

## **President's Report – September 2009 BCRC Meeting**

### **1. Paul Davis introductory request for Solar Partnership**

We were contacted by Mr. Davis to inquire on the status of the Rimrock Energy proposal and express his desire on developing a parcel of land zoned M1 for a solar energy project. Mr. Davis is seeking support from the Council and possible partnership in developing a proposal for submittal to APS and other appropriate funding agencies for 2010.

Mr. Davis will address provide a brief background presentation, with the hopes of a full presentation to the Council at their October or November meeting.

### **2. FYI - MEPOA Resident's request**

Several residents of the Montezuma Estates area met on August 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss transportation and water issues and their dissatisfaction with the MEPOA. Chip Davis attended the meeting and advised the group that forming a separate MEPOA was ill advised and presented the particulars on forming a CRID and RIMD. Chip has been working with MEPOA to address their road concerns on a voluntary manner. Members of the group requested BCRC's assistance as arbitrators between some members of the Montezuma Estates community and the MEPOA. The issue and available information and history were forwarded to the Water and Transportation committee chairs for investigating the allegations and brining the parties together.

### **3. FYI - Verde Earthworks Recycling composting project along I-17**

The Verde Valley Recyclers announced at the Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meeting its plans for a composting center in addition to the recycling center they originally proposed. The activities would take place at their site along I-17 and Beaver Creek Road. They requested that Verde Valley cities and towns bring their recycling and green waste to add to the inorganic recycled product for composting and production of organic fertilizers, then, purchase compost for use on golf courses, gardens, ball fields, school districts and other municipal areas. The primary market would be parks & recreation and public works.

### **4. YC-LUC Status**

YC-LUC incorporation papers are being filed this week.

## 5. Report on Intergovernmental Quarterly Meeting

The town of Camp Verde hosted this quarter's Verde Valley Intergovernmental meeting. There was a presentation by Ken Strobeck of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns focused on State Senate and House bills that passed or presently in the works. Of note passing bills were:

- Guns now allowed in parking lots and bars as long as you don't consume alcohol
- Cities & towns now able to operate toll roads;
- Removal of school crossing signs 1 hour after school start and end;
- Cities & towns required to keep minutes posted on websites for at least 1 year;

Of note on bills that are currently in the House or Senate

- New property tax assessment guidelines for commercial operations, lowering the rate from 22 – 25% to 16% while keeping residential at 10% This will impact future bond issues.
- House bill offers a two year freeze on construction impact fees and no building code changes during that time period.

A presentation was provided by Barbara Litrell of Verde Valley Caregivers Coalition, Verde Earthworks and the Verde Valley Regional Trails Plan.

Clarkdale presented an update on the Verde Valley Broadband Cooperative Project, stating that the coalition could not form in time to meet the deadline for State submission on a rural broadband facility. They are contemplating partnering with a company out of Phoenix who did submit their proposal in the near future. A proposal is being developed for round tow of the funding cycle.

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