

Rainbow Community Planning Group

Advising the Board of Supervisors ~ San Diego County
MINUTES of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 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 Chair Georgantas at 6:30 PM
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Attendance: Paul Georgantas, Mark DiVecchio, Lynne Malinowski, Greg Doud, Frederick Rasp, Jon Gorr, Marty Kurland, Michele Sheehan, Ron Ehrler. 9 members being present, a quorum is declared.
- II. Motion to approve the agenda by Dr. Kurland, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.
- III. Public Comments
 - A. None
- IV. Consolidated Motion
 - A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 19 Jul 2023 made by Dr. Kurland, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.
- V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items
 - A. None.
- VI. Old Business and Reports
 - A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Georgantas has forwarded all County correspondence to the group.
 - B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski. Mr. Doud will seek to edit a ‘soft copy’ of a Design Guidelines document from other area CSPGs to develop one tailored for Rainbow. This effort is dovetailed with efforts to employ Design Guidelines for Cannabis Ordinance facilities approval. The objective is to then proceed to present to the County for the next steps in making official.
 - C. Social Media Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski. Problems setting up RCPG Facebook account.
 - D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Sheehan. Star Party at the Rainbow County Park on 9/16/23 from 7-9pm. New County staff contact for Park: Ricardo Tierrez.
 - E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud stated that there was no meeting held
 - F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland. Sign posts have been installed for the All-Way stop sign at 5th and Huffstatler. Mr. Rasp commented that Rainbow Creek Road is being paved (a private road.)
 - G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland. Mr. Mack reported on the RMWD/FPUD detachment process status. The community approval vote is targeted for the 11/7/23 general election ballot. Mr. Mack will request that Tom Kennedy (RMWD General Manager) present to RCPG at September 2023 meeting. Tom Kennedy will be retiring in October 2023.
 - H. ARC Update & Community News – Mrs. Sheehan. Shawn Fisher is working on newsletter. Upcoming events: Blood Bank mobile unit, 9/23/23 Clean Up day, Classic Car rally on 11/4/23.

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- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud. Working on joint letter with Fallbrook CPG regarding CSPG concerns for program development. This letter will serve as template for other County CSPGs to communicate their concerns regarding input from CSPGs that may be overlooked. Mr. Doud contacted the San Diego Air Pollution Control District regarding concerns on odor control, and alerted them to their needed involvement with the Cannabis Ordinance development (with which they were unfamiliar at this time). Concerns raised about basis for taxation being on gross revenue rather than square footage of facility because of possible manipulation of taxable basis.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland. The school year starts 8/17/23. Security cameras were purchased for the campus, including ones that are outside of the restrooms. Vaping sensors will be inside of the restrooms.
- K. Telecom service in Rainbow – Mr. Gastelum. Not present.
- L. Dark Skies Initiative – Mr. DiVecchio reported that the Fallbrook effort is ongoing but hit a speed bump due to some present limitations with being a ‘one-person effort.’ A star party at Frazier Elementary for 8/19/23 was canceled.
- M. Community Access to fire hardening and insurance premium control programs – Mr. Gastelum. Not present.
- N. SANDAG Advisory Seat for Unincorporated Communities – Ms. Malinowski reported that the bylaws are still in process.
- O. Regional Study of Rainbow traffic concerns – Chair Georgantas reported that he received a response from Supervisor Desmond’s office regarding our concerns (which was forwarded to the group). This item will be continued.
- P. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Georgantas will be absent for September and October 2023 meetings. Mrs. Sheehan reminded the group that those speaking should talk loudly enough for everyone to be able to hear.

VII. New Business

- A. Letter in Opposition of AB399 (“Water Ratepayers Protections Act of 2023: County Water Authority Act: exclusion of territory: procedure”). Motion to approve the letter by Mr. Doud, second Mr. Rasp, 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.
- B. Adjournment by Chair Georgantas at 7:19 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 20 Sept 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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The Honorable Toni G. Atkins
Senate President pro Tempore
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Submittal via email and CA Legislature Position Portal

Senator Atkins,

Please oppose AB399 - *Water Ratepayers Protection Act of 2023*.

This so-called "Protection Act" is anything but. It does nothing to protect small water districts from interference in doing what is best for their ratepayers.

It will allow big cities and large populous areas, many that are long distances away from small water districts, to control these small districts and hinder their ability to buy water at a less expensive rate.

It is simply an attempt to take away local control and the freedom of local ratepayers to do what is best for themselves.

The concerns raised by those in favor of the Bill are scare tactics with little basis in fact.

The Rainbow Community Planning Group unanimously opposes AB399, as does the Fallbrook Community Planning Group. We ask that you do so as well.

Sincerely,



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Honorable State Senator Brian Jones (via Andrew Hayes: Andrew.Hayes@sen.ca.gov)
Honorable State Assemblywoman Marie Waldron (via email assemblymember.Waldron@asm.ca.gov)
Honorable State Senator Catherine Blakespear (via email: Senator.Blakespear@senate.ca.gov)
Honorable Stephen Padilla (via email: Senator.Padilla@senate.ca.gov)
Honorable State Senator Kelly Seyarto (via Wyatt Juntunen, email: wyatt.juntunen@senate.ca.gov)
Honorable State Assemblymember Laurie Davies (via email: assemblymember.Davies@asm.ca.gov)

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