

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

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

**Topic: January 2023 Watco Meeting**

**Time: January 18, 2023, 3:00 PM**

**Borrego Springs Library, Conference Room (In person)**

- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.** Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. Chair John Peterson, Diane Johnson, Jim Dax, Bill Berkley and Judy Haldeman present. Maratha Deichler and Bob Krasowski attending.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON November 16, 2022.** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of November 16, 2022. Johnson M, Berkley S. Unanimous approval.
- 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.** Bob Krasowski asked that attendees be listed.
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Results from the Watermaster Town Hall Meeting held on December 6, 2022** Dax reported that attendance was good at the meeting and that additional monitoring wells were discussed. Peterson commented that the Watermaster Board did not participate in the meeting and therefore were not available for questions from the public. Dax commented that he had looked forward to asking questions of the ag members and suggested that if this town hall is repeated, that there should be an open forum with all board members present. Deichler stated that she would take that recommendation back to the Watermaster Board.
  - 2. Discussion regarding Watco membership in relation to quorum issues of Sponsor Group Members.** There will be quorum issues going forward with four Sponsor Group members on the committee. Haldeman volunteered to step down as soon as Peterson can find a replacement secretary.
  - 3. Discussion regarding future public assistance for expanding the Watermaster Board groundwater monitoring program.** Peterson once again addressed the need for additional monitoring wells north of Palm Canyon Drive. Peterson repeated that he wanted to assist with this effort. The committee agreed to send a follow-up letter to the Sponsor Group which would then be forwarded to the Watermaster Board reiterating our concern about the lack of monitoring wells north of Palm Canyon Drive and offering to help identify wells that could be used for monitoring. MOTION: To send follow-up letter to the Watermaster Board. Haldeman M, Berkley S. Unanimous approval.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. None**
- F. GROUP BUSINESS:**
- 1. Announcements & Correspondence Received**
- G. ADJOURNMENT** MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Peterson M, Berkley S. Unanimous approval. This meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Haldeman