Spring Valley Community Planning Group

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026 at 6:00 PM

A. ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm PRESENT (9): Chavez, Lowes, Harding, Lawson, Gibbons, Pearson, Amaral, Gettmann, Christie.
EXCUSED (6): Robles, Pierce, Wallace, Ramsis, Woodruff, Smith
ABSENT (0):

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Rod Gibbons

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

1. Andy lives along Ruxton & Jamacha and is concerned about debris in the culvert running behind his house. He stated County Parks & Rec staff have done a good job keeping the culvert clear along Spring Valley Park but would like to see the rest of the culvert cleaned out prior to forecasted rains this upcoming winter.
2. Sergio expressed concern with graffiti on a retaining wall along 125 SB, looking westward. CALTRANS used to handle, but apparently relinquished responsibility. Due to the retaining wall being located on a slope above freeway, it is recommended CALTRANS reassumes responsibility.
3. Pat attended a county presentation regarding battery energy storage systems (BESS) for power generation and grid stabilization within the county. Additional info is available at: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/longrangeplanning/BESS.html
4. Pat shared info regarding an upcoming project kick-off meeting to explore 'first/last mile' transit mobility options. Upcoming meetings are online and scheduled for Wed 10/2 at 12pm and 6pm. Additional info is available at: https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/planning-for-first-mile-and-last-mile?tool=news_feed

D. AGENCY & GROUP UPDATES:

1. **Robin Todd with State Assembly District 79 Dr. Sharp-Collins's office gave the following update:**
   a. Provided flyers for the upcoming 'State of the District' to be held Thursday 9/24 at 5pm. Interested people must RSVP to be allowed in. Additional info available at: https://sharp-collins.asmdc.org/
   b. Shared the Assemblymember is supporting a bill to ban the use of 'taser-gloves' within California.
2. **Community Group Updates & Announcements:**
   a. Upcoming county elections: Candidate Andrew Lawson and Incumbent Dr. Sharp-Collins will hold a joint Q&A forum on Saturday 9/26, from 2 - 3:30pm, at the Malcom X. Library 5148 Market St, San Diego CA 92114.
   b. Chris Pearson requested SVCPG and community members continue to push elected officials towards obtaining financing for phase 2 of the 125 SB to EB 94 bridge.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Request for exemption from site plan: 10605 Jamacha Blvd.** APN# 505-231-34-00. HASA Inc requests deviation for a retroactively installed steel catwalk structure that supports piping to storage tanks. Chris Harding volunteers as lead. Gilbert Chavez, Lora Lowes, Mark Amaral, and Jake Christie joined the review group.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of 8/11/2026 Meeting Minutes**: Malcolm Gettmann motioned, Chris Pearson seconded.
   VOTE: 8 YES / 0 NO / 1 ABSTAIN (Lowes). MOTION PASSES

2. **Stop Controls Installation:** County Public Works intends to install stop signs facing eastbound and westbound traffic at the San Diego St and Ramona Ave intersection. Chris Pearson motioned, Mark Amaral seconded. VOTE: 9 YES / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES

G. GROUP BUSINESS

1. **Reports:**
   - **a.** Chair: NA
   - **b.** CSA 128**:** Meeting minutes for 8/4/2026 shared via email.
   - **c.** TAC: Chris Pearson will send an email providing members information on how to contact elected officials regarding the SB125-EB94 bridge interchange project.
   - **d.** Highway Cleanup & Street Stewards: NA
   - **e.** APG: Next meeting scheduled for 10/23.
   - **f.** Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Updates NA
   - **g.** Other: NA

2. **Next scheduled SVCPG Meeting:** October 13th, 2026 @ 6pm at San Miguel Fire District Headquarters: 2850 Via Orange Way, Spring Valley, CA 91978.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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