

Rainbow Community Planning Group

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM at Rainbow Valley Grange, 2160 Rainbow Valley Blvd, Rainbow CA 92028

- I. Open Provisions
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Chair Kurland at 6:30 PM.
7 members being present, a quorum is declared. Ms. Dahl* arrived at 6:33pm.
 - Marty Kurland - P
 - Greg Doud - P
 - Lynne Malinowski - P
 - Jon Gorr - P
 - Michele Dahl – P*
 - Paul Georgantas - P
 - Frederick Rasp - P
 - Pat Eastman – Excused
 - Ron Ehrler - P
 - Francesca Harris - Excused
 - Douglas Gastelum - Unexc
- II. Motion to approve the prior meeting minutes from April 15, 2026 by Mr. Doud, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously
- III. Public Comments
 - A. None
- IV. Motion to approve of the Order of the Agenda by Mr. Georgantas, second by Ms. Dahl, approved unanimously.
- V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items
 - A. Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (SECP) review by San Diego County Staff Tim Vertino (PDS Land Use/Environmental Planner Manager - Planning Services) and Soly D’Aiello (PDS Land Use/Environmental Planner Manager - Code Compliance Grading/Cannabis): The County representatives reviewed the feedback provided by the SD County Planning Commission at their meeting on 4/10/26 which generally aligned more closely with the recommendations by the Rainbow CPG and other CSPGs. If the Board of Supervisors selects the Planning Commission recommendation at the 6/10/26 meeting when a final decision will be made, additional hearings would be needed to consider updated ordinances and CEQA documentation. Concerns were expressed over the ability to quickly and effectively handle code violations for Cannabis operations.
- VI. Old Business and Reports
 - A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Kurland has forwarded all correspondence to the group.
 - B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski. Nothing new.
 - C. Social Media and Membership Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski posted simplified message on social media advertising the Cannabis presentation at today’s meeting.
 - D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Ms. Dahl. Nothing New.
 - E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud reported that there was no meeting this month.

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- F. Roads and traffic status – Chair Kurland. The Board of Supervisors approved the Rainbow Heights Rd 250 feet of guardrail replacement at their meeting today. Ms. Malinowski has been unable to receive clarification from the DPW on whether the Rainbow Heights Road “road bed degradation” repairs will be part of the guardrail replacement project, and will continue to pursue an answer before taking other steps.
- G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Chair Kurland. Nothing new.
- H. Community News and Grange – Ms. Dahl reported that there are 2 projects for the Grange Hall: demo a bathroom wall and flooring replacement. She requested help from the community on Saturdays in June.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud presented a letter to the Board of Supervisors for their 6/10/26 meeting supporting the Planning Commission recommendations. Motion to approve the letter by Ms. Malinowski, second by Mr. Ehrler, 7 votes AYE, 0 votes NAY, Mr. Rasp abstained.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Chair Kurland reported that a recently meeting had been recorded and posted on social media.
- K. Fire Safety Council Update – Mr. Doud reported that the FSC website is being updated for a newsletter format and content with subscriber list to be garnered at chipping events. California AB 1455 revised defensible space regulations for properties in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and State Responsibility Areas for Zone Zero, requiring an ‘ember-resistant zone’ within 5 feet of a structure. Look for future regulations, possibly as soon as June or July this year.
- L. APG & SANDAG Advisory Seat for Unincorporated Communities – Ms. Malinowski reported that there will be an in-person group meeting on 5/30/26 with two senior SANDAG officials attending. There is a recognition that APG must move from its current structure to something more formal which will enable a unique and independent entity for which a voting seat can be pursued.
- M. County Code Enforcement – Mr. Doud reported that the Rainbow/Fallbrook Code officer has 150 cases and stated that we need to find a way to get them help in order to be able to process the cases.
- N. Signs in the Rights of Way – Mr. Doud reported that a homebuilder put up signs north of Rainbow Vista Dr on Old Hwy 395 which had been taken down but are now back up again. The DPW will contact homebuilder again and have them taken down if they are still there.
- O. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Kurland. Nothing new.
- P. SDGE Rainbow Green Streets Project follow up – Ms. Dahl reported that the project should be complete by August 2026.

VII. New Business

- A. Golden Pacific Powerlink – Ms. Malinowski shared information from the SDGE Open House webinar with a map showing the 140-mile-long possible route and the timeline for future outreach. 2032 is the planned project completion.
- B. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation and related updates at 6/10/26 BOS meeting: Chair Kurland will attend the County Zoom presentation on 5/21/26.
- C. Tiered Winery Rural Residential (RR) Expansion Project: Ms. Malinowski reported on the Focus Group Webinar detailing the ordinance change options to allow by-right boutique wineries and amplified music in RR Zoned areas with decreased setbacks for noise, and changes to off-site parking regulations. Attendees at the Focus Group were not in favor of ‘by-right’ due to the uniqueness of rural properties with the way that sound travels; recommended that the permits should remain discretionary.

VIII. Call for New Agenda Items for next meeting

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

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- IX. Motion to adjourn by Ms. Dahl, second by Mr. Ehrler. Adjournment by Chair Kurland at 7:42PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting June 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski, Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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