

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP,  
WATER AND LAND USE/PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022 3:00 p.m.**

**Topic: Water and Land Use Planning Subcommittee**

**Time: Oct 19, 2022 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID: 846 2270 1133**

**Passcode: 361283**

- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.** Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m. Chair John Peterson, Jim Dax, Diane Johnson, Judy Haldeman present. Bill Berkley joined at 3:10.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON May 18, 2022** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of May18, 2022. Johnson M, Dax S. Unanimous. Berkley not yet present for the vote.
- C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (may be limited to 3 min): Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Committee on any subject matter within the Committee’s purpose and scope of activities that is not on the posted agenda.** None
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Presentation by Trey Driscoll representing the Borrego Water District regarding the construction of a new agriculture well located near BWD ID4-18. The Borrego Watermaster Board has determined that the well is a “de minimus well” and is not requiring construction as requested by the Borrego Water District.** Driscoll stated that this was a concern as this de minimus well is located near a BWD well that is used for drinking water. Nitrates are being tracked and are at an increasing level – up almost 10 times. His recommendation to the Watermaster Board that the new de minimus well have a grout seal was to prevent water containing an increased level of nitrates from contaminating the BWD well nearby. He said that the cost to incapsulate this de minimus well would be \$10,000 to \$15,000 at the most and recommended that this should be the procedure going forward for any wells approved in the valley. Dax announced that there would be a BWD townhall meeting on November 15, 2022 at the library and that the Watermaster Board would be attending. Johnson suggested that the committee should attend that meeting. The committee asked Peterson to draft a letter to the Watermaster Board in support of well standards described by Driscoll that could be presented at the next Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group meeting in November. MOTION: To authorized Peterson to draft a letter to the Watermaster Board. Haldeman M, Berkley S. Unanimous approval.
  - 2. Future Meetings Statement** The committee agreed to continue via Zoom for the next meeting.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Update from Jim Dax regarding the recent Watermaster Board Meeting.** Dax attended the Watermaster Board meeting on October 13, 2022. He reported that the Board had agreed to record their meetings for the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and all meetings going forward.
  - 3. Update from John Peterson regarding efforts to add groundwater monitoring wells in the northern portions of the basin.** Nothing to report.
- F. GROUP BUSINESS:**
- 1. Announcements & Correspondence Received**
- G. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Judy Haldeman.