

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 1, 2025, 7pm

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station

4900 Bonita Rd, Bonita CA 91902

Chair Felix Felix brought meeting to order at 7pm.

1. Roll called by Secretary Lori Noe. All members present: Liz Stonehouse, Michael Clowers, Uwe Werner, Lori Noe, Mark Kukuhcek, Harriet Taylor, Patty O'Mara, Shane Parmely, Michael Garrod, Daniel Diaz, Felix Felix, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, John Taylor, Penni Neely.
2. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
3. Approval of March Minutes: 1st by Mark, 2nd by Liz. 12 ayes, 3 abstain: Liz, Uwe, and Shane.
4. Public Comment: Ernesto County representative, announced he will be resuming attendance at our meetings. Gave handout on requests to speak at BOS meetings. John and Harriet spoke re: opposition to sand mining at Casa de Oro. Judy stated that County Planning Commission denied it. Request for clarification and presentation at next meeting.
5. ACTION ITEM. Approval of Order of Agenda: 1st by Liz, 2nd by Shane. All members voted aye.
6. ACTION ITEM. Auto Zone Signage Plans and Waiver Request. Phaylyn Keophakdy presenting. No changes to most recent plan for 18" lettering/sign. 1st by Mark and 2nd by Shane. All vote aye.
7. ACTION ITEM. Unsafe Camping Ordinance: Letter of Support-SCPG Chair Felix presenting. 1st by Mark, 2nd by Judy. Vote 5 ayes: Mark, Patty, Felix, Tony, Penni; other 10 members vote no. Motion by Shane to amend wording of letter as follows: strike Supervisor Joel Anderson's name from letter heading, and begin letter "Dear Supervisors." Also, paragraph 3 will begin with "Supervisors efforts" rather than "Your efforts." 2nd by Michael Garrod, with 14 members voting aye for Amendment, 1 voting no (Penni).

NON-ACTION ITEMS/UPDATES

8. County Stormwater Updates: Brief presentation with handouts. Watercourse enforcement (creek) by Kamilah James regarding area from Loma Del Sol to Olive Ave. Homeowners in this area were notified of restrictions and compliance regulation in respect to overgrowth, maintenance, grading, and unpermitted fills. Second, Sweetwater Regional Park (ballfields) drainage presented by Moises Pinedo, who stated repairs were completed as requested (storm conveyance maintenance and hydrology and curb maintenance) including grading. Ballpark runoff redirected to storm drains and green space, with report of decreased water flow to San Miguel Road. Third presenter: Samil Nuhaily regarding San Miguel Road drainage. Preliminary engineering report (PER) to include analysis of existing drainage conditions, identification of potential issues with stormwater runoff, proposal of initial design concepts for a drainage system and infrastructure, including roadway improvements, to manage water flow. Timeline: notice to proceed; expected to be completed by late summer. Further presentations expected. Susan H. then presented photos and information regarding previous and current state of San Miguel Creek, which now has "16 tributaries, rather than the initial one source from San Miguel Mtn.," causing erosion, trail restrictions, and other problems. She has walked the riverbeds to assess damage and sources of damage. San Miguel Ranch and other new communities, as well as the 125 tollway, may be large contributors to water flow issues. Current County study is

limited to San Miguel Rd only. Therefore, engineer Samil suggested to meet with Susan and others to discuss additional drainage and infrastructure issues. Michael G. and Patty O. suggested a subcommittee/Ad Hoc, with county engineer agreeing to meet asap, within the week if feasible. Subcommittee/Ad Hoc will include homeowners and SCPG members; to be addressed at next meeting. Resident of Quarry Road also shared his experience of severe flooding of his property after construction of 125 toll road.

9. Community Updates: Harriet reminded us of BOS meeting April 9 at 9am re: Quarry Rd storage facility. Rideshare available at church across from Pinery. Meet at 7:30am.
10. Trails Updates: none.
11. Traffic Advisory Updates: Michael C. informed us of Friday meeting in person or by zoom regarding Quarry Road to re-evaluate temporary closure and status of current barricades and future horse-gate (proposed in 2023). Trash truck access may be an issue if they cannot turn around at end of street (cul-de-sac) where illegal dumping is chronic issue, and may require locked gate or other intervention.
12. Ad Hoc Secure Self-Storage Update: confirmed "not on consent agenda."
13. Design Review Updates: none.
14. Adjournment by Felix at 8:41pm.