

BRIDGEPORT VALLEY

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Meeting of February 16, 2017 7:00 P.M.

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

ACTION MINUTES

Members present: Barry Beck, Bob Peters, Benny Romero (by phone), Jeff Hunewill, Steve Noble
Gene Kinum

Presenters & County staff present: Wendy Sugimura, John Peters, Doug Power, Jeremy Marshall,
Mike Booher

Public present: Donna Simersen

1. **Call to Order** by Chair Beck at 7:01 pm and **Pledge of Allegiance**.
2. **Public comment** (for items not listed on agenda):
 - a. Gene: Comments/questions about what can and can't be recycled, specifically plastic and styrofoam, Chair Beck to look into it and report back
 - b. Donna: Asked about the status of the County's transient rental policies, Wendy shared that it would be going before the Board of Supervisors on March 7, and briefly explained the content and how transient rentals would work under the proposed policies
 - c. Barry: Provided an update on tax roll and appeals.
3. **Informational Items:**
 - a. Supervisor Report (John Peters): Reported on funding medical clinic operator; jail construction grant; Caltrans projects: Aspen Fales shoulder widening public hearing, SR 108 truck restriction signage, maintenance costs; Mono County added to state disaster declaration; Conway ranch (sheep grazing); town hall meetings (EMS program, cannabis in AV, snow removal in BP); Local Transportation Commission meeting; community fundraisers

– 4th of July March 4, AV CERT team March 17; County Cannabis Task Force; County legislative platform; cemetery issues; biomass boiler commissioning; flood/sandbag resources. Next EMS workshop here in Bridgeport.

- b. MCMWTC update (Doug Power): Update on battalion trainings and base operations
- c. USFS (Jeremy Marshall): Okay to hire seasonal staff, \$1M for sage grouse projects (projects, grazing permits), internship with BP Indian Colony, fire thinning in Twin Lakes, met with High Sierra Snowcat.
- d. Update on local planning issues (Wendy Sugimura): Provided some information on cannabis – RPAC outreach in March/April, personal use and six plants legal by state law, moratorium affects commercial uses and grows

4. **Action Items**

- a. Approve minutes of meeting held October 20, 2016: Motion by Bob Peters, second Barry Beck. Vote 5-0. Absent: John Migliore, Nick Way, Erinn Wells
- b. Consider amending bylaws to change meeting date to the second Tuesday of every month: Motion to approve bylaw amendment changing the RPAC meeting date to the second Tuesday of the month by Bob Peters, second by Gene K. Discussion: Sup. Peters explained his standing conflict (Antelope Valley Lions Club meetings), RPAC can set its own time (time not set in bylaws), Steve Noble has a standing conflict (CSA meetings). Concern expressed that none of the existing RPAC members should be excluded by the change. Various other dates/solutions discussed. Vote – Ayes: Bob Peters, Gene K., Benny Romero. Nays: Jeff Hunewill, Steve Noble, and Barry Beck. Motion fails due to lack of majority. Further discussion to change the date to the second Thursday of the month. Consensus to bring the item back at the next meeting, Wendy to check with absent RPAC members (Erinn Wells, Nick Way, John Migliore) for any conflicts with second Thursday. Consider moving the meeting start time to 5 pm in the winter, perhaps later in the summer. Direction to hold the next Bridgeport RPAC meeting on March 16, try for 5 pm if no conflicts for absent members.

5. **Discussion Items**

- a. Jail Needs Assessment – Preliminary findings and project alternatives (Wendy Sugimura and Mike Booher): Clarification that medical facilities are intended to be available to public, discussion about security and separation between inmates and public, general discussion of project and inmate population.

b. Main Street improvements: Banner/arch report (Gene K.): Wendy handed out a concept sketch of fixed arms to reduce the span width of the banner; in this concept, the archway would eventually replace the banner. Question to the RPAC is whether this is acceptable. Discussion: RPAC members found the concept to be very appealing, and there was excitement that Caltrans gave the green light on the fixed arm banner; Gene K. would like to investigate heights and would like to keep both. Gene to let Wendy know how his investigation goes, Wendy to ask Rob for some height numbers if both are included. Benny had design for pulley system, will send to Wendy and then talk to engineer.

6. **Future agenda items:** jail facility update, doggie scoop bags, unmet transit needs, initial outreach on County marijuana policies & regulations

7. **Adjourn** at 8:59 pm to March 16, 2017 meeting – Twin Lakes Annex Conference Room.