



Spring Valley Community Planning Group

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 28th, 2026 at 6:00 PM

A. ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

PRESENT (10): Chavez, Lowes, Robles, Pierce, Wallace, Harding, Ramsis, Amaral, Gettmann, Woodruff.

EXCUSED (4): Lawson, Gibbons, Pearson, Smith

ABSENT (1): Christie

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chris Pierce

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: No public comments outside of respective action items.

D. AGENCY & GROUP UPDATES:

1. Danny Avitia with County Supervisor Aguirre's office gave the following updates:

a. County Supervisor Paloma-Aguirre will have a booth at Spring Valley Day, on 5/2.

b. There will be an upcoming health resource fair to be held in Chula Vista on 5/17.

c. Tentative plans are being made for a Spring Valley Town Hall to be held the evening of 5/26. Specific time TBD. Location TBD.

2. Josh Dunn with County Supervisor Montgomery-Steppe's office gave the following updates:

a. Provided info on the 'Tell Us Now' app. It is a free app for iPhone and Android designed for residents to submit service requests for items such as potholes, graffiti, illegal dumping, and downed trees. Reports are sent directly to county staff. Downloadable from the County App Center, Apple Store, and Google Play Store.

3. Jesse Brown with State Senator Weber-Pierson's office provided the following updates:

a. There will be an upcoming Lupus Awareness virtual symposium to be held on 5/20, from 5:30 - 6:30.

b. Senator Weber-Pierson's office will be offering a six month paid internship opportunity, starting in December 2026. Please contact her office for additional information.

4. Group Updates & Announcements:

a. Spring Valley Day 2026! To be held on 5/2, from 10 am - 3 pm. Location: Bancroft Drive & Tyler Street. Please visit www.springvalleyday.com for additional information.

5. No subcommittee updates were given at this meeting.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of 4/14/2026 Meeting Minutes: Malcolm Gettmann motioned, Angelica Wallace seconded.

VOTE: 8 YES / 0 NO / 2 ABSTAIN (Lowes, Ramsis). Motion Passes.

2. Site Plan Review 524 Grand Ave: Malcolm Gettmann motioned, Mark Amaral seconded.

VOTE: 9 YES / 0 NO / 1 ABSTAIN (Wallace). Motion Passes

a. SVCPCG recommends the county allocate funding to alley improvements behind property to facilitate access for utilities and the trash enclosure.

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3. **Request for Exemption from Site Plan Permit Processing Requirement for "B" Special Area Regulation 3270 Bancroft:** Spring Valley Environmental Services; APN 503-192-24-00. Gilbert Chavez motioned, Ed Woodruff seconded.
VOTE: 9 YES / 1 NO (Lowes) / 0 ABSTAIN. Motion Passes.
 - a. Originally heard on 9/9/25, the county requested SVCPG revisit with more board members seated.
4. **Traffic Control Measures:** Jacoby Rd & Sangamon Ave - Convert Yield sign to Stop sign on Jacoby Rd. Chris Harding motioned, Gilbert Chavez seconded.
VOTE: 10 YES / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN. Motion Passes.
 - a. SVCPG recommends the county investigate feasibility of implementing an all-way Stop at this intersection.
5. **Site Plan Minor/Administrative Deviation - Signage: DIB2:** 2500 Sweetwater Springs Blvd. PDS2025-STP-04-045M4. APN: 505-231-35-00. Motion Tabled.
 - a. SVCPG requests additional information from developer's representative, specifically: monument signs heights? Are illuminated signs backlit or is illumination angled downwards to minimize light pollution for the neighborhood higher on the hill?
6. **Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Alley Equity & Restoration:** Angelica Wallace and Chris Harding agreed to Co-Chair. Chris Pearce, Gilbert Chavez, and several community members, have agreed to join.
 - a. First priority is finalizing draft letters to county supervisors, regarding illegal dumping. Final draft will be disseminated for review at 5/12 meeting.
7. **Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility:** Malcolm Gettmann agreed to Chair. Jesse Robles, Matelda Ramsis, and several community members agreed to join.
8. **Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Neighborhood Traffic Solutions:** Gilbert Chavez agreed to Chair. Chris Pierce, Angelica Wallace, Mark Amaral, Jim Gusteau (TAC), and several community members agreed to join.
 - a. Initial focus will be on identifying areas where speeding through neighborhoods is an issue and request county allocate more enforcement measures. As well as identify areas where installation of potential speed measures such as speed cushions with wheel grooves could be beneficial.
9. **Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Homelessness Triage and Response:** Malcolm Gettmann agreed to Chair. Gilbert Chavez, Jesse Robles, and Chris Harding agreed to join.
 - a. Priorities will include clarifying county/CALTRANS jurisdiction issues regarding encampments and environmental hazards, and provide a conduit for residents to air concerns regarding the Homes on Wheels program and Troy Street Cabins program.
10. **Standing Rules Ad Hoc:** Item tabled to next meeting. Jesse Robles will disseminate original 2017 document and request Andrew Lawson resend updates/inputs he has provided. Members are requested to review documents and provide inputs at the next meeting.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS (N/A)

G. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Reports:

- a. Chair: Have several upcoming projects. Request members review and volunteer for new projects.
- b. CSA 128: Meeting minutes for 4/7/2026 shared via email.

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- c. TAC: Jim Gusteau shared that TAC meets 8x annually. He would like to see TAC agenda items sent to CPGs for inputs, prior to those meetings.
 - d. Highway Cleanup & Street Stewards:
 - Spring Valley Community Alliance (SVCA) recently assumed responsibility for south side of Hwy 94, from Sweetwater Springs to Bancroft Dr.
 - Chris Pierce stated there is a need for more Street Stewards volunteers and to contact him if anyone is interested.
 - e. APG: Lora Lowes stated last meeting was cancelled and next meeting is scheduled for 5/2, in Lakeside.
 - f. Other - NA
2. **Next scheduled SVCPG Meeting:** May 12, 2026 at San Miguel Fire District Headquarters: 2850 Via Orange Way, Spring Valley, CA 91978.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.