



Newberry/Harvard Property Owners Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the NSHPOA began at 12:15 at the Newberry Springs Family Center.

It was decided not to send a letter to the county disapproving of the action taken at the October Supervisors meeting to postpone a decision on Policy 4.10 of the RECE.

In reference to the meetings of the Water Committee, which have thus far not taken place, it was suggested that we canvas the committee to get something going in the near future.

Any effort to pursue the encouragement of the county to reduce onerous regulations that tend to discourage local cottage industry, something very important to the improvement of services in Newberry was tabled to a later date, Fred Stearn mentioning that county fees for business permits are five or six hundred percent of what, for example, the City of Barstow charges.

Further discussion of the water issue was highlighted by an historic description by Fred Stearn of the efforts of various organizations on both sides of the issue, Fred being convinced that the most proactive efforts to solve water problems has been by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, notably by Alicia Ellsworth of that Department, and Mike Page of the MWA. It was also mentioned that the MWA appears to have done little or nothing to address minimal user water concerns.

Bob Berkman and the Mojave Desert AQMD have installed new air particulate sensors in various locations throughout Newberry. One has been in operation at Bob's residence for some time now, and he has installed another on Mountain View with plans for another near the river bed off of Newberry Road. The MDAQMD have sensors installed at the Newberry CSD building and the CSD Fire Station at the elementary school, as well as sensors in the Yermo area.

Bob mentioned that he is a little disheartened that very few people have been visiting the Purple Air web site, www.purpleair.com to check the readings on the various sites, and that that there has been no attempt to collate or manipulate the data that has been gathered thus far which is going to be important if the utility scale solar projects planned for the Daggett and Newberry areas are approved by the county.

Vasseur mentioned that he would be willing to write the software to collect and manipulate the data from the various sites and Berkman agreed to provide Vasseur with the necessary links to the PurpleAir site.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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