

Rainbow Community Planning Group

Advising the Board of Supervisors ~ San Diego County
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 PM Held Via Teleconferencing

I. Open Provisions

- A. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kurland at 6:31 PM
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Attendance: Mark DiVecchio, Lynne Malinowski, Greg Doud, Michele Sheehan, Frederick Rasp, Doug Gastelum, Jon Gorr, Marty Kurland. 8 members being present, a quorum is declared.

II. Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Rasp, second Mr. Gorr, approved unanimously.

III. Public Comments

- A. Ronald Ehrler spoke about his application and qualifications for an open seat on the RCPG.
- B. Kathleen Lippett spoke about permits for large scale projects (like wind farms) not considering effect on nor protecting the native grasslands critical to balance of wildlife.

IV. Consolidated Motion

- A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 18 January 2023 made by Mr. Rasp, second Mrs. Sheehan, approved unanimously.

V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items

- A. Kenton Jones, SD County Managing Civil Engineer and Secretary for SD County Traffic Advisory Committee, spoke about various traffic topics. There are 2 divisions in the SD County DPW department which deal with traffic concerns: Traffic Engineering (safety, speeds, collisions, volume, etc) and Field Engineering (support of road maintenance). The CA State Vehicle Code governs road classifications and speed limits. The Traffic Advisory Committee meets every 6-8 weeks to review requests for regulatory traffic controls and makes recommendations to the SD County Board of Supervisors for approval. Road maintenance requests and notifications can be made online using the "Tell Us Now" app, the County's website, or by phone call. Due to the scope of traffic issues in Rainbow, a dialogue with Murali Pasumarthi, SD County Public Works Manager, to initiate a regional study was recommended by Mr. Gastelum.

VI. Old Business and Reports

- A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Georgantas not present, but all notices from the County have been forwarded to the group.
- B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski. Nothing new.
- C. Social Media Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski reported that she had met with FCPG Chair and Secretary about their website, and plans to move forward to create a similar one for the RCPG.
- D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Sheehan reported on the efforts to increase activities at the park through the ARC organization. Upcoming are the 3/4/23 BBQ and clean up, as well as the 4/22/23 "I Love a Clean San Diego" Clean Up day.

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- E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud reported no meetings held for past 2 months.
- F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland recommended Mr. Jones’ suggestion to have meeting with Murali Pasumarthi, SD County Public Works Manager, to discuss Rainbow’s traffic concerns on a larger scope, and with Ms. Malinowski, will pursue scheduling for next month’s meeting.
- G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland. No report.
- H. ARC Update & Community News – Mrs. Sheehan reported that the January newsletter received a lot of interest, which included the applications from 2 candidates for vacant RCPG seats. Mrs. Sheehan is working on the ARC website. Shawn Fisher was given appreciation for a well done newsletter.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud reported that the Fallbrook subcommittee has not met recently. He heard an interview with a San Bernardino County Supervisor on their campaign to eradicate the illegal growing in the desert regions, which had skyrocketed. A big problem is that the fines for illegal growing (no matter the size of the operation) are only \$500. He recommended watching video of interview at [How Cartels Took Over California's Desert and Turned It to Lawless Land | Dawn Rowe - YouTube](#). Kathleen Lippett said that the Cannabis Tax is back in front of the Board of Supervisors on 2/28/23.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland will invite Vallecitos Superintendent Sanchez to speak at March meeting.
- K. Rainbow CPG Boundary Realignment – Nothing new.
- L. Coordination of County of San Diego and utility company projects letter – Mrs. Sheehan. Nothing new.
- M. Telecom service in Rainbow – Mr. Gastelum received a response from the FCC to his challenge of the service level map, and the service provider conceded that the service level stated was wrong. He posted on social media to encourage other citizens to file complaints about incorrect representations by service providers.
- N. Dark Skies Initiative – Mr. DiVecchio participated a recent outreach event for the Fallbrook Dark Skies Initiative which featured a Star Party and short educational talk at the Fallbrook Library by Luisa Cano. Mr. DiVecchio will arrange for her to speak at an upcoming RCPG meeting where she will request a letter of support from the Rainbow CPG.
- O. Community Access to fire hardening and insurance premium control programs – Mr. Gastelum. Nothing new.
- P. Rainbow CPG letter to Supervisor Desmond expressing concerns on County related/governed issues – Mr. Gastelum stated that more specifics on the subject of traffic need to be included in the letter.
- Q. Voting locations in Rainbow – Mr. Doud reported that the Registrar of Voters and the Rainbow Valley Grange have worked out an agreement for the use of the facility for upcoming elections, requiring rental for 4 days for each election. It will be in place for the next election.
- R. Teleconferencing Meeting Option expiration 2/28/23 – Dr. Kurland stated that in-person meetings will resume at the Rainbow Valley Grange starting with the 3/15/23 meeting.
- S. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Georgantas was not present.

VII. New Business

- A. Consider application of Christine Spencer for appointment to Seat 3 of the Rainbow CPG – Christine Spencer spoke in support of her Application for Appointment to the Rainbow CPG. A motion to accept Ms. Spencer’s application was made by Mr. Rasp, second Mrs. Sheehan, approved unanimously.
- B. Letter to request new Unincorporated Communities Advisory Board Member seat for CPG/SPG representation to Assemblywoman Marie Waldron and Senator Brian Jones – Motion to approve made by Mr. Rasp, second Mr. Doud, approved unanimously.

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- C. Resumption of in-person meetings at Rainbow Valley Grange beginning March 15, 2023. Ms. Malinowski has worked out the arrangements with the Grange and will obtain entry instructions closer to the date.
- D. Oath of Office –It is applicable to new term members, and will be postponed until March meeting,

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.
 - i. Initiate informative discussion with Murali Pasumarthi, SD County Public Works Manager, regarding Rainbow's traffic concerns on a larger scope for a regional study
 - ii. Vallecitos Superintendent Sanchez introduction and report on the school
 - iii. San Diego County Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) mitigation program
 - iv. Consider application of Ronald Ehrler for appointment to Seat 11 of the Rainbow CPG
- B. Adjournment by Vice Chair Kurland at 7:58 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 15 Mar 2023, to be held in-person starting at 6:30 PM. Motion by Ms. Malinowski, second Mr. Doud, approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski

Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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