

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
*****MEETING MINUTES*****

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

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

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- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.** Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m. Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair John Peterson, Jim Dax, Julie Gerson, Bill Haneline, Bill Berkley, Bruce Durbin, Nancy McRae and Secretary Judy Haldeman present.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF April 6, 2023.** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of April 6, 2023 with minor corrections. Haneline 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.** None.
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Climate Action Plan. Presentation by Bruno Cavalieri and Ariel Hamburger from the County Development Services Department.** Megan Kelly and Ariel Hamburger presented and stated that the goal was for everyone to participate to meet net emissions by 2035. Falk commented that she was concerned that these county-wide measures do not apply to Borrego Springs for the most part.
 - 2. Update regarding the Regional Decarbonization Framework's assessment of the advantages of utility scale solar/wind versus rooftop/parking lot solar. Rebecca Falk presenting.** Falk stated that the RDF is not going to get a hearing until after the special election for District 4, but the playbook will be updated due to comments from constituents.
 - 3. Discussion regarding the need for a community representative on the Technical Advisory Committee of the Borrego Springs Water Master Board.** Rebecca Falk presenting. Falk reported that at the April 20, 2023 Status Conference, Superior Court Judge Peter Wilson, who oversees the Watermaster Board, was interested in the idea in the Falk/Peterson letter about the 2022 WMB Annual Report, recommending that John Peterson be placed on the WMB Technical Advisory Committee to represent the community. MOTION: To form an ad hoc committee composed of Jim Dax and Rebecca Falk to work on this appointment. Falk M, Dax S. Unanimous approval.
 - 4. Review the need for the ad hoc committee regarding a potential Tesla EV station. Jim Dax presenting.** After consideration of the potential Tesla station, the Sponsor Group supported the suggestion by Dax and Berkley that it would be up to Jim Wermers, as co-owner of the Mall, to take this issue forward. MOTION: To dissolve the committee. Dax M, Berkley S. Unanimous approval.
 - 5. Additional appointments to the Water and Land Use Subcommittee (Gary Haldeman) John Peterson presenting.** Haldeman will attend the next WATCO meeting.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Status of the groundwater monitoring network associated with Borrego Springs Watermaster Board.** John Peterson presenting. Peterson stated that he is in communication with West Yost and Andy Malone to get additional wells for monitoring.
 - 2. Update on meetings to secure a backcountry representative on the SANDAG Board.** Julie Gerson presenting. Gerson reported that LAFCO will be overseeing this rather than requiring a change to Policy I-1. Gerson will continue to monitor these meetings.
- F. GROUP BUSINESS:**

1. Announcement and Correspondence Received: The next Water District Town Hall will be held on June 14, 2023. Falk announced that a traffic engineer from the county will be coming to the June Sponsor Group meeting. The violation for the Dollar General was cleared and construction is beginning.

2. Subcommittee Reports: Peterson reported that the Water and Land Use Committee will be meeting on May 17, 2023 at 3:00 in the library. Durbin reported that there will be one more meeting in June to gather input on signage for Borrego Springs sometime in June.

3. Meeting Updates:

G. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Haneline M, Dax S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Judy Haldeman, Secretary.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2023, 5 pm at the Borrego Springs Library Community Room, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, California with Zoom available.

UPCOMING STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING:

Water and Land Use--Watco, email Chair John Peterson at 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 May 17, 2023 at 3 pm.**

Community ID Signage Program, meeting held on April 19. Next meeting scheduled for June 7 at 5 pm at the BVEF offices. email co-chairs Bruce Durbin, mocassin1@yahoo.com, and Nancy McRae, 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 rebalk7@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