

**County of San Diego**  
**BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 4:30 P.M.**  
**Borrego Springs High School Community Room**  
**2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, California**

**Administrative Items**

- A. Chairman Beltran called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- B. Roll Call of Members. Members present: Tom Beltran, David Farley, Rebecca Falk, Judy Haldeman, and Bonnie Petrach.
- C. Approval of the Agenda. Petrach moved to approve the agenda; Haldeman seconded. Beltran, Falk, Farley, Haldeman and Petrach voted “aye”. No comments presented.
- D. PUBLIC COMMENT – Items not on the agenda and limited to 3 minutes.
- E. Joe Hoskins – speaking about last meeting. Commenting on being voted down due to his “too vigorous” support of the community during his previous membership on the Sponsor Group. Made comment concerning Falk’s support of a solar plant and her opposition to Hopkin’s membership to the Sponsor Group.
- F. Public comment on lack of venue space for this meeting. Chairman Beltran invited public to come inside and sit on the floor.
- G. Comment made that “another” realtor is on the Sponsor Group. Possible conflict of interest cited. No proof given of any conflict.
- H. MEMBER’S REVIEW OF MAPS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIAL. – Nothing to review.
- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from meeting of March 3. Tabled until May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Non-Action Items**

- A. None

**Action Items**

- A. Lyle Brecht, member/director of the Borrego Water District, representing the Borrego Water District Strategic Planning Committee made a presentation on Borrego Country Club Estates, D.S. 24, also known as “Rudyville” and County land use. Spoke about the sustainable groundwater act signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown (D). Noted that this law helps to thwart the County of San Diego from changing the “Rudyville” zoning from approximately one home per 10 acres to one home per each acre. A handout was presented to the Sponsor Group and is listed as exhibit “A”.
- B. Falk moved to adopt the Strategic Planning Committee of the Borrego Springs Water District’s recommendations for groundwater sustainability in the Borrego Valley. Haldeman seconded. Farley, Falk, Petrach, Haldeman approved, Beltran abstained.
- C. Property Specific Request for “Rudyville” presented by Kevin Johnson and others from San Diego County planning and land use. There are two, P.S.R.s in the Borrego area. One being “Rudyville” the other is a zoning change close to the Village area. Maps were presented showing locations of PSRs in Borrego designated as D.S.8 and D.S.24. DS8 located about one half mile from Christmas Circle and DS24 is “Rudyville”.

- D. DS8 is a proposal for changing the “Borrego Springs General Plan” to allow more than 2 “units” per acre in the “Village” area as is presently zoned. Up to 330 dwelling units may occupy the property at this time. If the plan is amended to accommodate the change, up to 726 units may occupy the same area.
- E. Chairman Beltran and member Falk have recused themselves from voting on DS24 known as “Rudyville”.
- F. DS24 “Rudyville” presentation by County. Maps shown and discussed. Special status species and unique flora and fauna discussed as potential obstacles to rezoning.
- G. It was noted that approval by the County, denial or alternative recommendations are solicited from the Sponsor Group to the County.
- H. Chairman Beltran made second note of his recusing himself from voting due to a conflict of interest. Member Falk recused herself from voting due to a conflict of interest. Haldeman explained the Group’s position opposing the upzoning of DS24.
- I. Robert Blum representing the Borrego Village Foundation and the Borrego Village Association presented a handout (exhibit B) and spoke against DS24.
- J. Betsy Knaak, executive director of the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association presented a handout (exhibit C) and spoke opposing the upzoning of DS24.
- K. Linda Haddick, director of the Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce presented a handout (exhibit D) spoke in opposition of the upzoning of DS24.
- L. 17 speakers spoke in opposition of the DS24 “Rudyville” upzoning. No speakers were present to speak in approval of the upzoning.
- M. Motion was made by Farley to oppose upzoning DS24, seconded by Petrach. Ayes – Farley, Petrach, Haldeman. Nays – None. Abstained – None. Recused – Beltran, Falk.
- N. Motion was made by Haldeman to deny the request for upzoning of DS8, seconded by Petrach. Ayes- Farley, Petrach, Falk, Haldeman. Nays- none. Abstained – none. Recused – Beltran. Motion approved.
- O. Presentation of Borrego Valley Inn’s Campground. – No presentation and no action. Tabled until May 5 meeting.
- P. MEMBERSHIP. Action required to re-appoint seat # 10 due to a typographical error.
- Q. Motion by Chairman to nominate Linda Haddock to seat number six of the Sponsor group, seconded by Haldeman. Motion Passed.
- R. Motion by Chairman Beltran to appoint David Farley to seat 10, seconded by Petrach. Motion passed.
- S. Consideration of Sponsor Group increase. Falk would like to table the idea until new members who have been voted in are seated on the Group.
- T. Motion to adjourn by Chairman Beltran, seconded by Petrach. Adjournment at 6:51 p.m.

David Farley, Secretary

The next regular meeting will be held May 5, at 4:30 P.M. at the Borrego Springs High School Community Room, 2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004.

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