

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

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

Thursday, March 2, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

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

Agenda Packet:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pDKrsBDQzp8I6pVw6PeQ4PiKyXZoJmt0>

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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, Jim Dax, Nancy McRae, Bruce Durbin, Julie Gerson, Bill Berkley and Judy Haldeman present. Public attendees: Elena and John Thompson, Bob Krasowski and partner, David Garmon, Nikki Simonton, Diane Johnson,
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF February 2, 2023** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of February 2, 2023 with one change. McRae M, Berkley 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.** Diane Johnson announced that the Borrego Village Stewardship Council will hold a meeting on April 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Resource Center – this meeting will be open to the public. Bob Krasowski stated that he will continue to monitor the Cal Fire issue. Nikki Simonton added that we will have a chance to comment further when Borrego is actually accepted into Cal Fire.
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Update to County Guidelines for Impacts to Groundwater Resources for Discretionary Projects.** Jim Bennett, San Diego County Water Resources Manager presenting.
  - 2. Update on BSCSG letter to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) asking for an independent peer review of the Regional Decarbonization Framework's assessment of the advantages of utility scale solar/wind versus rooftop/parking lot solar. Note: Borrego Springs is targeted in the RDF options for utility scale solar.** See the letters we sent, a brief R Falk sent as a comment letter to the RDF, and attachments to learn more in the agenda packet. R Falk presenting. **Note: the RDF comment period has been extended until March 31<sup>st</sup> and the BOS meeting on the RDF extended to April 5<sup>th</sup>.** Phone calls, emails and letters can be sent to Supervisor Desmond's office, [Hunter.McDonald@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Hunter.McDonald@sdcounty.ca.gov), [Jim.Desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Jim.Desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov) or call 619-458-2600 . **Public comments on the RDF can be submitted to: [zerocarbon@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:zerocarbon@sdcounty.ca.gov) or visit <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sustainability/regional-decarbonization.html>.** David Garmon announced that that the Protect Our Community Foundation had filed a lawsuit against SDG&E as reported in the Union Tribune. Garmon encouraged everyone to contact the Supervisors with their concerns. Falk commented that she had asked the director of the Regional Decarbonization Framework to come to the Sponsor Group on March 23, 2023 for a Special Meeting. MOTION: To resend letter from the Sponsor Group to all Supervisors. Dax M, McRae S. Unanimous approval.
  - 3. Shall we have a special meeting with RDF Staff to discuss the issues we and others have raised about utility scale solar/wind versus rooftop/parking lot solar—and Borrego Springs as a site for large utility scale projects?** This would have to occur before the next regular meeting and also before the BOS April 5 meeting.. We don't yet have available the County consultants' responses but should have those within a few weeks. MOTION: To hold a Special Meeting March 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Gerson M, McRae S. Unanimous approval.
  - 4. Discussion and possible appointment/ad hoc committee to look into Supervisor Desmond's office forward of an inquiry about installing a Tesla EV station, see agenda packet emails on this topic, link to agenda packet at top of this agenda.** Jim Dax and Bill Berkley will form an ad hoc committee to gather further information on this proposal. MOTION: To form ad hoc committee. Haldeman M, Dax S. Jim Dax, Nancy McRae, Bruce Durbin, Julie Gerson, Bill Berkley and Judy Haldeman aye. Rebecca Falk, John Peterson and Bill Haneline abstained. Motion passes 6-3.

**E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Discussion of comment letter sent to the Borrego Springs Watermaster Board about the WMB Draft 2022 Annual Report, see agenda packet for the letter, link at the top of this agenda.** John Peterson presenting. Peterson stated that the Watermaster Board had acknowledged receipt of the letter and reiterated that there needed to be a management plan in place in addition to the monitoring of wells.
- 2. Borrego Broadband Project.** See the agenda packet for email and document from Sanjiv Nanda, Broadband Task Force, Borrego Revitalization Committee. Sanjiv Nanda presenting. Nanda stated that he is trying to keep Borrego Springs in the “view of the county” and also stated that SANDAG may try to make Borrego Springs a “showcase project”.
- 3. Update on meetings to secure a backcountry representative on the SANDAG Board.** Julie Gerson presenting. Gerson stated that she was meeting with other chairs and representatives.

**F. GROUP BUSINESS:**

- 1. Announcement and Correspondence Received:**
- 2. Discussion Items:**
- 3. Subcommittee Reports:**
- 4. Meeting Updates:**

**G. ADJOURNMENT MOTION:** To adjourn meeting. Peterson M, Durbin S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Judy Haldeman.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2023, 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--Watco,** email Chair John Peterson at [petersonenv@hotmail.com](mailto:petersonenv@hotmail.com) to be put on the email list for the agenda. **Next Watco Regular Meeting will be held at the Borrego Springs Library on March 15, 2023 at 3 pm.**

**Community Sign Program,** email co-chairs Bruce Durbin, [mocassin1@yahoo.com](mailto:mocassin1@yahoo.com), and Nancy McRae, [1nancysue@gmail.com](mailto:1nancysue@gmail.com).

**The Chair has appointed the following BSCSG Members to serve as points of contact for the following areas:**

a) Dollar General Store, Bruce Durbin, b) Road Maintenance, Bill Haneline, c) 18-Wheel Trucks on S-22, Nancy McRae, d) SANDAG/Transportation Unincorporated Areas, Julie Gerson. Emails sent to the Chair at [rebfolk7@gmail.com](mailto:rebfolk7@gmail.com) will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group Members:

Chairperson: Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chairperson: John Peterson, Secretary: Judy Haldeman  
Members: Bill Berkley, Jim Dax, Bruce Durbin, Julie Gerson, Bill Haneline, Nancy McRae