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Antelope Valley RPAC
Special Meeting Minutes -draft
May 7, 2026 • 5:00 p.m.
Antelope Valley Community Center
442 Mule Deer Road, Coleville CA, 96107

RPAC members (present in bold): **Debi Bush, Katy Buell, David Casselman, Mark Langner**, Don Morris, **Rich Mulekos**, Jim Ricks, John Vannoy, **Bruce Woodworth, Steve Wright**.

Agency and other representatives present: Vianey White, Clark Sinter, Wendy G and Wendy Sugimura (Mono County), John Trammel and Abby Shiflett (Wildlands Conservancy)

Public present: Three in person and via zoom.

Mountain View Fire Settlement Funds Working Group Formation: The group discussed the formation of a Working Group tasked with preparing a short list of proposals for the use of the Mountain View Fire Settlement Funds. The proposals will be presented at a future Town Hall meeting, discussed at RPAC and submitted to the BOS. A Purpose Statement was established, RPAC appointees were selected, and list of stakeholder groups to involve was created. There was some discussion about the inclusiveness of the process; the public is invited to the Working Group meetings but other members of the RPAC are not so to avoid quorum and Brown Act issues. A direct mailer postcard will be sent to all AV residents announcing the town hall meeting.

Wendy provided this fine synopsis:

Purpose Statement

This Working Group tasked with compiling a list of proposals for use of the Mountain View Fire Settlement funds, in advance of a Town Hall meeting expected in the summer of 2026. After input garnered at the Town Hall meeting, the Working Group will present its recommendations to the RPAC for a vote, and the RPAC shall make formal recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

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Procedure:

- Working Group compiles a list of ideas and proposals
- Town Hall meeting:
 - Presenting the Working Group ideas
 - Take additional input on ideas and projects
 - Conduct a sticky dot or other prioritization exercise
- Working Group will package the Town Hall meeting information for presentation to the RPAC
- The RPAC shall evaluate the projects and prioritization to craft recommendations

Working Group

- Identify a list of stakeholders to invite to the meetings
- County can write a letter and invite those stakeholders and public at large

Appointed RPAC members:

- Katy
- Richard
- Deb
- Bruce – would defer if someone else wants to join before the first meeting

Participation Plan

- Stakeholders to invite to a Working Group meeting via letter:
 - AVFPD
 - Bridgeport Indian Colony
 - Eastern Sierra Unified School District
 - Marine Corps – ask for a representative from base housing
 - Lions Club, Senior Center – Richard
 - Chamber of Commerce – Deb
 - CERT – Katy
- Post Working Group meetings to AV RPAC email distribution list

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- Every Door Direct mailers to all residents for the Town Hall meeting, plus Marine Corps housing

Meeting Schedule

Staff to poll for availability.

Motion to approve formation of Working Group with indicated members and mission: Buell.
Second: Malekos. Vote carries 6-1.

Ayes: Langner, Bush, Wright, Malekos, Buell, Cassel. Nays: Woodworth

Public comment: none

Action Items:

Approve Minutes from April 2, 2026: Motion (Katy/Debi) approved

Informational/Discussion items:

Wildlands Conservancy West Walker River project update:

John Trammel and Abby Shiflett provided an update. Abby is the new Preserve Manager and lives locally. They discussed recent land purchases (and distributed a map) and long-term goals emphasizing the objective of both conservation and public access.

Review General Plan policies for water transfer project impacts (Bruce Woodworth and Wendy Sugimura):

A discussion of this issue including the General Plan and MOU was lead by Bruce and Wendy. Bruce suggested more RPAC involvement as we have on the ground knowledge, especially related to the impacts of water transfer out of the area. Wendy said that the Walker Basin Conservancy issues annual reports in the fall, but that there can be a problem with timely water transfer notifications and timely county input. She said that the county has a limited role but is involved in legal accountability . Mike Curti discussed the intricacies of water/river/storage/agriculture policy. Bruce will draft a letter to the BOS offering RPAC assistance in monitoring WBC issues and to request that the WBC be

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required to notify Community Development in a timely fashion whenever a water transfer is proposed.

Monthly Reports:

RPAC member reports/comments:

Kati said that a Mt Gate Park clean-up is scheduled on the 4th from 9 to noon. Mark said that defensible space dump coupons are available at the AVFD.

USFS update:

Clark reported that some camp grounds are opening, that seasonal staff has been hired, that there will be two fire engines in the district and briefly discussed national USFS policy changes.

Public Works updates:

Wendy reported that work on the park is progressing and should be finished by summer.

Supervisor's Report: none

Planning update:

Wendy and Clark reported that maintenance GP amendments are in the works and will come before RPAC this summer. Clark said that CalTrans completed a Walker traffic/speed survey in January and that the speed through town is reasonable; several folks questioned that assessment and said hazardous driving through town is worse than ever. Clark will request that CalTrans conduct a survey in the middle of summer instead of the middle of winter to see if the results are different. Wendy said that the only local planning issue are lot line adjustments.

Submitted by Mark Langner