

County of San Diego
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday November 6, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.
Borrego Springs High School Community Room
2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, California

Administrative Items

- A. The meeting was called to order by R Caldwell at 4:30 p.m.
- B. Members present: Tom Beltran, Rich Caldwell, Dr. Sylvia Caldwell, Rebecca Falk, Judy Haldeman, Sam Web and Bonnie Petrach.
- C. J Haldeman moved to approve the agenda, B Petrach seconded, and approval was unanimous.
- D. Members' review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: nothing needing review.
- E. Consideration and approval of Minutes from the meeting of October 2, 2014: Initially S Caldwell moved to approve and J Haldeman seconded. In discussion there was confusion over the approval of the wording for the corrections to the May minutes in the October minutes, regarding the county roads projects and capital improvements projects in those minutes, and it was agreed that the language of the wording in the October minutes would be clarified to exactly correct the May minutes. S. Caldwell withdrew her motion and the October and May minutes will be considered at next month's meeting.
- F. Public Comment: J Haldeman wondered about Joe Hopkins' public comment about BWD selling water to the Ocotillo Wells solar project. S Webb had spoken with Lyle Brecht of the BWD Board and was told that no such request had been made to BWD and that therefore it had not been considered by the Board. S Caldwell mentioned that there are sources from which to purchase water in Ocotillo Wells and that BWD need not be involved.
- G. Correspondence: R Caldwell sent a letter communicating Sponsor Group approval of the road projects priority list to Michael Long at DPW (Dept. of Public Works). Rich did not attend a Borrego Valley Foundation meeting. R Caldwell did communicate with the County about roads in connection with a Bicycle event that is upcoming and County staff has been upgrading roads in advance of that event.
- H. Committee reports
 - a. Study Groups: **Park Priority Ad-Hoc Committee** has met twice, no formal recommendations yet. **Park Special Study Group** has met and Mark Jorgenson's report is being reviewed. **Economic Development/Christmas Circle** met twice, work is in progress. **Farmlands Study Group** has not met.

Action Items

- A. Approval of R. Caldwell reimbursement request for payment of 6-month PO Box rental: R Falk moved to approve this reimbursement request, S Webb seconded, six in favor with R Caldwell abstaining passed the motion.
- B. Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report discussion and possible authorization of group comment letter. The Group deferred action and continuing discussion to the December meeting after more information could be gathered. Falk mentioned that a meeting would be occurring on November 7th in Palm Desert to introduce interested parties to the Plan and J Haldeman planned to attend that meeting. S Webb expressed concern that this Plan would involve high voltage power lines through the Park. R Falk requested that T Beltran ask the Native Plant Society for a briefing on DRECP since they are informed about it.

Non-Action Items

- A. None.

Rebecca Falk, Secretary

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