

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – November 18, 2021

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.** This is the fourth meeting since the return to regular, in-person meetings at Hummel Hall for the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council. There were 18 people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Directors Tim Blakeley, Lisa Sanchez, Seaneen McArdle and Bill Parkman were in attendance. Directors Brennan Riley and Dennis Shoffner were excused absences.
4. **Public Comment Period:**
 - a. A representative from Cal/Portland spoke to the Council and the community in attendance on the preliminary planning for a gravel mining operation at/near the old Tropico Mines off Mojave-Tropico Road. He added that the plan is for use of this area for the next 30 years to provide aggregate for Cal/Portland construction operations. There was further discussion regarding the potential impacts including noise, water and air quality, however, the Council has not received any notice from the Planning Department on the Project. Cal/Portland is being penciled in as the Guest Speaker at the January 20, 2022 Monthly Meeting.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. **Approve Minutes:** The minutes for the October 21, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion made by Lisa Sanchez and seconded by Tim Blakeley. The vote was unanimous for adoption (4-0).
 - b. **Guest Speaker:** None scheduled.
 - c. **Community Leader Reports –** (Please limit report to no more than two minutes)
 - **Kern County Sheriff's Office:** No representative in attendance.
 - **California Highway Patrol:** Lt John Williams. He advised the community that he will be retiring from the Mojave District of the California Highway Patrol on January 14, 2022. The Chair and other Directors took a few moments to express their appreciation for the outstanding service and commitment to safety that John brought to the job for the residents of East Kern and the community of Rosamond.
 - **Kern County Fire Department:** Chief Anthony Romero. Provided handouts to attendees.
 - **Assemblyman Tom Lackey:** Carlo Basail. The Assembly is working on some bills associated with CALVET specifically affordable housing for veterans.
 - **Kern County Supervisor's representative:** Laura Lynn Wyatt.
 - **Rosamond Community Services District:** No representative in attendance.
 - **Rosamond Chamber of Commerce:** Jack Miller.
 - **Southern Kern Unified School District:** No representative in attendance.
 - **Antelope Valley Citizens for Responsible Use of Water:** Randy Scott. No change in water availability and status.
 - **Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB):** No representative in attendance.
 - **Others:**
 - d. **Special Meeting – Redistricting:** Map A3 was approved by the Kern County Board of Supervisors. This map essentially maintains the Districts as currently structured with some boundary line adjustments in the immediate vicinity of Bakersfield.
 - e. **Community Announcements:** None.
 - f. **Committee Reports:**
 - (1) **Review of By-laws:** Ongoing liaison with County Counsel. Review is continuing.
 - g. **December 16, 2021 Monthly Meeting:** The Council on a motion from Tim Blakeley and seconded by Seaneen McArdle to cancel the December 16, 2021 meeting was approved unanimously. The next meeting was set for January 20, 2022.
9. **Business Meeting - Committee Reports - Ad Hoc Committees established for the following items:**
 - a. **Review of By-laws:** Chairman Parkman and Directors Sanchez and Shoffner. Continuing.
10. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Administration, office space, files and equipment.** A draft letter was reviewed and approved by the Council unanimously (4-0).

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council - Minutes for November 18, 2021 Meeting

b. Brown Act/Ethics Training. Training was completed earlier in the day on October 21, 2021 at Hummel Hall by Kendra Graham, Kern County Counsel by Zoom Teleconference for six of the seven Directors. Director Seaneen McArdle was excused due to a family matter. All Directors need to complete AB1234 Ethics Training for this year (The Chair recognized some have completed the training but he did not have the list readily available). Ethics Training is available online at <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>. Sexual Harassment Training is also available online at: <https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/shpt/>.

e. Road Repairs/Upkeep/Safety. The handout is not ready for distribution. The public is strongly encouraged to identify and report either direct to Kern County Public Works on their "Reporting" page or to submit to one of the RMAC Directors for inclusion on the Council's Log. The Chair was advised that John Wilson was the point of contact regarding SkyPark and their roads.

f. Trash/Debris in Rosamond: National Make-A-Difference Day was held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 and the area of focus was the east side of Sierra Highway from Rosamond Boulevard to Orange Avenue. This effort was lead by Lisa Sanchez and Frances Thompson. Quite a few citizens participated in the cleanup including Bill Parkman, Heather Castillo, Kelly Carden and others

12. Director's Agenda Referrals: Cal/Portland will be the guest speaker at the January 20, 2022 Monthly Meeting and will discuss the Gem Hill Project.

13. Director's Comments: None.

14. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Director Tim Blakeley and seconded by Director Seaneen McArdle. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on January 20, 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.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

(Government Code Section 54953.2)

The meeting room of the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council is accessible to persons with disabilities. Disabled individuals who need special assistance to attend or participate in a meeting of the RMAC may request assistance at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Fifth Floor, Bakersfield, California, or by calling 661-868-3153.