

CITY OF RIDGECREST

CITY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555



April 6, 2023
5:30 p.m.
REGULAR MEETING

CITY ORG COMMITTEE:

Eric Bruen, Mayor; John 'Skip' Gorman, Council Member; Vanessa Hayman, Planning Commissioner; Bill Farris Jr., Planning Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER – 5:35pm

ROLL CALL – absent: V. Hayman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – all in favor (absent: V. Hayman)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – all in favor (absent: V. Hayman)

1. Approve draft minutes of the regular meeting dated 2-2-2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –

- R. Potts (Kern County resident): Community Recycling Bin relocation from Ridgecrest Blvd. to County Line Rd.; upset about inconvenience w/ new location; recommends an additional recycling dumpster @ R/C landfill
 - Staff will follow-up with Kern County landfill reps to share recommendation

DISCUSSION ITEMS -

2. SB 1383 Education and Outreach Plan – CalRecycle Grant

- To date, expenditures include educational materials, video outreach, and EcoHero school-program shows to local K-5 schools
- More interest from Las Flores and public library for home-schooled community
- Staff will follow-up with recommendations for additional education/outreach expenditures at next meeting
- Gorman: question of WM staffing & dump operation/management
 - Staff: WM hiring fair in March = drivers fully staffed; still growing pains to work thru w/ residents & drivers as education/communication improves
 - Staff: landfill is managed by Kern County PW – City has no jurisdiction re: operation/maintenance – staff will follow-up w/ Kern County for more contact info for landfill 'decision maker'
- Bruen: question re: scheduling for Town Hall #3
 - Staff: deferred until needed to avoid confusion w/ Kern County implementation

This agenda is available on the City of Ridgecrest website at <https://www.ridgecrest-ca.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Organization-Committee-3>.

- Bruen: question of tangible data re: diversion numbers to compare efficacy of program as implementation progresses
 - Staff: projected to have baseline information by July '23, diversion #s likely won't improve in short-term will be long-term process as habits change

3. Sanitation Services – CalRecycle Updates

- LAMD (Local Assistance Market Development) branch of CalRecycle – check-in call 4/5/23; site visit scheduled for Wednesday 4/12 to review programs
- CalRecycle Corrective Action Plan (CAP) issued 3/29/23 w/ breakdown of continuing violations & actions/schedule for compliance
- Bruen: question of past non-compliance to factor in to current compliance evaluation
 - Strand: no, previous violations were corrected in 2016

4. Community Clean-Up Events

- Saturday, April 15th @ 9am (see event flyer for more info) by RRH
- Template available for future community clean-up requests
- Bruen: recommendation to work with organizations for future events on annual recurring basis (i.e. April '23, April '24) for long-term effort
 - Staff will follow-up with organizations re: scheduling for 2024

COMMITTEE COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Gorman: Night on Balsam – lighting prototype updated

ADJOURNMENT – 6:46pm