

County of San Diego
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday July 6, 2017 at 4:30 P.M.
NEW LOCATION: Borrego Springs Library
587 Palm Canyon Dr. #125, Borrego Springs, California

Administrative Items

- A. Chair Falk called the meeting to order at exactly 4:30 p.m.
- B. Roll Call of Members – Clint Brandin, Bill Haneline, Bonnie Petrach, Chair Rebecca Falk and Secretary David Farley. Members Absent – Judy Haldeman, Linda Haddock.
- C. Approval of the Agenda. - Member Haneline moved to approve the Agenda for the July 6th. Meeting as presented. Member Brandin seconded. All members voting aye, the Agenda was passed.
- D. Members’ review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: 15 minutes.
- E. Consideration and approval of Minutes from the meetings of June 1, 2017. – Member Petrach moved to approve the minutes from the June 1st, 2017 meeting with Member Brandin seconding. Discussion on minor changes. All members voting aye to the minutes with changes made by the Secretary
- F. Public Comment: an opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Sponsor Group on any subject matter within the group’s jurisdiction that is not already on today’s agenda, with a time limit of three minutes (3:00) per speaker.
- G. Correspondence: Welcome to members Bill Haneline and Clint Brandin on having their appointments confirmed by the Board of Supervisors, as well as extensions of the already confirmed appointments for Bonnie Petrash and Rebecca Falk. Committee/Advisory Group reports, including Borrego Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (BVGSPAC). Chair Falk, as the Sponsor Group’s representative to the BVGSPAC, reported to the Group on the status of the Advisory Committee. She said the By-Laws were approved by the committee. Jim Bennet from the Dept. of Water Resources reported to the committee that all wells did not need to be metered or monitored. That only wells pumping more than two acre feet of water per year would be addressed by SGMA. Chair Falk made a point that without all wells being monitored that a true accounting of the extraction would not be accurate and asked opinions of the Group.. The Group agreed as a “straw poll” that all agriculture and commercial wells should be metered and monitored. Falk reported that the next meeting of the BVGSPAC would be July 22nd. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Action Items

- A. Changing Borrego Springs Welcome Signs to include the words “An International Dark Sky Community.” Dark Sky Coalition initiative along with the San Diego County Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering. Former Sponsor Group Member Sam Webb made a presentation to the Group. His presentation was about the signage leading into our community informs drivers that Borrego Springs is an “unincorporated town” in San Diego County. He said the County of San Diego would replace those signs at the entries into Borrego Springs to say that we are a “dark sky” community. The cost of labor and materials would be paid by the County. Farley moved to approve the change with Petrach seconding. All members voting aye. The motion passed.
- B. General Plan Clean-up: Borrego items and a retraction/removal of Rural Manufactured Home (RMH) zoning voted on as B0301 at the April 2017 meeting. The county prefers we vote, but we don’t have to do so. The County is unable to legally proceed with changing General Plan designation for the parcel next to Santiago Estates as they initially recommended and as we recommended they do, since it would involve changing the zoning for about 100 MH designated parcels throughout San Diego County. They would like our approval for the changes noted. - Member Petrach moved to approve the re-zoning as asked for by the County. Brandin seconded. Falk, Petrach, Haneline voted aye. Farley abstained, no nays. Motion passed.

Informational and Non-Action Items

- A. Update on Previous Minutes. August 2016 minutes are missing from the archive of minutes and need to be reproduced.
- B. Reminder: There will be no meeting in August unless a special meeting is called.
- C. Continuing read-through of the Borrego Springs Community Plan, along with discussion and questions, starting at page 41 J, Animal Regulations...Members from the Dark Sky Group were invited to read along with the Group with several passages read by them. Our next reading will start on page 46, Issue CM-22.

The next regular meeting will be held September 7, 2017 at 4:30 P.M. at the Borrego Springs Library Meeting Room, 587 Palm Canyon Drive #125, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. There will be no meeting in August 2017 unless a special meeting is called, and if that happens, it will be publicly noticed 72 hours in advance. For further information contact the Chair at rebfolk7@gmail.com. Address U.S. mail to: Community Sponsor Group, P.O. Box 1371, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-1371.

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