

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – November 17, 2022

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.** There were 23 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute/Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Brennan Riley, Seaneen McArdle, Joel Mackay, Dennis Shoffner, and William Parkman were in attendance. Directors Checkley and Blakeley were excused.
4. **Public Comment Period: - No comments.**
5. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - a. **Assemblyman Tom Lackey** – Carlo Basail noted that the Assembly is wrapping up business on several bills and will be adjourning for the holidays at the end of the week. He reminded everyone that they are available if someone needs help with matters resulting from pending or passed legislation.
 - b. **Kern County District-2 Supervisor** – Laura Lynne Wyatt advised that development of a Skate Park design is moving along.
 - c. **Rosamond Chamber of Commerce** – Jack Miller advised that the Chamber Luncheons are proving to be popular with the business community. He added that the Christmas Parade is on track for December 3, 2022. Jack advised that the application to be in the parade is free and they will accept them all the way up to the day of the event. The Toy Drive is kicking off on December 10th. He is soliciting toy donations and they can be brought to the Chamber between 3 to 5 pm.
 - d. **Kern County Unified School District Superintendent** – Barbara Gaines advised that she would be unable to attend.
 - e. **Antelope Valley Citizens for the Responsible Use of Water (AVCRUW)** – Randy Scott advised that there has been no change in our water status.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Guest Speaker(s):**

Bullhead Solar Project: Chair William Parkman turned the floor over to Scott Culkey, Henry Smith and Krista Hudson of EDF. They provided a handout of the Project Profile for the Bullhead Solar and Storage Project. EDF Renewables has been involved with solar projects in and around Rosamond for many years. This new project will bring 270MWac/270MW battery storage to the community and will interconnect with the SCE Whirlwind Substation and the LADWP Rosamond Switching Station (planned). Construction is anticipated to start in the 2nd quarter of 2024 and commercial operation coming on line in the 4th quarter of 2025.
 - b. **Approve RMAC Meeting Minutes from the October 20, 2022 session.** The meeting minutes were not ready for presentation to the Council. They will be presented at the January 19, 2023 Council meeting.
 - c. **Committee Reports - None**
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Discussion and Vote to Approve Amendments to By-Laws** – At October's meeting, it was suggested that the District-2 Supervisor's Representative be added to the RMAC Council. County Counsel weighed in and advised that would not be acceptable and, in addition, is not addressed in these proposed changes to the By-Laws. The suggestion was not acted on. In response to Joel Mackay's suggestion last month to add in guidelines and procedures for the dismissal of an RMAC Director. The matter was reviewed at length and it was agreed that making reference to the applicable sections of government code would be adequate to provide direction to the Council. There were no other outstanding items for the revised by-laws. A motion was put forth and seconded to accept the changes and revised language in the By-Laws and to forward them to the Board of Supervisors for adoption. A roll call vote occurred as follows: Shoffner-Aye, Joel Mackay-Aye, Seaneen McArdle-Aye, Brennan Riley-Aye, William Parkman-Abstain. County Counsel advised that they would prepare the package for submission to the Board of Supervisors.
8. **Director Referrals and Comments:** As previously agreed, there will be no RMAC meeting in December due to the Christmas holidays.
9. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Director Shoffner and seconded by Director Riley. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on January 19, 2023 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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