Approved Minutes of the Meeting: October 6, 2015

Location: Otay Water District Headquarters
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.
Spring Valley, CA 91978
Training Room, Lower Terrace

A. ROLL CALL: 7:02 PM Mark Schuppert, Chair

Members present: (12) Baillargeon, Chapman, Feathers, Hernandez, Hyatt, Johnston, Myers, Nold, Rand, Schuppert, Tierney, Wollitz
Members absent: (0)
Members Seat Vacant: (3) Brownlee, Fitchett, Perry
( Votes: Yeah-Nay-Abstain-Absent-Vacant -- ___--___--___--___--3 )

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR September 1, 2015 VOTE: 11-0-1-0-3

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Ms Feathers, VDOCPG member asked to speak on a topic not on the agenda. She noted that approval of the Lilac Hills project could result in a General Plan Amendment that the VDOCPG fought hard to block for 12 years. Due to the potential impact to our Planning Area, the Chair asked that an Adhoc Subcommittee be formed to review the potential change and represent the VDOCPG at the upcoming Board of Supervisor’s meeting.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. PDS2015-ZAP-15-002. Verizon Rancho San Diego. Minor Use Permit Waiver Request for the 35’ height limit to extend an existing tower element to conceal the proposed antennas at 2514 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, CA 92019. [Hyatt] [Jill Cleveland, Applicant]

Jill Cleveland, the applicant’s representative attended the meeting and provided an overview of their project. Additionally, she informed Mr. Hyatt that they had completed their response to the County’s Scoping letter and would be providing him with a copy.

Mr. Hyatt conducted a site visit with the applicant on August 12, 2015 and noted an existing gas line crossing the proposed equipment site and highlighted that the proposed height of the cupola exceeded the height permitted by San Diego County Zoning Ordinance for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.

Ms. Cleveland informed the group, that the gas line will be relocated to avoid the equipment area and the drawings will be modified to reflect this change.

Per the previously noted Zoning Ordinance, the cupola height is defined as "The vertical distance measured from the ground surface at grade to the tip of the highest point of the proposed
structure.” (See 6983 A.) Per Bronwyn Brown at the County of SD, the maximum height is 35’ measured to the midpoint of a gable roof. Applicant reduced the midpoint height to 35’. Overall height was reduced from 39'-10” to 37'-2” making the midpoint 35’.

Ms Cleveland notified the members, there will be working clock faces on all four sides of the cupola and provided information on the TEMPUS master clock controller from Americlock, Inc. (Surface Mounted Marker Tower Clock).

HYATT moved to approve the proposed Verizon Rancho San Diego project based on the set of drawings (Rev-05), dated 8-18-15, subject to applicant remapping existing gas line and including relocated gas line in drawing package. (Chapman seconded) VOTE: 11-0-1-0-3.

Christopher Rand Abstains (Disqualification) due to Financial/Professional Relationship with Verizon).

2. Request for Site Plan Exemption – 2500 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard: Installation of a larger entry door and window into the office section of an existing metal framed industrial building. [Schuppert] [Juan Noe, Applicant Agent]

Juan Noe presented their request enlarge the entry door and windows. Schuppert indicated this project was before the CPG because of the “B” Special Use Regulation. The proposed changes do not impact line of sight or the aesthetics of the area.

SCHUPPERT moved to recommend approval of the applicant’s Site Plan Exemption. (Tierney seconded) VOTE: 12-0-0-0-3.

3. Board Vote on filling vacant seat numbers 2, 3, and 13. Seat #2 (Don Fitchett), Seat #3 (Bob Perry) and Seat #13 (Susan Brownlee). Paper ballots were distributed to members. The election results: Seat #2: Alyssa Burley; Seat #3: David Zimmerman; Seat #13: Stephen Bickley

E. GROUP BUSINESS –
1. SDG&E received permit from Caltrans to start Highway 94 project from Via Mercado to Melody Lane in Jamul.

2. North Bonita Street safety concern alternatives summary and follow up (Michael VanderBergh). Chair asked that an Adhoc Subcommittee be formed to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the four options presented by the County to address the safety concerns along North Bonita Street in Casa De Oro.

3. Reimbursement request for mailbox payment. MYERS moved to approve reimbursement request of $120 for VDOCPG mailbox rental and new member nameplates. (Hyatt seconded) VOTE: 11-0-1-0-3

F. ADJOURNMENT at 7:56 PM

Submitted by: Lori Myers