

TEMESCAL VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the October 11, 2017 Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Trilogy – Lodge

24503 The Lodge Drive

Temescal Valley, CA 92883

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Absent: Eric Werner (Chair)

Present: Jerry Sincich (Vice-Chair)

Present: Bob Hafner

Present: Craig Deleo

Absent: Glen Nelson

Present: Lee Wilson (Alternate)

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. September 13, 2017 meeting minutes reviewed and approved. Bob Hafner motioned and Lee Wilson Second and the motion carried.

IV. Reports

- A. Update from CHP – Not Present

- B. Update from Sheriff's Department – Deputy Sheriff Jay Yu

1. No major change in criminal activity
2. 29 calls in the month of August - 4 assaults, 1 burglary, 7 petty theft related crimes, 1 vehicle theft, 2 thefts from vehicles. 8 arrests in the month of September.

- C. Update from CAL/Fire – Not Present

- D. Update from Code Enforcement – Michelle Cervantes, Administrative Services Analyst II

1. August to October – 71 open cases, 4 new cases, 8 closed cases
2. Dan Pike Code Enforcement Officer for Temescal Valley area
3. Working on the homeless and marijuana (dispensary, cultivation) situation in the area
4. The Code Enforcement contact telephone number is 951-955-2004
5. Temescal Canyon Road widening
 1. Currently working on the road between Temescal Canyon Road/I-15 interchange and Dos Lagos. Starting construction the summer of 2018. During construction there will always be two lanes open, one in each direction.
 2. The construction of the box culvert on Temescal Canyon Road is now scheduled for the summer of 2019

- E. Update from Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez's Office – Samantha Stillwell

1. Legislative update on legislation signed by the Governor:
 1. AB 1194 – This bill would require the statement to include an estimate of the average annual tax rate required to fund the proposed bond measure for the duration of its debt service, and to identify the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected.
 2. SB 54 – This bill limits the coordination between local law enforcement and ICE
 3. SB 620 – This bill deals with penalties with firearm use during a crime
 4. SB 2 – The bill would enact a \$75 base fee, up to \$225, on some kinds of real estate transactions, though home sales and commercial real estate sales are exempt. Proceeds from those fees would go into a fund for affordable housing statewide.

V. New Business

- A. Speedway Development Update – Not Present

- B. Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) FERC Application Update – Nevada Hydro Representative – Rex Wait

1. Introducing LEAPS: 1) Provide 500 megawatts of clean energy; 2) Support variable renewable energy generation in California; 3) Improve water quality in Lake Elsinore; 4) Provide well-paying construction and operations jobs; 5) Contribute to the tax base; 6)

Provide reliable electricity to California residences and businesses that employ and/or add value for valley residents.

2. The project: 1) stability and reliability for the grid; 2) 500 megawatt generating facility will be underground at the foot of Lake Elsinore; 3) Lake Elsinore to provide source water, closed loop through upper reservoir in Decker Canyon; 4) two reversible pump turbine units pump water to upper reservoir using low cost off peak power, and generate power from water flowing downhill at times of high demand.
3. Why now: 1) Initially proposed 15 years ago; 2) California has committed to an aggressive renewable timetable of 40% renewable by 2024 and 50% by 2030; 3) renewable such as wind and solar need back-up for reliability; 4) LEAPS is nature's battery with energy stored in water.
4. Why here: 1) very few places have the unique characteristics of water, topography and opportunities for grid interconnection; 2) California needs reliable environmentally-friendly power to support the grid that benefits all Southern California residents; 3) there are accessible connections to the grid both north and south of the proposed Santa Rosa substation; 4) Lake Elsinore needs aeration to address high nitrogen and phosphorous levels and low oxygen; preliminary studies show that LEAPS will improve water quality by circulating the water; 5) skilled local trades can fill 5 million person-hours of employment; 6) majority of the project located on Federal lands.
5. Water: 1) research into water quality/quantity in Lake Elsinore has been commissioned; 2) it is believed the project will improve water quality and further enable water management in the valley; 3) project will require a Section 401 water quality permit and will obtain water rights later in the process.
6. Transmission: 1) transmission originates at Santa Rosa substation and runs north to the SCE and south to the SDGE system; 2) Transmission up the mountain will be buried; 3) towers will be sited and colored to minimize aesthetic impact.
7. Environment: 1) FERC issued a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) describing a substantially similar project it could license, but no license was issued; 2) a significant amount of work to keep our environmental studies and consultation with relevant agencies fresh, in accordance with a 2015 FERC directive; 3) FERC process calls for further updates to environmental studies in discussion with other agencies.
8. Public Outreach: 1) the FERC process considers studies and consultations that have occurred in the past but allows adequate time for public input and questions; 2) FERC prescribes formal communications (mailings, circulation of documents, invitation for suggestions and comments); 3) committed to engaging the public and answering questions; 4) will hold a public open house after the initial FERC 60-day period; 5) FERC will hold a public meeting in Temescal Valley later in the process.
9. Listening: 1) we know our project will impact people; 2) we intend to meet with residents to discuss concerns; 3) our modern lifestyles require energy and transmission; 4) California will benefit
10. Why the waiver: 1) Nevada Hydro requested waiver of FERC's pre-filing licensing requirements, allowing it to proceed directly to filing a Final License Application (FLA); 2) FERC staff previously prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement in 2007 for a substantially similar project proposal (Project No. 11858) and consultation has already occurred; 3) FERC believes additional issues can be addressed through the post-filing procedures and there will be sufficient opportunity for stakeholders to comment, identify study needs, participate in scoping of issues to be evaluated by FERC in its environmental review, and identify project effects and mitigation needs; 4) we are now in the post-application process.
11. Approximate FERC schedule: 1) final license application submitted (October 2, 2017); 2) public notification outreach (October 2 – Fall 2018); 3) community outreach and partnerships (on-going); 4) LEAPS open house after 60-day input period (January 2018); 5) FERC open house (Spring 2018); 6) FERC license granted (Fall 2018); 7) completion of legal and financing framework (Fall 2018); 8) commencement of engineering and construction (Fall 2018); 9) commercial operation (Q4 2022).
12. Next Steps: 1) FERC asking for agency confirmation of further studies and information; 2) 60-day period to solicit request for more studies; 3) about one year of FERC review and clarification; 4) discussion with agencies; 5) presentations to elected officials and municipal

- administrations; 6) resident outreach (LEAPS website, FERC website, mailings as determined by regulator, filing available at Lake Elsinore Branch Library (Graham Avenue)
13. Temescal Valley Community concerns, statements and questions included: 1) where should concerns be sent during the 60 day comment period; 2) how will lake water be aerated; 3) will Nevada Hydro retain ownership of the power plant and transmission lines; 4) what agencies could stop or block this project, FERC will be the primary licensing agency; 5) loss of property values due to the impact of the transmission lines; 6) use of Lee Lake water for the project and did the housing project at Lee Lake give water rights to the project; 7) how this project provides a tax benefit; 8) project was the subject of a grand jury investigation in 2009 and conclusion was the project was not viable; 9) sustainable water supply for Lake Elsinore to support project; 10) cost benefit analysis when project requires power to pump water; 11) how is the public being notified of the 60 day comment period; 12) what is the difference between the traditional licensing process and the integrated licensing process; 13) who will decide if a new EIR is required for this project; 14) the large generator interconnection agreement (LGIA) with Southern California Edison is there a possibility that the northern transmission lines will not connect with Edison lines and instead connect at the Alberhill substation; 15) how much more are we going to be paying for energy in the future (2020); 16) why was the transmission line site selected to be placed behind a new housing project; 17) why aren't the transmission lines underground; 18) generator impact on the ecosystem; 19) water level fluctuations due to pumping operation; 20) power generated used in the Temescal Valley; 21) must resubmit project comments to FERC; 22) how many long term jobs created by this project; 23) what homeowners will be notified on the project; 24) transmission line hum; 25) will homes be within 300 meters of the power lines; 26) at the time of new home purchase no information was provided on the transmission lines; 27) are developer now notifying potential homeowners of the transmission lines; 28) transmission lines hampering fire fighting activities; 29) December 1, 2017 deadline for project comments to FERC; 30) the average height of the transmission line towers are 130 feet and there are 5 towers per mile; 31) impact of earthquakes on transmission line towers.

VI. Old Business

A. Community Calendar

1. Fall Festival at the Deleo Regional Park on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Event features face painting, glitter tattoos, trunk or treat, crafts, costume contest, pumpkin decorating, spooky train, maddening maze, cotton candy, and games.

VII. Public Comments*

- A. To promote recycling, the Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill is challenging Temescal Valley children to submit illustrations of ways to improve recycling practices. Judges will select 12 winning illustrations and feature them in the 2018 community calendar.
- B. Western Municipal Water District – Al Lopez
 1. Made available a publication titled “So Cal Yard Transformation – A Step-By-Step Guide to Get the Yard You Want”
- C. Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez will have a Public Safety Town Hall on November 9th at 6:30 PM at the Murrieta Spectrum
- D. The Temescal Valley Facebook is We Are Temescal Valley

VIII. Representative from County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries’ Office

- A. Report from Supervisor Jeffries’ Office – Tricia Almiron
 1. Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Jeffries, Representative Calvert, and City of Lake Elsinore are all opposed to the LEAPS project. Assemblywoman Melendez is currently reviewing the LEAPS application.
 2. Southern California Edison will be on next month’s TVMAC agenda
 3. Riverside County is reviewing recreational marijuana and will be holding public hearings to gain community feedback, that will help determine whether it should be regulated and if it should be regulated how to regulate it.
 4. The Deleo Fall Festival is October 28, 2017 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM

IX. Items for Future Agendas

- A. More information on the process from FERC
- B. EVWMD presentation on water supply for the LEAPS project
- C. Toll Lane pricing
- D. Metropolitan Water District role in the LEAPS project
- E. Speedway Development project presentation
- F. RCTC analysis on Interstate 15 Freeway traffic

X. Date of Next Meeting

- A. The next scheduled meeting is on November 8, 2017

* Those wishing to ask one question or make a single comment after a presentation, should raise their hand or complete a speaker's slip. After being recognized by the board, please stand up, state your name and ask your question or make your comment and please sit down.

*New issues raised during the public comment period will not be discussed by the council during that meeting, they may, if warranted, be included as a future item.

*Alternative formats available upon request. If you require reasonable accommodation, please contact DISTRICT1@rivco.org two weeks prior to the meeting.

*The Temescal Valley MAC is advisory to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, not to Riverside County Staff. The Temescal Valley MAC meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

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