



Newberry/Harvard Property Owners Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the NSHRPOA began at 12:10 p.m. at the Newberry Springs Family Center.

A video of the public comments on RECE 4.10 and renewable energy, notably solar power generation, at the February County Supervisors Meeting was shown.

During pauses in the video showing, comments were made by the attendees on various related issues supporting the association's opposition to two large solar projects in both Daggett and Newberry that are under review with County Planning, most of the comments being related to the possibility of severe dust storms accompanying the projects' land clearing and destruction of local vegetation.

Bob Berkman noted that he has had some dialog with the AQMD about local dust monitoring and explained some of the nuances of particulate monitoring. Notably, Bob mentioned that he has installed a Purple Air monitor at his home, the measurements of which are available on the Purple Air web site <https://www.purpleair.com/> for Newberry Springs, and that there is a possibility that the AQMD will install a matrix of similar monitors in various other locations in our area in the near future with the nearest monitor currently at the court house in Barstow.

Related to blowing dust, the Johnsons noted that there has been a problem in their area with blowing dust from construction/land clearing which they have reported to various government agencies without result. It was suggested that they might want to get a case number from County Code Enforcement in order to ensure getting an occasional status on their complaint.

Some doubts were expressed about the value of RECE 4.10, which doesn't appear forceful enough as a tool for preventing the solar projects approval, the county Development Code appearing to be a far more supportive document for our opposition efforts.

It was voted unanimously to pay \$50 for a business card advertisement on the Family Center place mats.

The meeting adjourned at about 1:30 p.m.

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