

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 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 called to order at 5:00 p.m. Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice Chair John Peterson, Bill Haneline, Bruce Durbin, Bill Berkley, Jim Dax, Nancy McRae, Julie Gerson and Judy Haldeman present. Welcome new members Jim Dax and Bill Berkley. Thank you to retiring member David Farley for his years of service.
- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF December 1, 2022** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of December 1, 2022. Haneline M, Peterson S. Community member Bob Krasowski asked that public comment be included in the minutes in the future.
- 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. Bill Powers commented on regional decarbonization and stated that Borrego Springs and Jacumba were targeted for more large solar facilities. He encouraged members of the community to promote rooftop solar and to make their preferences known at the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 31, 2023 from 6-8 p.m. Falk stated that the link to this meeting was in the agenda packet.
- D. **ACTION ITEMS**:
1. Shall the BSCSG send a letter asking the Director of SANDAG to add an advisory board member to represent the unincorporated communities? Sample letter and the SANDAG by-laws are in the agenda packet, link at the top of this agenda. Julie Gerson presenting. Peterson agreed that this was a good idea. MOTION: To send letter to SANDAG requesting backcountry participation. Peterson M, Dax S. Unanimous approval.
- E. **NON-ACTION ITEMS**:
1. **Water/Land Use (Watco) Subcommittee Report on well with non-potable water in the Northern part of our aquifer**. John Peterson presenting. He reminded the group that there had been no response to our letter to help with local monitoring. Dax and Falk agreed that attendance at the Water Master Board meetings to encourage help with local monitoring would be beneficial.
 2. **Follow-up on CountyFire/Cal-Fire Notices received locally as part of the Defensible Space Program within San Diego County**. This item was raised in the public communication section of the December meeting. Report on communication with Battalion Chief Alex Elward, supervisor of this program, who will hold two public meetings on this item locally at the library--one at the end of January and one in February. See agenda packet for the county ordinance involved and also for an assistance program for costs. Rebecca Falk presenting with input from community members. Fred Jee spoke on his personal interactions on this issue and commented that Cal Fire could lose the trust of the community with these rules. Peterson commented that there are no wildland fires in our community and no hazard. Falk suggested a softer enforcement and a possible change to the ordinance as it affects Borrego Springs.
 3. **Update Health Clinic**. See agenda packet for contact info for the *Focus on Healthcare/Revitalization Group working on this*. Betsy Knaack, if available, Rebecca Falk, if not. Falk commented that the Sponsor Group will be called to support 24-7 care at the new fire station.

4. **County Flood asks for input on when to hold a public forum with the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding an emergency flood warning system and possible small funded flood projects on the level of individual houses January? February? March? April?** Falk reported that the meeting will most likely be in February at the library.

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

1. **Announcement and Correspondence Received:** Falk stated that the county had a graffiti removal program and is preparing a decarbonization/transportation plan for Borrego Springs.
2. **Discussion Items:**
3. **Subcommittee Reports:**
4. **Meeting Updates:**

G. ADJOURNMENT MOTION: To adjourn meeting. Peterson M, Berkley S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Judy Haldeman

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