Draft April 15th, 2019 Ojai Valley MAC Meeting Summary

Steve Offerman of Supervisor Steve Bennett's Office called the roll. Members present were Chris Cohen, Jill Borgeson, Terry Wright, and Joe Westbury.

Under public comment, Steve Offerman noted that the Board of Supervisors directed the Planning Division to revise the County Zoning Ordinance to allow beekeeping in residential areas. Officer Denharder of the CHP noted that CHP had performed substantial radar speed enforcement on Creek Road and had issued 33 citations and towed two vehicles. John Brooks lamented the delay in removal of the Petrochem spheres. Ron Solorzano provided an update on Ojai Valley libraries. Joe Westbury asked why the Wildlife Corridors hadn't been reviewed by the MAC (staff not available). Suzi Tomlinson commented on homelessness. Terry Wright asked about Caltrans' proposed improvement of the Creek/Hwy 33 intersection and Steve Offerman said that Caltrans has indicated that the project isn't moving forward at this time. Judy Holman provided a phone number for Caltrans.

Ojai Planning Commissioner Bobby Corbin discussed the update of the Ojai General Plan.

The business item was an overview by County Planning staff of next phase of the County General Plan update (GPU) that will include release of the draft General Plan. Susan Curtis mentioned that a public workshop would be held in Oak View in May. The draft plan and other documents are available online at vc2040.org Steve Colome stated that the background report of the GPU is flawed. Several people spoke in support of addressing climate change through the GPU. The MAC discussed how best to provide MAC input and requested that the Planning Division return to the MAC after the public workshops. The MAC may hold a special meeting to develop MAC Comments.

The MAC next selected MAC Officers. Chris Cohen was elected Chair and Jill Borgeson was elected Vice Chair. Chris, Jill, and Grace would continue to rotate as MAC liaison to the Ojai Planning Commission.

The summary of the November 19th, 2018th meeting was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45