



Spring Valley Community Planning Group

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 11th, 2026 at 6:00 PM

A. ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. PRESENT (15): Chavez, Lowes, Robles, Pierce, Wallace, Harding, Lawson, Ramsis, Gibbons, Pearson, Amaral, Gettmann, Woodruff, Christie (6:25pm), Smith.
EXCUSED (0). ABSENT (0)

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Christopher Pierce

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

D. AGENCY & GROUP UPDATES:

1. Robin Todd with State Assembly District 79 Dr. Sharp-Collins's office gave the following update:

- a. Assemblyperson will hold a 'State of the District' meeting for constituents on Friday, 9/25, from 5 - 7pm.
- b. SVCPG members asked Dr. Sharp-Collins for support in coordinating with CALTRANS for a status update on phase II of the 94/125 interchange infrastructure enhancement project.

2. Danny Avita with County Supervisor Paloma-Aguirre's office gave the following updates:

- a. Supervisor Aguirre has given out approx \$3 million in community grants in the last two months.
- b. County budget of \$9.16 billion approved, with \$22 million allocated towards affordable housing.
- c. Looking into a film commission/film office to incentivize filming in and around San Diego county.
- d. 'Neighbor to Neighbor' resource meeting for the unhoused to be held on Friday 8/14 from 8 - 11pm, at the Spring Valley Community Center.
- e. Community town hall meeting focused on housing to be held on Wednesday 9/9 at 6pm, at the Spring Valley Community Center.
- f. Cleanup request for graffiti on private property walls facing the 125 is currently at CALTRANS legal dept.
- g. SVCPG requested an update on the previous request for clarity on alley responsibility for cleaning and enforcement/deterrence of illegal dumping.

3. Community Group Updates & Announcements:

- a. Spring Valley Community Alliance will host a Highway clean-up event on Sunday 8/16 starting at 8am, at Bancroft Dr & Helix St.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Ad Hoc Committee Updates:** No Ad Hoc committee updates given at this meeting.

F. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Approval of 7/28/2026 Meeting Minutes:** Andrew Lawson motioned, Chris Pearson seconded.

VOTE: 14 YES / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES.

- 2. Minor Deviation: 661 Sweetwater Rd. APN# 584-520-24-00.** Minor signage deviation for incoming Walgreen's Pharmacy. Motion to accept wall sign, pharmacy sign, and a pole sign with no background lighting by Lowes, second by Lawson. VOTE: 12 YES / 3 NO (Lowes, Wallace, Christie). MOTION PASSES.

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3. Highway Memorial for San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District Firefighter Gail Noble.

The following people spoke on behalf of a memorial for Gail Noble:

- Gehrig Browning. Theresa McKenna. Tom Paden. Dave Allan. Ron Quinlan.

The following people spoke against a memorial for Gail Noble:

- Lora Lowes.

Motion to reconsider the Gail Noble memorial due to new and pertinent information being presented.

VOTE: 10 YES / 3 NO (Lowes, Wallace, Christie) / 2 ABSTAIN (Robles, Ramsis). RECONSIDERATION MOTION PASSES.

Motion to recommend county move forward with considering the Gail Noble Memorial Sign by Pierce, Second by Pearson. VOTE: 11 YES / 3 NO (Lowes, Wallace, Christie) / 1 ABSTAIN (Ramsis). MOTION PASSES.

G. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Reports:

- Chair: Reminder to review county battery storage (BESS) ordinances.
- CSA 128: Calavo Park scheduled to open late fall 2026.
- TAC: No updates
- Highway Cleanup & Street Stewards:
 - Spring Valley Community Alliance (SVCA) will hold a highway cleanup on Sunday 8/16 @ 8am. Meet at the intersection of Bancroft Dr & Helix St.
- APG: Lora Lowes shared that the last meeting had a presentation regarding microplastics in water.
- Other: NA

2. Next scheduled SVCPG Meeting: August 25th, 2026 @ 6pm at San Miguel Fire District Headquarters: 2850 Via Orange Way, Spring Valley, CA 91978.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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