

BRIDGEPORT VALLEY

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Meeting of March 20, 2014 7:00 P.M.

Animal Control/Public Health Conference Room
199 Twin Lakes Road, Bridgeport, CA

ACTION MINUTES

Members present: Barry Beck, Walt Lehmann, Steve Noble, Bob Peters, Benny Romero, Erinn Wells

Presenters & County staff present: Wendy Sugimura, Tim Fesko, Doug Power, Jeff Ulrich

Public present: Gene K.

1. **Call to Order** by Chair Beck at 7:00 pm and **Pledge of Allegiance**.
2. **Public comment** (for items not listed on agenda):
 - a. Benny Romero – Future Farmers of America will make the flower hangers. Businesses will water. 4th of July, singer Brent Hill will sing the National Anthem. August 16th the Barns and Terrace will host the Wine and Beef Tasting with Dave Stamey as entertainment.
3. **Informational Items:**
 - a. Supervisor Report (Tim Fesko) – Solar program permits for projects up to \$75,000. Washington, DC trip went well. They had a plan and asked for \$40 million for projects including the Bi-State Sage Grouse plan. The Bodie Road issue as to who is responsible is still unresolved. April 15th the Bodie Road will open.
 - b. MCMWTC Update (Doug Power) – Winter training is continuing
 - c. USFS Update (Jeff Ulrich) – Closing the winter sports area for the MCMWTC. East Walker Pinyon Plan and Wheeler Guard Station areas under sage grouse study.
 - d. Update on local planning issues (Wendy Sugimura): SEC wants to work with commercial properties in regard to savings plans.

4. Action Items

- a. Approve minutes of meeting held February 20, 2014 – Ayes 6 Noes 0 Absent 2.
- b. Recommend the Board of Supervisors send a letter to State legislators requesting assistance in retaining the California Highway Patrol office in Bridgeport (Bob Peters). Moved by Peters, Second by Beck – Ayes 6, Noes 0 Absent 2.

5. Discussion Items

- a. 2014 Housing Element Update input (Wendy Sugimura) - Discussion on the state of housing in Bridgeport – we have a lot of older homes, 2nd homeowners, and a lot of rentals. Construction is expensive. Liquidity of stock or the ability to sell a home is very difficult. Permitting fees are also high.
- b. Unmet Transit Needs (Wendy Sugimura) - Handout of Summary and Analysis of Public Transit Requests for Fiscal Year 2013-14.
- c. Bridgeport Main Street Improvements (Wendy Sugimura)
 - Banner system and banner requirements –
 1. Pole system
 2. Construction of and on banner
 3. Caltrans need to approve – vertical clearance must be met
 4. The banner structure will be permanent
 5. Next Steps – Structural engineering – Can we use Mono County contractors?
 6. Estimated Costs - \$105,000
 - County encroachment permit & landscaping/beautification -
 1. Encroachment permits?
 2. CSA will possibly provide funding for benches, trash cans, recycle bins, etc.
 - Alternative Transportation Plan (ATP) – Must get a grant first.

6. Future agenda items:

- a. How do we bring more people into the town of Bridgeport?

7. Adjourn to April 17, 2014, meeting – Twin Lakes Annex Conference Room.