REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: September 16, 2014

LOCATION: Otay Water District Headquarter
Training Room, Lower Terrace
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.
Spring Valley, California 91978-2004

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

A. ROLL CALL. Present: Feathers, Becker, Rand, Chapman, Perry, Brownlee, Myers, Reith, Fitchett, Baillargeon, and Henderson. Absent: Tierney, Hyatt, Schuppert and Wollitz


C. Public Communication: None.

D. Action Items:

1. **VAC-2014-0137 IOD Vacation**: County’s Real Estate Service Division is processing a request to vacate existing Irrevocable Offers of Dedication (IOD) that were put in place for future alignment of State Route 54, in the proximity of Fuerte Heights Lane and Sundale Road in Rancho San Diego. Mr. Rand explained that the area proposed for vacation is no longer needed for SR 54 alignment. He further indicated that the applicant requested this vacation in hopes of being able to perform an Open Space swap with an adjacent parcel which is the subject of an Open Space Encroachment Administrative Permit (AD-14-044). MSC(Rand/Myers) to approve the subcommittee’s recommendation to approve the proposed vacation of IOD on parcels APN 498-371-01 and 498-371-29. (11-0-0-4)

2. **AD-14-044 Administrative Permit**: Mr. Yalda, the owner of 1446 Fuerte Heights Lane in Rancho San Diego, is requesting approval to replace the retaining wall backfill which was over-excavated in the existing Open Space easement. This action item was presented in tandem with agenda item #1 VAC-2014-0137 IOD Vacation as they concern adjacent properties owned by Mr. Yalda. Mr. Rand presented photos of the over-excavation and related that this was not the first time the applicant had been cited for grading violations. The subcommittee reported that there was a grading plan in place and the plan was knowingly violated. Mr. Lawrence Cole, Mr. Yalda’s representative, responded in agreement to the various concerns and presented the applicant’s overall desire to swap the untouched Open Space from the IOD vacation (Agenda Item #1) with the violated Open Space on this lot. MSC(Rand/Chapman) Subcommittee recommended approval of the Administrative Permit on the condition of 1) the County require the homeowner to
place the damaged Open Space slope back to its original condition; 2) The homeowner must replant the violated Open Space with indigenous plants; 3) This should be done by completion of the grading project. It may not be feasible to replace the slope to its exact original condition, so we ask the County to work with the homeowner for a reasonable compromise. (11-0-0-4)

3. **ABC-14-006.** Request to replace the existing Type 20 Alcohol License with a Type 21 License for a gas station business located at 9749 Campo Road in Casa De Oro. Ms Brownlee introduced the request, and Mr. George Panoguato, the business owner’s representative, who related the background of the request. Mr. Nimus Malan, gas station manager, related their concerns. Ms Brownlee related the County Board of Supervisor’s Public Necessity and Convenience (PN&C) criteria relating to alcohol licensing and recommended the request for a Type 21 Alcohol License be denied because it did not meet the PN&C criteria. Ms. Feathers seconded the motion. The Planning group was not able to reach consensus and take an official position. (7-3-1-4)

4. **M-14-010. LAFCO: La Cuesta – Gauthier Annexation.** The owner of the unimproved lot (1.02 acres) at the southeast corner of the La Cuesta & Lavell-Carmichael intersection, is requesting sewer annexation to the San Diego County Sanitation District. Ms Chapman reminded the members that our PG has, in the past, not supported sewer annexation in the MT Helix area because of the impact to Community Character. She clearly communicated how this particular request was an exception. MSC(Chapman/Perry) recommend approval of the sewer annexation request. (11-0-0-4)

5. **Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Report: San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Draft CCP.** Hardcopies of the subcommittee’s response to the Draft CCP presentation, given to the Planning Group on August 5, 2014, were distributed. Discussion followed. MSC(Chapman/Henderson) recommended the response letter with the Planning Groups concerns be delivered to the US Fish & Wildlife Service, with a copy to Darren Gretler, DPLU Assistant Director. (10-0-1-4)

6. **Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Report: Proposed Beekeeping Ordinances.** Since no report had been prepared, this agenda item was deferred to a future VDOCPG meeting.

**Group Business:** A new membership contact list was distributed and members were asked to verify their contact information. Mr. Rand initiated a discussion regarding potential legal problems associated with the use of email addresses (personal, work, and so on)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Anita Reith, Secretary