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Subject: RETI Meetings in Riverside County

Hi Clare,

Sorry I'm tardy responding to your letter to Supervisor Wilson. We have talked at some length about the possibility of having RETI meetings here in Riverside County. The logistics are not particularly easy, but certainly not impossible to overcome.

You ask, as I understand it, for three things:

1) A meeting "...with as many Riverside County Supervisors as available any time on Friday, January 9."

Outside of the Brown Act implications of having more than two, it is very likely that the "desert supervisors" Roy Wilson (4th District, which encompasses Palm Springs to the Arizona border), and Marion Ashley (5th District, the easternmost part of which extends into the Desert Hot Springs area). It would be our recommendation that you consider meeting with these two representatives of desert residents-in the desert, Palm Desert to be exact. Supervisor Wilson, unfortunately, has a South Coast Air Quality Management Board meeting to attend earlier in the day... but if we were to hold this meeting later in the day, say 3 p.m. or later, it might work. I can't at the moment speak to Supervisor Ashley's schedule, but I will try to make him available through his staff. I believe I can schedule a large conference room at the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), which is right here in the same building.

I hope I am not assuming to much when I tell you that this very large county is cleanly divided between the western end of the county and the desert part. Our desert part will be much more interested in participating in this process, and I can guarantee the presence of some reasoned, thoughtful and expert participants from the desert community.

2) "Working Group meeting that same day." I believe-especially if the Working Group can meet earlier in the day-that we can also do this here in Palm Desert at the CVAG building. I will need to verify that with their staff.

3) "Public meetings on Saturday, Jan. 10." Same thing. The conference room will accommodate video presentation, etc., and can hold about 60 people, I think.

In the event that this is not a large enough facility, I could check with the City of Palm Desert to see if we could utilize the council chambers, which is quite a bit bigger.

Does this sound like a workable plan?

--Denys

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