

Rainbow Community Planning Group

Advising the Board of Supervisors ~ San Diego County

MINUTES of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 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 Doud at 6:30 PM.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Attendance: Present: Greg Doud, Lynne Malinowski, Frederick Rasp, Jon Gorr, Ron Ehrler, Paul Georgantas, Pat Eastman, and Douglas Gastelum. Excused: Marty Kurland, Michele Dahl. 8 members being present, a quorum is declared. 5 community members were present.

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

III. Public Comments

- A. None

IV. Consolidated Motion

- A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 19 March 2025 made by Mr. Georgantas, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.

V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items

- A. San Diego County Department of Public Works presentation of Rainbow community Capital Improvements Program. Brian McDonald (engineering) and Bill Heffley (photographer) spoke about the Rainbow Green Streets project which will break ground on April 28th, and reviewed the list of Community Identified DPW Capital Improvements Priority Projects (approved at the March 2025 meeting.) Comments were provided on the importance of particular items on the list: the Rice Canyon “Dead Mans Curve” roadway, the road bed failure on upper Rainbow Heights Rd, the bridge needed at 5th Street where the creek crosses, and sidewalks needed on 8th Street. The compelling reason for priority is safety due to multiple accidents and deaths that have occurred at these locations, in addition to the importance of upper Rainbow Heights Road as the singular ingress/egress for the Cal Fire Camp and the large number of residents atop the Heights and Crest areas. The DPW will review the submitted requests, perform preliminary design studies, and present the select prioritized projects to the Board of Supervisors for funding. Community support outreach for Rainbow projects to Supervisor at the time of funding Board decision is recommended.

VI. Old Business and Reports

- A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Kurland not present. Vice Chair Doud reported that announcements had been forwarded to the group as they were received; highlighted the fee increases for the PDS department, elimination of certain fee waivers and the 50% fee reduction on permit fees for non-profit entities.
- B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski – Nothing new.

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- C. Social Media and Membership Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski reported there have been no applications for the vacant seat, requested that all in attendance reach out to friends and neighbors.
- D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Ms. Dahl was not present. Reminder about the upcoming 4/26/25 Rainbow Cleanup Day from 9am-noon, meet at Rainbow Park.
- E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud reported that the April meeting was canceled.
- F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland was not present. Ms. Malinowski reported on the Speed Limit Reductions community workshop. A request was submitted to Michael Kenney, Traffic Engineering, to conduct an Engineering and Traffic Survey (ETS) for Rainbow Heights Road. Ms. Malinowski will provide follow up. An attendee who has been personally affected by the speed and driving on this road (causing damage on their property) recommended lowering speeds around road curves/bends. This had been suggested in the community workshop as a potential partial solution for roads like Rainbow Heights Road which fall under the prima facie speed limit of 55mph.
- G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Chair Kurland was not present. Ms. Malinowski reported on the RMWD approval of a 35-project capital improvement plan totaling \$68M, of which \$5M was for the rehabilitation of the district headquarters. Ms. Malinowski will follow up with the RMWD GM for more details and explanation about the projects, especially the headquarters rehabilitation.
- H. Community News and Grange – Ms. Dahl was not present. Ms. Eastman reported on upcoming Grange events: Protea Festival on 4/27/25. She stated that the County had approved a \$40,000 grant for repairs at the Rainbow Valley Grange Hall property which would cover the roof, the ADA bathroom, and flooring projects.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud reported that the Fallbrook CPG sent a letter to PDS recommending ‘No Program,’ but with a backup support of Option #4. California State Assembly-member District 75, Carl DeMaio, sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that the SECP and associated projects be paused for a comprehensive reevaluation.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Chair Kurland was not present. Vice Chair Doud reported that the school had acquired a new building for Before and After School Programs which will free up the building that had been used for other purposes. Ms. Eastman reported that the Grange donated their cafeteria style tables to the school.
- K. Fire Safety Council Update – Mr. Doud reported that 50 orders for reflective signs had been placed to date. The grant funds are coming to an end, but they will reapply for another grant. Monthly chipping event on 4/26/25 at NCFPD Fire Station #4 (Pala Mesa). A free Home Assessment Program is offered by the Mission Resource Conservation District to review house and landscape for fire risk; the report is private and never distributed. The Defensible Space Assistance Program is designed to help create 100 feet of defensible space around homes and provide assistance to those homeowners (means-tested) for corrective actions.
- L. APG & SANDAG Advisory Seat for Unincorporated Communities – Ms. Malinowski reported that there are 2 bills in the California legislature to remove 1 supervisor and replace with a permanent, voting APG member: AB24 (DeMaio) and SB240 (Jones). These bills will only pertain to San Diego County SANDAG and not affect any other county or agency.
- M. Regional Study of Rainbow traffic concerns – Ms. Malinowski – The Speed Limit Reduction community workshop was discussed under “Roads and Traffic Status” (Item VI.F.)
- N. County Code Enforcement – Mr. Doud – Nothing new.
- O. Signs in the Rights of Way – Mr. Doud reported that the large sign in disrepair by corner of Old Hwy 395 and Rainbow Valley Blvd West has been removed by the DPW. Signs for businesses have been continually pulled down and info sent to DPW to contact the businesses.
- P. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Kurland was not present.

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VII. New Business

A. None

VII. 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. Write letter to new CHP Commander thanking for the renewed vigilance and patrols in Rainbow which have been sighted recently, and invite to future meeting.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Rasp, second Ms. Eastman, approved unanimously. Adjournment by Vice Chair Doud at 7:37 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 21 May 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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