

County of San Diego

# Rainbow Community Planning Group

**Advising the Board of Supervisors ~ San Diego County**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, Jan 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Rainbow Valley Grange, 2160 Rainbow Valley Blvd, Rainbow CA 92028

- I. Open Provisions
  - A. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Martin Kurland at 6:30 PM
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
  - C. Attendance: Donna Zakrajsek, Martin Kurland, Jon Gorr, Mark DiVecchio, Frederick Rasp, Douglas Gastélum, and Greg Doud. 7 members being present, a quorum is declared.
- II. Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Rasp, second Mrs. Zakrajsek, approved unanimously.
- III. Public Comments
  - A. None.
- IV. Consolidated Motion
  - A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 17 Nov 2021 made by Mr. Doud, second Mr. Gorr, approved unanimously.
- V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items
  - A. Secretary DiVecchio moved that Mr. Doud be recommended as Rainbow CPG representative to the I-15 Corridor Design Board. Second Mr. Rasp. Approved unanimously.
  - B. Discussion of the Fallbrook/Rainbow MSR continued. Several written comments were presented by Ms. Malinowski who could not be present at the meeting due to illness. Those comments are attached. Mr. Gastélum commented that the Report seemed vague in regard to any actions that should be taken. It was noted that at least one “sphere of influence” recommendation included an area in Riverside County. See additional comment by Mr. Gastélum in Item VI (G) of these minutes. No Group vote was taken regarding comments to be forwarded to LAFCO. Members were encouraged by the Vice Chair to forward their comments individually to LAFCO.
- VI. Old Business and Reports
  - A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Georgantas continues to forward all County emails to the group.
  - B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski is ill and was excused from the meeting. She delivered a report which was read by Secretary DiVecchio. A copy of that report is attached. Discussion will be continued to the next meeting. Supervisor Desmond's office will assist in scheduling a DPW staff member to answer questions.
  - C. Social Media Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski is ill and was excused from the meeting.
  - D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Sheehan is ill and was excused from the meeting.
  - E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud reported that there are no Rainbow issues in front of the Board at this time.

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- F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland reported that traffic light installation work on the Old 395 and Rainbow Glen intersection is proceed very slowly.
- G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland commented that the Fallbrook/Rainbow MSR Summary noted that RMWD has experienced “measurable financial stresses” and had “moderate to substantive declines in liquidity, capital and margin levels”.
- H. ARC Update & Community News – Ms. Sheehan is ill and was excused from the meeting.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud reported that the County has rescinded the proposed requirement to hire a Consultant to develop the program with no timeline on re-applying or impact to the overall program timelines as a result. Mr..Doud thought that this would delay implementation of any plan by at least a year. He reviewed the Draft Rainbow CPG SEC Items with the latest changes. After discussion, additional changes were recommended and that list of items is attached to these minutes. The list will be released, as a draft, for community input. No approval vote was taken.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland reported that 3 teachers are retiring at the end of school year. The District has acquired COVID tests for all of its students. The recent clinic vaccinated 110 people.
- K. Rainbow CPG Boundary Realignment – Continued to the next meeting.
- L. Member/Administrative Reports – The members were reminded of upcoming Annual CP/SG Training and Form 700 deadline.

## **VII. New Business**

- A. Secretary DiVecchio moved that a Request for Reimbursement be approved for the amount of \$48.60 for 3 name plates for new members; Mr. Doud, Mr. Gorr and Mr. Gastélum, payable to Mr. Frederick Rasp. One additional name plate is being ordered but did not arrive in time to be included in this request. Seconded by Mr. Doud. Approved unanimously.
- B. Mr. Rasp moved that the February 2022 meeting of the Group be held via teleconferencing pursuant to AB-361. Mr. Rasp stated that the current COVID-19 Omicron variant surge has made it necessary to take action for purposes of utilizing the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing. The Chair and Secretary are directed to file the necessary paperwork with the County. Seconded Mr. Doud. Approved unanimously.

## **VIII. Call for New Agenda Items for next meeting**

- A. Agenda items can be submitted up until the next meeting’s agenda is posted at the meeting site.

## **IX. Adjournment by Vice Chair Kurland at 7:36 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 16 Feb 2022 which will be held via Zoom teleconferencing starting at 6:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,    Mark DiVecchio            Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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## **Architectural Subcommittee Report from Ms. Malinowski – Item VI(B)**

### 2022.01.19 Meeting Talking Points – Community Identity Signage Program

Last week, I spoke to Hunter McDonald, the Land Use Advisor for Supervisor Jim Desmond, about the status of the Community Identity Signage pilot program. He told me that the Department of Public Works is spearheading the community outreach on this matter. The overall process of this sign program should be in front of the Board of Supervisors about early April 2022. Hunter offered to have me contact a member of the DPW Traffic Division to come out and talk to our group about the program. While it was too soon to arrange for the 1/19/22 meeting, I said that I would suggest it to the group tonight and get their agreement to move forward and try to schedule for the February meeting. [PLEASE GET AGREEMENT THAT I SHOULD PROCEED WITH THIS.]

A document containing samples of signs from local areas and other locations has been distributed to start the visualization process. The next step would be to consider where a sign placement would have the best representation for the Rainbow community. The DPW Traffic Dept is would be the resource to know where the public rights of way are located to facilitate placement decision-making.

This topic will be carried forward for successive Architectural Committee reports.

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## **Comments by Ms. Malinowski on the Fallbrook/Rainbow MSR – Item V(B)**

1. MSR Page 39, Item 4: I completely support recommendation to permanently live-stream and post board meetings online. We need the transparency. (Agencies RMWD and NCFPD as it concerns Rainbow) 2. MSR Page 39, Item 5: The report recommends preparing an informational report on incorporation opportunities in Fallbrook. Would Rainbow be drawn into this? If so, my preference is to remain under County governance. 3. MSR Page 40, Item 7: I support expansion of NCFPD sphere of influence into Riverside.

Notes from the 12/6/21 meeting:

1. Transitioning from Avocado groves on steep slopes into additional housing:
  - \* LAFCO staff stated this trend could lead to policy implications (without specifying)
  - \* Remarks by FPUD and RMWD representatives indicate that the County's VMT proposal would make it difficult for residents in our areas, thus may not be attractive for new residences
  - \* Steep slopes usually have lower density, thus no significant increase housing units could be gained if housing replaces groves.
2. Recommendation #8: This is not on the summary list of recommendations at the meeting, but Chief McReynolds said that he was going to work with Desmond's office to explore this more. My question: What does this mean for Rainbow?
3. Supervisor Desmond asked if any of the recommendations were 'red flags', and that answer was 'no'. Generally, no immediate actions were being recommended, only his suggestion that due to the changing agricultural economics, that perhaps a 2-3 year revisit on this MSR would be recommended.
4. Legal counsel advised that because of the FPUD and RMWD detachment proposal, the information in this report is meaningful.
5. Overall, the report was well-received by participants in the meeting.

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## **RPG SEC Items by Mr. Doud – Draft – Item V(I)**

The below list of items reflects constraints that the community of Rainbow would like to add to record as conditions in accepting any cannabis related business into the unincorporated areas of the county, and some specifically for the Rainbow community. These items outline guidelines for operations, infrastructure, and

1. require cultivation to occur on property with A70 agricultural zoning
2. require parcels to be at least five acres
3. limit cultivation to no more than 20% of the parcel
4. require a 100 foot separation between a cultivation facility and the property line
5. require 1000 foot setbacks to schools, churches and other child or family sports and family activities
6. require that all cultivation within a cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis nursery shall take place in the interior of a fully enclosed secured structure
7. require that vented air must be filtered so that odors can't be detected outside, or in adjoining sites, by a person with a "normal sense of smell.". Additionally, use of field olfactometer called the Nasal Ranger to determine excess odor by code compliance when complaints occur
8. limit lighting height to 25 feet and prohibit light emission onto other properties
9. limit signage to address and directional signs with no advertising allowed
10. require roads leading to the facility to be surfaced
11. require either that parcels are accessed by a public road or that a written recorded road maintenance agreement have the approval of all owners of a private road
12. require building and grading permits for structures
13. require that the operations meet all state, and local regulations
14. no consumption lounges within Rainbow community, including sampling at dispensaries
15. All dispensaries shall only reside within the commercial zoning sections of Rainbow (Rural and General)

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