

1 County of San Diego
2 **BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP**
3 **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

4 Thursday, Sept 5, 2013
5 Borrego Springs High School Community Room
6 2281 Diegueño Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004
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9 **Administrative Items**

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11 A. Call to Order: R. Caldwell called the meeting to order at 4:31PM
12 B. Roll Call: Present - Beltran, R. Caldwell, Dr. S. Caldwell, Falk, Haldeman, Webb
13 Absent – None
14 C. Approval of Agenda: Webb moved to approve the sponsor group agenda as presented.
15 Haldeman seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0
16 abstained).
17 D. Members' review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: No time was
18 required to review printed materials.
19 E. Approval of Minutes: Haldeman moved to approve the June 6, 2013 minutes for the
20 regular sponsor group meeting as amended. Webb seconded. The meeting minutes for
21 the June 6, 2013 study groups workshop will be considered for approval when available.
22 The motion passed unanimously (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).
23 F. Correspondence: R. Caldwell mentioned that his June 10, 2013 letter to the County
24 regarding the General Plan Cleanup went out to all members via email. The letter was a
25 summary of the sponsor group's comments regarding the General Plan Cleanup and was
26 prepared at their direction by R. Caldwell. Falk expressed her afterthought about the
27 letter. She said that it seemed a little harsh to her. Abby King's July 13, 2013
28 resignation letter was received by R. Caldwell. R. Caldwell announced that he attended
29 the June 20, 2013 Borrego Village Association meeting. R. Caldwell had nothing to
30 report other than his attendance. R. Caldwell mentioned that a request was made at the
31 last sponsor group meeting to put the Community Rights of Way Development Standards
32 on this month's agenda. R. Caldwell said that it's not on the agenda as requested because
33 it's not ready yet. R. Caldwell reported that he had communications with Jerry Rolwing
34 of the Borrego Water District (BWD) and Joe Hopkins, who had raised some questions
35 about the Ocotillo Wells solar project during last month's public comment period. The
36 question was, where will the water for the project come from? Jerry Rolwing replied on
37 June 10, 2013 that no one from the solar project group has contacted the BWD regarding
38 water for the project.
39 G. Committee Reports: None
40 H. Public Comment: None
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42 **Action Items**

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44 A. *Discretionary Permit Application PDS2012-AD-13-030, Administrative Permit*
45 *for Attached Oversized Garage for Airplane Storage:* Haldeman moved to

- 46 approve the permit. Webb seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6 in
47 favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)
- 48 B. *Replacement of Resigning Member Abby King*: No applications have been
49 received. Webb nominated Haldeman to serve as Vice Chair of the sponsor group
50 until Jan 2014. R. Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed
51 unanimously (5 in favor, 0 opposed, Haldeman abstained)

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54 **Non-Action Items**

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- 56 A. *Report and Discussion on Status of Property at 511 Saddle*: Falk reported that
57 the property was acquired in Jan 2010. The property is to be restored. The
58 owners applied for a permit due to a building moratorium. The County was
59 supposed to notify the owners when the moratorium was lifted. The owners were
60 never notified. However, the issue was resolved on June 18, 2013 and the
61 property owners plan on moving ahead now with the restoration project.
- 62 B. *Continuing Discussion of Specific Plans & Special Study Areas in the Borrego*
63 *Springs Community Plan of August 3, 2011*: Falk requested for clarification of
64 the study groups' relationship to the sponsor group. R. Caldwell explained that
65 the study groups are meetings of the sponsor group, like a large committee. Since
66 the study group meetings will frequently contain a quorum of sponsor group
67 members, the study group meetings are noticed according to the California Brown
68 Act.
- 69 C. *Flood Control*: Jane Morley mentioned that there was the possibility that the
70 County might be trying to put a moratorium on commercial development in the
71 Borrego Valley. Falk said that she'd had a recent conversation with the County.
72 They said that the County is trying to come up with the same arrangement for
73 commercial as for residential. That is, permits will be granted on a case by case
74 basis. The County realized that the state had imposed some standard that the
75 County had not recognized. The result is that commercial structures built before
76 the flood elevation standards were in place then owners would be severely limited
77 to non substantial improvements. In other words, it's not looking very good for
78 commercial development. Dr. S. Caldwell has been trying to build a home for
79 three years and the County keeps changing the requirements. Anthony Barry is in
80 flood review and is the person in charge of the Borrego Valley. R. Caldwell said
81 that commercial development might be on next month's agenda.

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83 Dr. S. Caldwell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:10PM. Falk seconded. The motion
84 passed unanimously (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).