



Minutes of Meeting – October 20, 2022

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 32 people in attendance.
2. Flag Salute/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call of the Directors and Attendance: Directors Seaneen McArdle, Lisa Checkley, Tim Blakeley, and William Parkman were in attendance. New Director Joel Mackay was introduced and the Chair advised that he was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Director Donna Morris. He was then seated on the Council. Directors Riley and Shoffner were excused.
4. Public Comment Period: - No comments.
5. Community Leader Reports:
 - a. Kern County Sheriff – Sgt Curt Davis provided statistics on calls for service (323), of which 69 were crimes committed with 11 arrests.
 - b. Assemblyman Tom Lackey – Carlo Basail advised the attendees that the office of Assemblyman Lackey can be contacted by calling 661-267-7636. He added that he has business cards if anyone would like one. Carlo noted that their office has been handling complaints and issues with Insurance and EDD and that they would be interested in hearing if anyone is having problems. His second briefing item was on the Middle Class Tax Refund program. He noted that this State of California refund program is based on electronic tax returns done in 2020 and will average out to about \$700 for a couple or \$200 for a person with no dependents. The last briefing item was on the EIR for the CA High Speed Rail Program (HSR). He noted that comments on the EIR must be submitted before the end of November for this leg of the Project (Palmdale to Burbank). Carlo noted that the Project began in earnest in 2012 and as of this date, only 15 percent has been completed. He advised that this is a very long-term project.
 - c. Kern County District-2 Supervisor – Laura Lynne Wyatt advised that the Revitalization and Repair Program contract for Diamond Street has been awarded. She advised that the start of the Project has been pushed to the start of January 2023 in order not to interfere with the annual Christmas Lights Parade.
 - d. Rosamond Chamber of Commerce – Jack Miller announced that on October 29, 2022 there will be a “Trunk Or Treat” event conducted with Grocery Outlet by the Chamber of Commerce and will start at 5:00 p.m. He added that there will be a Christmas parade and it will occur on December 3rd. Jack noted that today the Chamber had its first luncheon at Guido’s at Rosamond AirPark and that it was a success and a good turnout of the business community was heartening. He advised that these luncheons will continue and there will be guest speakers like HydroStor, Clearway Solar and others. Jack concluded his comments by noting that he hopes these will lead to solutions rather than being another platform for complaining.
 - e. Kern County Unified School District Superintendent – Barbara Gaines advised that they will be moving to break ground for the Tropico Middle School Expansion Project which will include 28 new classrooms, staff spaces, four new restrooms and a new track for the physical education program and sports. This will start during the Christmas break when students are not on campus. She added that they will be meeting with the Architect to review the old Rosamond Elementary School campus. The State will be providing \$2.8 million for modernization and repairs. She added that they have one building that has two restrooms that they are looking at as being a future home for the Historical Society. In closing, Superintendent Gaines advised that they still have four teacher vacancies and she solicited the community to help in locating some teachers that might be willing to come to the District.
 - f. Antelope Valley Citizens for the Responsible Use of Water (AVCRUW) – Randy Scott noted that we are now entering our fourth year of drought. He added that there have been significant events in the weather arena but that it has had little overall impact in improving our drought position. We have received only 76 percent of the average participation this recently concluded rain year. It is the driest three-year drought period on record.
6. New Business:
 - a. Guest Speaker(s):
 - (1) Rosamond South Solar Project: Chair William Parkman turned the floor over to Kelsey Jonat, Clearway Solar to speak on the Rosamond South Project. They presented information regarding the Rosamond South Solar and Storage Project, a proposed solar and battery facility located approximately 7 miles west of State Highway 14 and located adjacent to existing solar sites owned/operated by Clearway Solar. The Project would generate up to 165 megawatts of renewable energy, and

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up to 245 megawatts of energy storage, on approximately 1,302 acres of privately-owned land. The Project team provided an overview of the project and were available to answer questions from the Community at the conclusion of the RMAC meeting. The entire presentation can be viewed on YouTube at [\(174\) 20221020 • RMAC MEETING - YouTube](#). The Project Overview is provided as an attachment to these minutes.

(2) Gem Hill Quarry Project (Cal/Portland): Desire Maggard addressed the community regarding the Cal/Portland Quarry Project and advised that there is a handout that the presentation is taken from. She introduced members of the Project Team Randall Bates (Project Manager) and Sara Alvarado (Public Affairs). Desire provided background history on Cal/Portland and the facilities in the East County near Rosamond. She discussed at length the Environmental Impact Report for the Project and answered questions from the community and the Rosamond News. The entire Cal/Portland presentation can be viewed at the tagline provided in the above paragraph for the Rosamond South Solar Project. A handout presentation on the Project is provided as an attachment to these minutes.

b. **Approve RMAC Meeting Minutes from the August 18, 2022 session.** On motion from Lisa Checkley and seconded by Tim Blakeley the minutes were approved. Four Ayes, Zero Nays, One Abstention.

c. **Committee Reports**

(1) Discussion and Vote on By-Law Amendments – The Draft By-Laws were presented for consideration and two comments were received. The first suggestion is to add Laura Lynne Wyatt to the Council which was rejected by County Counsel. The second suggestion made by Joel Mackay was outlining the rules and process for removing a Director from the Council. General discussion ensued and it was agreed to review and make changes to the Draft By-Laws and present for acceptance at the November RMAC Meeting. The Council unanimously agreed to postpone the vote to November's meeting.

(2) Gem Hill Ad Hoc Committee Update – No update at this time.

(3) Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Update – Laura Lynne Wyatt provided a public presentation on the RMAC Strategic Plan and presented the findings to the Council for review, consideration and adoption as appropriate. A copy of the RMAC Strategic Plan presented by the Ad Hoc Committee is provided as an attachment to these minutes.

7. **Old Business: None.**

8. **Director Referrals and Comments:** Directors discussed promoting a recruiting drive for Sheriff's Deputies for the County, telling the community about a Neighborhood Cleanup, scheduling a Bulk Waste Day with Waste Management, discussing the RMAC Strategic Plan that was received at this meeting and finding ways to work with the Kern County Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol to improve safety in the greater Rosamond area.

9. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Director Checkley and seconded by Director Blakeley. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on November 17, 2022 at Hummel Hall at 7:00 p.m.

California Government Code, Section 31010: The Board of Supervisors of any county may by resolution establish and provide funds for the operation of a municipal advisory council for any unincorporated area in the county to advise the board on such matters which relate to that area as may be designated by the board concerning services which are or may be provided to the area by the county or other local governmental agencies, including but not limited to advice on matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works, and planning. Unless the board of supervisors specifically provides to the contrary, a municipal advisory council may represent the community to any state, county, city, special district or school district, agency or commission, or any other organization on any matter concerning the community. The board may pay from available funds such actual and necessary expenses of travel, lodging, and meals for the members of the council while on such official business as may be approved by the board.

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(Government Code Section 54953.2)

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