



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RIDGECREST CITY SUCCESSOR AGENCY,
FINANCING AUTHORITY, AND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555**

**January 20, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Peggy Breeden; Vice Mayor Lori Acton; Council Members Eddie B. Thomas, and Mike Mower

Council Absent: Council Member Sanders

Staff Present: City Manager Dennis Speer; City Clerk Rachel J. Ford; City Attorney Wayne Lemieux, and other staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Substituted an amended Cash Balance document to the ROPS 2016-17 due to clerical error

Motion To Approve Agenda As Amended Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Mower. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 1 Absent (Council Member Sanders).

PUBLIC COMMENT (Closed Session)

- None Presented

Council Member Sanders arrived for Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION

- i. GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City Of Ridgecrest v. Matasantos
- ii. GC54956.8 Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Sale – Ridgecrest Business Park Lot Nos. 29, 30, 31, and 32
- iii. GC54956.9 (d) (4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Cameron Rainwater v. City Of Ridgecrest
- iv. GC54957 Personnel Matters – Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

- Pledge Of Allegiance – Dillon Groves
- Invocation – Pastor Chad

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Closed Session
 - Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City Of Ridgecrest v. Matasantos – report received, case continues.
 - Local Agency Real Property Negotiations – Negotiation For Sale – Ridgecrest Business Park Lot Nos. 29, 30, 31, and 32 – report received, not brought to conclusion.
 - Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Cameron Rainwater v. City Of Ridgecrest – lawsuit dismissed – no city paid damages.
 - Personnel Matters – Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager – information presented and council considered information and continued to future closed session.
- Other
 - none

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation Of Retirement Proclamation To Police Sergeant Mike Myers
Strand
 - Mayor, Council, and Chief Ron Strand presented a retirement proclamation plaque to Sergeant Mike Myers
2. Presentation Of Retirement Recognition For Police Canine Officer Laky
Strand

- Mayor, Council, and Chief Ron Strand presented a retirement recognition to Canine Officer Laky

3. Presentation By Parks And Recreation On The New Concession Stand At The Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex Patin

- Jason Patin presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the design and construction of the new Concession Stand at Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*Regular Session*)

Dave Matthews

- Can definitely say the word among law abiding citizens is we will miss Sgt. Myers.
- Eagles will never be the same with passing of founder Glenn Fry. My favorite song is titled "The Last Resort" and I recommend finding a copy and listening to it because it is what democracy is about.

Benny Ford

- Asked for timeline of construction completion at Norma and Drummond.
- Commented on public being unhappy with Mediacom and noted fiber optic line with Digital 395. Suggested combining road repair with laying of new lines and creating a public utility. Exemplified other city plans. Commented on people willing to pay for conduit to be run to their homes and businesses. Suggested this could improve marketability of the community.
 - Peggy Breeden – commented on meeting of Broadband committee that will report to Council on February 17.
- Suggested pursuing federal and local funding.

Steve Morgan

- Ridgecrest Lions Club events, Seminar January 25 in Kerr McGee Center on Tips for Fighting Fraud in 2016. Designed to help citizens and businesses prevent fraud. Begins at 6:30 p.m. Second item is February 16 in Council Chambers, *District Lions Student Speaker Competition* with speakers presenting on Community Service and what it means to them. Seeking 5 judges to participate and encouraged public to attend.

Speaker

- Provided update on Military Banner program. Challenging to update contact information. Identified vendor to produce the banners and banner saver hardware. Working on a soft opening and hoping to take applications in the spring and post banners 3 times per year. Thanked businesses for donations. Questioned if a business owner who provides a donation can put their logo on the banner.

- Peggy Breeden – need direction from staff and legal counsel.
- Recognized Jerry Taylor. Is amazing that one individual was able to accomplish this. Looking for volunteers to help Terry. Thanked Council for their support.

Tom Wiknich

- Commented on notice from SCE about closing down the local office. PUC has to approve the closures and the closures will be from Mammoth to Barstow. Have a problem with this closure; have seen SCE staff deal with a lot of problems rather than citizens having to go thru a 1-800 number. Encouraged citizens and Council to submit letters during the 60 day comment period encouraging SCE keep at least one office open

Sophia Merck

- Thanked Sgt. Myers. He was wonderful and enjoyed seeing him with people.
- Concur with SCE concern and need to look at this. There are many times people have problems with SCE. If power is out you can't go on the internet or call in. important the City take a stand on this and perhaps hold a public meeting for PUC

Dave Matthews

- Added comments regarding the SCE closure. Personally pays bill in the office rather than mail it in. The office is well utilized because there are a lot of people who don't have computers or online and don't have the money to pay the bill so they make arrangements in the office to make payments. Important this office stays open.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eddie Thomas

- On February 26, from 5-9 the teens will be have bonding night. Location to be announced.

Peggy Breeden

- Former Governor Pete Wilson on January 25 will be at the Marriot to meet with the China Lake Defense Alliance and public is welcome. Cost is \$20. Reservations can be made at the Chamber of Commerce
- East kern air pollution control district meeting announced grants. MVERP to get gas guzzlers off the road. Car replacement and infrastructure grants to pave dirt roads. In past there has been significant funding available. Now public is being asked to be involved and application period is now thru February 26. Information available on website. No matching funds required.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Notice Of Completion On The Cycle 5 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Signing And Striping Of 12 Intersections, Authorizing The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion And Authorizing The Release Of Retention In The Amount Of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred And Fifty Dollars (\$12,850.00) Thirty-Five Days After Recordation Of The Notice Of Completion Speer
5. Adopt A Resolution To Approve The Professional Service Agreement With The Firm Of Willdan Engineering In The Amount Of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) To Provide An Update To The Pavement Management Study (PMS) And Authorize The City Manager Dennis Speer, To Execute The Professional Service Agreement Speer
6. Adopt A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Ridgecrest Setting The Public Hearing For Unmet Transit Needs Findings Speer
7. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Notice Of Completion On The Project Fiscal Year 15-16 Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Authorizing The City Clerk To File The Notice Of Completion And Authorizing The Release Of Retention In The Amount Of Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Five And Thirty Cents (\$42,685.30) Thirty-Five Days After Recordation Of The Notice Of Completion Speer
8. Adopt A Resolution Approving Contract Change Order Number One For The Amount Of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six Dollars And Twenty Five Cents (\$2,846.25) With The Contractor, JTS Construction, For The Kerr McGee Restroom Concession Project And Authorize The City Manager, Dennis Speer To Sign Change Order Number One Patin
9. Adopt A Resolution Of The City Of Ridgecrest Successor Redevelopment Agency Approving The Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) 2016-17 Parsons
10. Approve Draft Minutes Of The Ridgecrest City Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority Minutes For Meeting Dated December 16, 2015 Ford

Items Removed From Consent Calendar for Discussion

- None

Motion To Approve Consent Calendar Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Thomas Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sanders, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

11. Presentation And Discussion Of The Monthly Financial Report

Staheli

Tyrell Staheli

- Presented staff report

Peggy Breeden

- Requested a rolling 12 month review to identify which months are good and which are bad based on revenue received rather than just one month.

Dennis Speer

- Provided examples of budgeting concerns and expenditures that only come once per year.

Public Comment

Stan Rajtora

- Question regarding general fund, last year revenue was slightly over \$14M and expenditures were under \$14M. If looking at this year it appears revenue is \$13.8M and spending \$14.7M. Looks like we are spending more than revenue. Requested clarification.
 - Tyrell Staheli – each year there are encumbrances that roll over and are spent in the next budget year but these are not re-budgeted. Previously allocated.
- Clarified we are not going to spend more than we bring in.
- Wastewater expended 12% of what was budgeted. What aren't we doing?
 - Dennis Speer – one item is repair, replacement, and rehab of sewer line so moving forward. If these projects go under contract we will spend these funds.
 - Loren Culp – anticipate award of the project contracts so funds will be expended.
- Commented on the \$7.2M wastewater budget. Commented on \$1.3M additional funds in the budget than what was actually authorized. Asked for clarification.
 - Tyrell Staheli – encumbered expenditures which rolled from the previous budget. Several contract commitments which have carried forward.

12. Appointment To Measure 'L' Citizens Advisory Committee

Breeden

Peggy Breeden

- Presented staff report

Lori Acton

- Nominated Steve Morgan to Measure 'L' Committee who has had success in previous boards

Motion To Approve Steve Morgan As Measure 'L' Committee Member Made By Council Member Acton, Second By Council Member Sanders. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sanders, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent

13. Council Committee Appointments

Breeden

Mayor Breeden

- Presented staff report
- Everybody wanted to stay on current committees.
- I need to make a change on Kern COG letter to be sent to Kern COG noting Council Member Mower as appointee and Jim Sanders as alternate

Motion To Appoint Council Member Mower As The Appointee For Kern COG And Jim Sanders As The Alternate Made By Mayor Breeden, Second By Council Member Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sanders, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent

14. Review and Discussion Of The Proposed Draft Joint Powers Authority Agreement For The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Breeden

Wayne Lemieux

- Reviewed legal requirements pertaining to Groundwater Sustainability Agency.
- Identified options for Joint Powers Authority.
- Kern County has taken lead in trying to adopt a Joint Powers Authority with local agencies.
- Meadowbrook Dairy Mutual Water Company and Pistachio Mutual Water Company have come forward with request that Mutual Water Companies be included in the GSA.
- Explained CIGMA recognition of Mutual Water Companies as being parties to the Joint Powers Authority but with limited powers.
- Kern County has taken position that the IWV GSA should be limited to public agencies.
- Referenced the formation process for the GSA and the amount of preliminary work involved.
- Commented on two adjudication trials which he participated in previously.
- Advisory committees could include mutual water companies, experts in geology and hearings will be held on how to manage the water basin. If it is over drafted then everybody that uses the basin will have to cut back in some way.

- GSA will have to determine how to equitably ration the water if there is a need to cut back.
- Commented on Kern County stance of not allowing Mutual Water Companies to participate, one mutual water company believes they have a right to participate by law.
- Tonight's question is whether Council will support participation of mutual water companies on the joint powers authority.
- This is not a one sided decision. Kern County has taken the lead, if we fail to form a joint powers authority then the county would control the basin.
- Recommend forming the JPA without mutual water companies with the understanding the mutual water companies will participate on advisory committees. There are 5 other public agencies that have a say in this, we are not the only agency making this decision.
- BLM and the Navy would like to participate as non-voting members.
- If this is approved tonight, the JPA has to be fleshed-out and brought back to all the other agencies for approval. Do not believe the agreement could be ready before June or July. Has to be hearings, notices to the State. July 1 would be an ambitious date to form the authority.

Peggy Breeden

- Recommendation is to form the JPA with public agencies, total of 6, and other mutual water companies are welcome to participate on other committees.

Public Comment

Brent McManible

- Represents Meadowbrook Dairy and Meadowbrook Mutual Water Company
- Asked for clarification of action being taken tonight.
- Believe this is the beginning of the process and would like to have a voice in the process.
- Meadowbrook Dairy and Mutual Water Company is in the Indian Wells Valley and owns many acres to grow alfalfa. Been in existence many years. Worked with Kern County on the IWV Land Use plan. Participate in the Indian Wells Valley Management Group and can lend their knowledge and support. Are supportive of the GSA and want to be part of the process.
- January 1 amendment allows mutual water companies to participate in the CIGMA process and on GSA's
- SB13 requires mutual water companies to participate and be included in the GSA if they want to be. Meadowbrook wants to be an active board member of the GSA.
- Read excerpt from a letter.
- Asking all local public agencies to include Meadowbrook on the GSA
- GC6525 is part of the joint powers act and declares mutual water companies are part of the GSA.
- CIGMA, SB13, and GC6525 give right to participate as a voting member of GSA.

Brent McManible *(continued)*

- Other agencies are forming JPA, including Sacramento valley JPA which has been successful.
- Requesting Council include mutual water companies as a voting board member on the JPA

Jim Sanders

- Asked Legal Counsel for definition of Mutual Water Company
 - Wayne Lemieux – sell water only to their shareholders.

Tom Wiknich

- Questioned the action being taken tonight and if the draft agreement is being reviewed.
 - Wayne Lemieux – the draft will be changed several times before finalized. At this time Council is voting whether to participate in Joint Powers Authority with Mutual Water Companies or without Mutual Water Companies. There are many parts that are not in the agreement and need to be included; it is not ready for vote tonight. County has put out a proposal that does not include mutual water companies. Do not see any inclination for them to change their mind so if we insist on allowing mutual water companies then very likely we could be invited to not participate in the GSA.
- Staff report does not reflect the discussion.
- Will withhold comments until this item returns for discussion of the final agreement documents.

Brent McManible

- Attended the board of supervisors meeting and no action was taken because the form attached was not the one they wanted. They will be returning to the discussion with the right document to vote.

Dave Matthews

- Questioned who put the Joint Powers Authority document together and do all the potential agency members have a copy of this document.
- Even though we will see this again we should probably start thinking about it now.
- The intent is to for a groundwater sustainability agency so why do we have a joint powers authority.
- Could not find exhibit A
 - Wayne Lemieux – this is an intermittent process. Each agency throws out their comments and along the way things shake out like the mutual water company.
- Commented on reference to Naval Weapons Station China Lake
- Concerned about the cost of operation being shared by all members and believe the state should be paying for this since they are the ones who are requiring this.

Mrs. Mead

- Agree with Meadowbrook attorney in that the board of supervisors did not take a vote regarding allowing mutual water companies. The water district did vote in favor 5-0 of allowing mutual water company as a part of the GSA
 - Peggy Breeden – Don Zdeba sent a letter. They will make a decision at their next meeting. They wanted it to be all inclusive but have not made the final vote.
- Disagrees with Mr. Zdeba. Suggest following the lead of the water district.
 - Peggy Breeden – there is a difference between participating and being a voting member. They did not vote on this and will be voting at their Friday meeting.
 - Wayne Lemieux – any corporation that forms a mutual water company can have equal vote if they can force their way onto the board. The 6 agencies identified serve a lot of people. They serve water and have land use powers.
- There are only 3 requesting to be board members and they are all large water users.
 - Wayne Lemieux – any corporation can make themselves a water company and if mutual water companies are allowed then these can join the board. This basin is going to be managed the same as land use according to planning and zoning laws. Not talking about anything more specific than whether the city will be participating. State says we have to manage the basin and joint powers authority is a way to manage the basin.
- Commented on the eligible agencies.
 - Wayne Lemieux – counties can form a JPA if the local agencies don't get on board.

Sophia Merck

- Commented on impression of JPA as the vehicle to use for GSA.
- Requested the agenda reflect what is actually being done and in words the public can understand
- Supports the GSA

Stan Rajtora

- First time I have heard comment about Mutual Water Companies having limited authority in the GSA. Asked for description of the limits.
 - Wayne Lemieux – reviewed the seven laws which were passed. Will look for this information while you continue your comments
- Is important for Mutual Water Companies to be a major part of the solution.
 - Wayne Lemieux – question is the voting authority, they could veto the management plan established by the local agencies.
- If they are going to be a major factor in using the water then should have a voice in how it is done.

Stan Rajtora *(continued)*

- Commented on the design being inclusive. Trying to keep a large water user out of the GSA is backwards from what was intended. Only takes one person to go to court and adjudication is the last thing the valley needs. We may not win. Important to understand what was said with regard to limiting the mutual's authority. If GSA authority is limited for including mutual's then willing to change my mind. We have already stated we want to be a member of the GSA but is too early to exclude anyone.
 - Wayne Lemieux – some of the mutual water companies take the position that they have a right to be on the GSA and that their water use takes priority over other users. This is what causes litigation.
- Anything we can do to avoid adjudication should be looked at seriously. Adjudication is not nice, everybody gets hurt. Need to think this thru before going along with the County.
 - Wayne Lemieux – there won't be adjudication. CIGMA has set it up that way. Whatever you don't get from GSA you won't get in court.
- Need to sit back and think seriously about the consequences of excluding someone because it could backfire on us.
- Would be interested in seeing specifically what powers are retained if Mutual's are allowed on the board.
 - Wayne Lemieux – private parties are not allowed to make policing. Must be entities with governmental powers.
- Need to think seriously before we exclude a major player.
 - Wayne Lemieux – there are ways to be inclusive without being on the board of directors. Question is some farmers are saying they are number one and they get to decide. This is not going to make it.
- My concern is that the city and water district does alright. Don't want to let one person in Bakersfield dictate what we are going to do.

Mrs. Mead

- Questioned Mr. Lemieux about the Navy sitting on the board as a non-voting member which seems to be OK with agencies. Why can't the mutual's sit on the board a non-voting? Could they and would that diminish the JPA powers.
 - Wayne Lemieux – the Navy is a public agency.
- If the Navy sits at the table and provides expertise, then why wouldn't the three mutual's sit at the table with their expertise.
 - Wayne Lemieux – will look into this.
- Suggested this as an offer that could be made to the Mutual's
 - Lori Acton - There are currently three Mutual's but to allow them as a voting member opens the potential of 100's of mutual who could then tip the balance for voting. Voting members are elected positions so the public could change the makeup with how they vote and this cannot be done for Mutual's. this is an important factor when land is involved also.

Peggy Breeden

- Commented on mutual water companies concerns for themselves.
- Everyone in the valley must work together
- I want everyone to participate but do not want everyone to vote. Exemplified Searles Valley Minerals voting for their stockholders.
- Meadowbrook farms and pistachio farms are great entities.
- We all vote in our self-interest. The navy and BLM have indicated they want to sit on the board as advisory but non-voting. Think this is a good thing.
- We are asking tonight whether an idea of voting, we are not locked into it.
- This does not mean everyone else is not important.

Tim Fox

- Legal counsel for the Navy has determined that the Navy cannot vote on public policy.

Mike Mower

- Questioned whether we have the right document.
- Do not need to vote on this tonight, County will vote on theirs
- Do not want the County alone to control the water. Suggested waiting to next meeting to make sure what the County and water district is going to do.
- Need to word the agenda differently and propose we vote at the next meeting.
- Feel the voting members should be elected officials.

Wayne Lemieux

- Putting this off is not a big deal. Two more weeks will give us time to draft more in-depth reports. Will make it work.
- By not taking action does not mean you have rejected County's proposal and I will inform the County of this.

Peggy Breeden

- Need to come to a point where someone is representing the City.

Jim Sanders

- Came prepared to discuss the points of the agreement.
- One thing firm in my mind is this forms a government entity. The principal of government is we are governed by ourselves and to have company as a voting member abandons that concept. An elected official can be removed by a vote of the people but a company representative can't. Having their participation if valuable and love the idea of having them as a non-voting member.
- Question on the agreement is 'special activities' which is loosely defined.
 - Wayne Lemieux – when we get to the agreement we will try to give a staff report that explains most of what is in the agreement.

Item No. 14 *(continued)*

Motion To Postpone Item To Next Regular Meeting Made By Council Member Mike Mower, Seconded By Eddie Thomas. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sander, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

15. Approve A Letter Of Support For Alternative No. 3 Of The West Mohave Plan (WEMO) Route Network Project and Plan Amendment **Mower**

Mike Mower

- Presented staff report
- Comment Period has been extended to January 25.

Lori Acton

- Presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding WEMO comment period. Have submitted comments on behalf of myself in favor of alternative 3
- Provided background on route designation and lawsuit.

Steve Morgan

- Reviewed the current trails versus the proposed trails
- Referenced number of years involved and participation in multiple meetings.
- Reason court required BLM review the plan is due to comments received from other cities and agencies.
- We have hope this will be approved with increased mileage of traversable trails.
- There are fewer motorcycle designated but there are more areas accessible for OHV. There are more non-motorized trails available.
- Emphasized the alternative 3 summary.
- Route network was based from 1980 to present and ignored all routes prior to that time. This alternative eliminates that. This is a step in the right direction to get the recognition of routes.
- The major complaint we have that should be expressed is 'there has to be a no net loss statement in the document'. There was no designation that this is the plan and we have to go back to everybody if we want to make changes.
- If a group says the 3-toed sloth has habitat in an area, they can take it away without proving the claim.
- The no net loss statement, where if modifications are going to be made, they have to speak to us and justify to us the "best available" science.
- We walked the city's open and undeveloped lots in town. They wanted to do this within the city borders. The only thing we could get them to state is 'that looks like habitat', 'it could be habitat'. This is a very dangerous game.
- Feel alternative 3 is the best alternative for the city.
- Ask there be a no net loss provision be in the letter as part of our economic development for this city.

Lori Acton

- When trucks come in and race, each truck spends about \$5000 locally so this is a huge revenue generator for the economy.

Steve Morgan

- Thanked Council Member Mower for understanding how important this is and getting it on the agenda tonight.

Public Comment

Sophia Merck

- A large part of the population uses the desert. When you have alternative routes, it helps. Sometimes when it rains and a road washes out then people have to use one of these alternative routes.
- Agrees with the no net loss statement
- Thanked council for putting this on the agenda.

Dave Matthews

- Thanked Lori, Mike and Steve for putting this on.
- Mr. Morgan and I started with the WEMO process in the late 1990's
- After 20 years you get weary and agree the no net loss statement needs to be in the letter.

Minute Motion To Approve A Letter Of Support For Alternative No. 3 Of The West Mohave Plan (WEMO) Route Network Project And Plan Amendment With A 'No Net Loss' Statement Included Made By Council Member Mower, Second By Council Member Acton. Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes (Mayor Breeden, Council Members Sanders, Acton, Thomas, And Mower); 0 Noes; 0 Abstain; And 0 Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee Meeting dates are subject to change and will be announced on the City website)

City Organization and Services Committee

Members: Lori Acton; Mike Mower
Meetings: 4th Wednesday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Council Conference Room B

Mike Mower

- Meeting cancelled

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Jim Sanders; Mike Mower
Meetings: 3rd Thursday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Council Conference Room B

Mike Mower

- Peggy will attend

❖ **Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee**

Members: Jim Sanders; Peggy Breeden
Meetings: 3rd Monday each month at 5:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Conference Room B

Jim Sanders

- Moving meeting to February 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Parks, Recreation, and Quality of Life Committee

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton
Meetings: 1st Tuesday each month at 12:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

Lori Acton

- No report will meet soon

❖ **Ad Hoc Youth Advisory Council**

Members: Eddie Thomas
Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 12:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Kerr-McGee Center Meeting Rooms

Eddie Thomas

- Met January and did gardening and cleaning of debris and made a rock path around the city.

Activate Community Talents and Interventions For Optimal Neighborhoods Task Force (ACTION)

Members: Eddie Thomas; Lori Acton
Meetings: Quarterly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. as needed
Location: Kerr McGee Center Meeting Rooms

Eddie Thomas

- No report

Ridgecrest Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB)

Members: Lori Acton and Eddie Thomas
Meetings: 1st Wednesday Of The Month, 8:00 A.M.
Next Meeting: To Be Announced

Lori Acton

- Read director's report (*Attachment A*)

OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS

Kern Council Of Governments

Member: Peggy Breeden
Meetings: 3rd Thursday Of The Month

Peggy Breeden

- Meeting tomorrow, Mike will attend

League of California Cities - Desert Mountain Division

Member: Peggy Breeden, Eddie Thomas
Meetings: Feb. 19th, April 15, June 17, Aug. 12, Oct. 5 - 7, Nov. 18th

Peggy Breeden

- Cannot attend, need volunteer to attend in Adelanto on the 19th. Jim and Eddie

Kern County Association of Cities

Member: Peggy Breeden
Meetings: Last Monday Of The Month

Peggy Breeden

- Meeting cancelled

East Kern Air Pollution Control District

Member: Peggy Breeden
Meetings: 2nd Tuesday Of The Month

Peggy Breeden

- Provided information about grant money available
- Series of changes coming up on standards. Encouraged public to look at these in the newspaper

Indian Wells Valley Economic Development Corp.

Attendee: Peggy Breeden, Eddie Thomas
Meetings: 1st Thursday Of The Month

Peggy Breeden

- Met last week
- Approved for economic development magazine which will be out soon
- Board of trade grant received for sports committee
- Working on other things and meeting the 29th

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Management Group

Attendee: Peggy Breeden
Meetings: 3rd Thursday Of The Month

Peggy Breeden

- Meeting tomorrow

Groundwater Sustainability Agency Eligible Agencies

Attendee: Peggy Breeden
Meetings: 3rd Thursday Of The Month

Peggy Breeden

- Being changed to City Hall at 10:00a.m the 3rd Friday of the month.

Eastern Kern Economic Alliance

Attendee: Peggy Breeden, Eddie Thomas
Meetings: 2nd Tuesday Of The Month

Eddie Thomas

- Presentation by Lorelei regarding economics for wind and solar power reducing the price of oil.
- Possible new solar project in Kern County
- Good things coming out of the committee

Navy Community Council

Attendee: Peggy Breeden
Meetings: As Needed

Peggy Breeden

- No report

Indian Wells Valley Water District

Attendee: Peggy Breeden
Meetings: 2nd Monday Of The Month

Peggy Breeden

- Friday the 25th at 9:00 am

Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce

Attendee: Peggy Breeden
Meetings: 2nd Thursday Of The Month

Peggy Breeden

- Workshop on the 30th at 9:00 am at the Marriott

Friends Of Jawbone

Attendee: Lori Acton
Meeting: 3rd Wednesday Of The Month At 9:00 a.m.

Lori Acton

- Did not attend but did meet on grant funding which we did not participate in.

Ridgecrest Roundtable (BLM Steering Committee)

Attendee: Lori Acton
Meetings: 4th Thursday Of The Month At 6:30 p.m.

Lori Acton

- Meets next thursday

Bowman Business District

Attendee: Lori Acton
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday Of The Month At 5:00 p.m.

Peggy Breeden

- No report, meetings suspended until further notice.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Dennis Speer

- Wastewater treatment facility workshop is the 28th in council chambers.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mike Mower

- No comments

Eddie Thomas

- Thanked the church of latter day saints for hosting Martin Luther King Jr. event.
- Looking at hosting a black history program on Panamint Street in February. Community day and public invited.

Jim Sanders

- No comments

Lori Acton

- Thanks for support with BLM and a lot of things coming up this year.

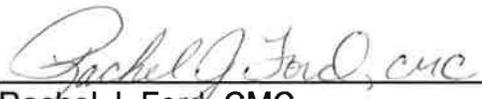
Peggy Breeden

- Water district passed ordinance 100 limiting watering on even and odd days, need to modify our ordinance.
 - Dennis Speer – working with attorney
 - Eddie Thomas – due to reduced watering there is an issue of dead trees, is there a plan for taking care of dead trees.
- Asked about union negotiations
 - Denis Speer – met with them last week
- Stock market going down, do we have investments such as PERS
 - Tyrell Staheli – PERS may have investments and could impact future contribution rates.

Peggy Breeden *(continued)*

- Would like to look back at the median art committee how side properties next to Business Park can be taken care of. Want to look at this so we do not depend on the goodness of others to do our work.
- Will see you at the workshop on Thursday the 28th.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:28 p.m.



Rachel J. Ford, CMC
City Clerk

Monthly Director's Report for RACVB For **December** 2015 Held at Kerr McGee Center

January 6, 2016

- ❖ RACVB welcomes back Vicky Sykes as a RACVB Board of Director. She has been on leave for a few meetings and we are happy to welcome Vicky Sykes back.
- ❖ Kern County having "State of the County Dinner" Wednesday January 27, 2016 in Bakersfield, CA. tickets \$75.00 each, contact Peggy Breeden. The Petroglyph Education Foundation will be donating 49 Petroglyph Rocks to be part of their "centerpieces".
- ❖ January 16 & 17, 2016 – The RACVB will be represented, by Vickie Waite, at the 3rd Annual Travel and Adventure Show in San Diego.
- ❖ "Kern County 150th Birthday Bash", will be held April 16, 2016 on a Saturday. City of Shafter, CA Mayor Kathy Prout will be assisting RACVB with the 1st District coordination of the event activities.
- ❖ Lauryn Petty will begin her Internship with RACVB in Mid-January.
- ❖ Doug Lueck informed Directors that RACVB will be having their own "Gift Shop" with merchandise such as postcards, tee-Shirts, spoons, etc. with Ridgecrest, California printed on them.
- ❖ Doug Lueck happily announced to Directors that the RACVB and its team, received the Kern County Board of Trade Grant, for the amount of \$4,855.00.

FILMING: Ridgecrest Regional Film Commission

For the month of **December**, there was a total of **1** production for the Ridgecrest Film Commission.

At **Inyokern Airport**, there was **1** production as well, for **December** filming production.

Total for December 2015: \$ 70,000.00

Next Board of Director's meeting will be Wednesday, **February 3, 2016**, location will be Kerr McGee Center.