

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
MARCH 17, 2008**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Edmiston, Hart, Jamison, Johnson, Novinger, Pickard, Scott, Weil, Welling. Others present: Johnstone, Jung, Santarelli, Uhazy.

ECA PROJECT STATUS

Land Use Compatibility: James Welling briefed that there are several “Green” projects in the R-2508 area. A wind project is planned for the south side of the Tehachapi Mountains and in proximity to a Northrop-Grumman radar test site. Northrop has opposed the project but failed to show why it would be detrimental to their testing. The Planning Department approved the project. Northrop will appeal to the Board of Supervisors. A solar project is planned north of Mojave. Senate Bill 1181 clarifies Airport Land Use Commissions and would require all counties to have airport land use commissions rather than allowing the planning commission or Board of Supervisors to perform that role ex officio.

Education: Les Uhazy briefed that AVC has applied for a Career Technical Education Grant that addresses Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Johnstone said he has been notified that the copyright for the Master Plan has been officially approved. Hopefully the Master Plan will now be widely distributed by the Board of Trade.

FINANCIAL REPORT

James Welling distributed a Financial Report for the Month of March. The checking account shows a balance of \$20,460.60 as of March 14th.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Sub-station: Bill Deaver said there was top level representation of utility officials for the groundbreaking of the new Edison sub-station north of Mojave. This will be the first major sub-station for carrying alternative energy into the power grid.

Director roster: Johnstone said he is updating the Director roster with the latest changes and will provide a copy to each of the Directors at the next meeting.

California Defense Alliance: Welling briefed that a kick-off meeting to reactivate the California Defense Alliance will be held on March 24th. E-mails have been sent to previous members and/or their replacements and interest has been shown in getting the Alliance up and running again.

Awards Dinner: Deaver announced that the local 4.0 Awards Dinner will be held in April. He asked if the Edwards Community Alliance could support the dinner by sponsoring a table. A motion was made by Mike Edmiston and seconded by Les Uhazy to fund a table for this event.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

The next meeting will be on April 21st at Mojave Airport.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnstone

Technical Advisor

ATCH: Financial Report