

Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2014

RPAC Member Attendees:

Orval Mosby
Mike Curti
Judy Curti
Ned Welsh
Dan Anthony
Katy Buell
John Vannoy
Bruce Woodworth
Gerry Le Francois
Tim Fesko
Arden Gerbig

Excused Absences:

Mark Langner

Guests:

Douglas Power (MWTC)
Steve Brunner (MWTC)
JJ Caroll (MWTC)
Jeff Ulrich (USFS)
Stacy Simon (Mono County Ec. Development)
Alicia Venice
Jeff Simpson (Mono County Ec. Development)

Public Comment:

Mike Curti – burning season is closed
Dan Anthony – Fisheries commission flier for catch and release fishing
Bob Dunn and Dan Anthony strongly feel that Mono Co needs to have a full hatchery at Conway Ranch. There is presently a fish rearing facility. Problems with water have stopped production at the rearing facility. Fish are being shipped down from Oregon in small trucks and it is inefficient. Need a full hatchery at Conway Ranch. Considering sending out a petition to gain support for the hatchery for the County Commissioners. Anticipate at least 800 signatures from North County. County will continue stocking at the same levels of fish from previous years.

Approval of Minutes:

Corrections: accepted
Moved by Bruce Woodworth
Seconded by Ned Welsh
Passed

Informational / Discussion of Actions:

Stacey Simon – Mono Assistant County Council. Walker River and Walker Lake. Mono County Economic Development Strategies and Prioritization. Update on recent developments on the situation on Walker Lake. Some items have been moved to dismiss. Also continue to voluntarily settle the litigation. Congress has allocated substantial funds to purchase water for Walker Lake. The water district is seeking to lease 25000 acre feet of water from Topaz and Bridgeport reservoir water users to be diverted to Walker Lake. No impact on ground water usage.

Mountain Gate Project Update: Vi White, Arden and Bruce – On schedule to build in September of this year.

\$473,000 from Ca Nat'l Resources agency. Includes a par course, an amphitheater and a fishing platform with a pedestrian trail. Distributed plans, color charts and design options for picnic table. Plant selection was shown (also part of the grant). Issues with temporary water supply to keep the plants alive for the first couple of years. Will need to water this fall. May need some volunteers to help with watering.

Motion to choose between the #1 table and #4 style by Katy and seconded by Tim
8 for #1, 4 for #4 style

Single color or multiple moved by Bruce and seconded Judy. Single color 5, multiple color 6.
Pass the color chart to choose colors.

Color of par course up to the engineer.

Mono County Economic Development Strategies: Alicia Venice Director of Economic Development and Jeff ? gave a presentation on their activities. There are nine recommended strategies from the economic strategic plan developed by consultant.

Tourism Marketing. Funded through TOT tax total annual budget of \$203,000 for marketing

MWTC Update:

Doug Power: Company from Canadian Army training. USA Today doing an article. Friday, June 27, 3PM will be the change of the command.

USFS Update:

Jeff Ulrich: Bi State plan for sage grouse has been funded over the next 10 years. Looking for commercial outfit to utilize 100,000 acres of pinon cut. Short review of Outfitters Needs Assessment. The needs assessment shows the potential to increase outfitters by 200% with no impact.

Supervisor's Report:

Tim Fesko: Have a permanent Public Works Director, Jeff Walters. Approved MOU with Sheriffs Union. Working on getting private lands excluded from the critical habitat for the sage grouse.

Trails Planning/Scenic Byways/Active Transportation Plan:

Gerry LeFrancois discussed the preliminary design ideas. July 28th/29th design team to look at Walker-walking audit. Roll out on the evening of the 29th. Ties into the Scenic Byways.

Motion made and seconded to skip July Meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Dan Anthony

Next meeting: August 7, 2014, 7PM Walker Community Center