. GROUP BUSINESS:**
- 1. Announcement and Correspondence Received: 1. Our BSCSG appointments and reappointments** should be before the BOS at their Wed., Dec 13th meeting, in time for January 2023 new terms. **2. County Flood reports a) that there still will be a public forum with the US Army Corps of Engineers** next year regarding an emergency

flood warning system and possible small funded flood projects on the level of individual houses (postponed because the Project Manager at the Corps retired and hasn't yet been replaced), and **b) Borrego Springs Resort (Nazareth) and FEMA have agreed to an action plan for grading** and the grading permit for that will soon be issued by the County. **3. The County has mailed me a hard copy/paper plans for the Dollar General Store** and those are available at the meeting. The library has had a copy of these plans for some time, see Cristen McVey, Head Librarian during office hours to review at the library.

2. Discussion Items: Decarbonization Transportation Plan for Borrego

3. Subcommittee Reports: Watco (Water Subcommittee), John Peterson; **Community ID Signs**, Nancy McRae and Bruce Durbin; **SANDAG/Transportation** regarding community planning/sponsor groups in unincorporated communities, Julie Gerson.

4. Meeting Updates:

G. ADJOURNMENT MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Farley M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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