

PUBLIC LANDS ROUNDTABLE MINUTES

Meeting Location: IWV Water District **Minutes of:** October 23, 2025
Called to order at: 6:00pm by Chairman George Croll

Pledge of allegiance was led by George Croll.

NO MOTION was made for last meeting's minutes.

PLRT MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: ~~John Auburn, Barbara Bane, George Croll, Arzell Hale, Charlie Hattendorf, Will Liebscher, Gary Luckeroth, Mary Grimsley, Mark Mason, Sam Merk, Libby Vincent, Hector Villalobos, Jaime Lopez Walters, & Phil Desenze, Ridgecrest Field Manager.~~

GUESTS: Susan Croll, Bryan & Naomi Davidson

GUEST SPEAKER: None.

ROUND TABLE BUSINESS

+ An overview of what PLRT does was given.

+ **NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS:** none

BLM UPDATES: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter Written:

+ We reviewed the letter written by George Croll to Vince Fong from the PLRT members, to lift the hiring freeze for our local BLM office. We have positions that need to be filled, i.e., Archeologists, Biologists, Field positions, Burro/Horse facility.

+ Hector Vilalobos, Retired Field Office Manager, defined each job description on the list to help in prioritizing and will email results.

+ Will wants to delete officers position for priority list due to often reassignments. Hector to use "yellow" positions priority list.

+ When letter is approved, it will be sent to Vince Fong, Shannon Groves, etc.

+ **Jaime Lopez Walters**, CMC (Colorado Mountain Club) app – allows public to identify areas that need cleanup. Could also be used for road washouts, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

+ We finally set a date to go visit "**the** Trona Pinnacle". Meet at Esparza's @ noon on Sunday, October 26.

+ Kerncrest Audobon will meet behind Cerro Coso childcare at 8:00am for birdwatching.

Agenda for next meeting was discussed, to include the new Desert Tortoise Manager for sure.

+ We need to limit the length of time a guest speaker to talk. 20 minutes with 15 minutes for questions.

Questions will be after the presentation, so write them down.

+ Mark suggested that we have our local Falconer give us a presentation at a future meeting.. Jeff Nowack.

+ We sure do need a geologist in this office with all the mining projects that are going on..

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:30pm

NEXT PLR MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be 12/4/25 at the IWV Water District.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Croll & Mary Grimsley

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