

# Spring Valley Community Planning Group

County of San Diego

P.O. Box 1637, Spring Valley, CA 91979

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 27th, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Attend meeting in-person at:

San Miguel Fire District Headquarters: 2850 Via Orange Way, Spring Valley, CA 91978 Use the headquarters entrance and proceed to the second floor boardroom. There is no virtual portion of this meeting. An elevator is available.

Chairperson: Jesse A. Robles; email: [svcp3@gmail.com](mailto:svcp3@gmail.com)

### A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

1. Meeting called to order at 6pm. Members Present: Robles, Lawson, Pierce, Wallace, Harding, Gettmann, Pearson, Ramsis, Woodruff, Christie, Gibbons (Absent: Lowes (UE)) (Vacant Seats: 1, 11 and 15)

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Opportunity for the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject matter within our jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. A two (2) minute period shall be allotted to each person addressing the Group to facilitate business proceedings.

### D. AGENCY & GROUP UPDATES

1. Local Government Updates: Representatives from local, state and federal offices may provide updates.
  - Robin Todd - Assembly Sharp Collins 79 district is hosting a Stop Senior scam. It will be this Thursday, 1/29/2026. Take a flyer and register. Someone from the District Attorneys office and Adult Senior Services will be there.
  - Danny Avitia, Spring Valley Representative for Supervisor Paloma Aguirre (D1) provided updates for the group including budgetary requests, emphasizing their intent to preserve SNAP benefits, Medi-Cal and other housing services. More information can be found online by searching for Engage San Diego.
2. Group Updates & Announcements:
  - C. Pierce announced there would be a Spring Valley Changemakers Summit held on Feb. 19, 2026.

### E. ACTION ITEMS with designation as to whether there will be vote or not on the item:

1. Approval of Minutes: 1/13/2026. Vote on this item. Item tabled.
2. Utility Undergrounding Waiver – FHCSG GSV Plaza – (PDS2025-LDREFL-01029) 8730 & 8750 Jamacha Road, Spring Valley, CA 91977, APN 578-172-13-00. Consideration of a request for a waiver of the utility undergrounding requirement. The Group may provide comments and take action to recommend approval without conditions, approval with conditions, denial, or continuation of the item. Vote on this item. Item PASSES. (Motion by HARDING, SECOND BY PEARSON) 9 YES, 1 NO (WALLACE), 1 ABSTENTION (GIBBONS) 3 VACANCIES
3. “B” Waiver (Site Plan Permit Exemption) – FHCSG GSV Plaza. 8730 & 8750 Jamacha Road, Spring Valley, CA 91977, APN 578-172-13-00. Consideration of a request to recommend approval or denial of a “B” Waiver (Site Plan Permit Exemption). No conditions may be imposed on a “B” Waiver. Vote on this item. Item Passes. Motion by Pearson, Second by Lawson 8 YES, 3 NO (HARDING, ROBLES, WALLACE). ABSENT (1) VACANCIES (3)
4. Standing Rules Update and Candidate Interview Procedures. Status update on the Standing Rules rewrite and development of candidate interview procedures. Vote on this item. Item Tabled.
5. Vacancies – Candidate Introductions. Applicant introductions for vacant seats 1, 11 and 15; three (3) minutes per applicant. No vote on this item. Candidates Mark Amaral, Carlos Solario, Cathy Smith, and Cicely Suarez made introductions..
6. Vacancies – Candidate Interviews. Candidate interviews conducted pursuant to Group-approved interview procedures. No vote on this item.
7. Vacancies – Appointment Recommendations. Action to recommend three (3) candidates for appointment to seats 1, 11, and 15 of the Spring Valley Community Planning Group by the County Board of Supervisors. Vote on this item.
  - Cathy Smith - 8 -(LAWSON, HARDING, CHRISTIE, RAMSIS, GETTMANN, ROBLES, GIBBONS, WOODRUFF,
  - Gilbert Chavez - 8 - (LAWSON, PEARSON, RAMSIS HARDING, CHRISTIE, GETTMANN, ROBLES,

GIBBONS, WOODRUFF,

■ Mark Amaral - 8 - (LAWSON, PEARSON, HARDING, CHRISTIE, WALLACE, GETTMANN, ROBLES, GIBBONS WOODRUFF)

■ Cicely Suarez - 3 - (PEARSON, RAMSIS, WALLACE),

■ Satomi Rash-Ziegler - 2 - (PEARSON, WALLACE,)

■ Abstentions (PIERCE)

■ CATHY SMITH, GILBERT CHAVEZ AND MARK AMARAL received group nominations to seats 1, 11 and 15.

**8. Solutions to Illegal Dumping in Spring Valley Alleys.** The Group may discuss options for establishing a subcommittee and their operating parameters to work on various issues related to alleys in Spring Valley. Vote on this item. [Item PASSES, the Group moved to take steps towards creating an ad hoc committee to address illegal dumping. Motion by PEARSON, second by Gettmann. Unanimous vote.](#)

**9. Reports** 1. Chair 2. CSA 128 3. TAC 4. Highway Cleanup & Street Stewards 5. APG 6. Other

**10. Next scheduled SVCPG meeting:** February, 10th, 2026 at San Miguel Fire District Headquarters: 2850 Via Orange Way, Spring Valley, CA 91978.

**F. ADJOURNMENT.** [Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm](#)

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