MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 3, 2017

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

Meeting called to Order: 7:00 PM, Mark Schuppert, Chair

A. ATTENDANCE
- Members Present: 14 (Schuppert, Rand, Kossman, Bickley, Burley, Feathers, Hyatt, Johnston, Kenny, Myers, Nold, Tierney, Tinsley Becker, Zimmerman)
- Members Absent: 1 (Baillargeon)
- Member Vacancies: 0

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- Minutes to Approve: December 6, 2016 VDO CPG Meeting
- The CPG adopted the minutes from the December 6, 2016 meeting
- VOTE: 9 / 0 / 5 / 1 / 0 Order: (Yeah / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
1. Community member Dave Steel (no address provided) announced that he would like to become more involved in VDO CPG activities, and would like to serve as a member when a position opens on the CPG.

D. ACTION ITEMS
Item 1: Ratification of VDO CPG Appeal to Board of Supervisors for MUP-15-006 / ER-15-19-02 (College Prep Middle School) 10269 Madrid Way, Spring Valley
- Start Time: 7:05 p.m.
- CPG Presenter: Schuppert
- Applicant Speakers / Representatives: No formal presentation was provided by applicant; the applicant declined to speak.
- County Representative: David Sibbet, Planning and Development Services Department
- Abstentions or Disqualifications: Tinsley Becker and Kenny
  - Abstain Vote Explanation: Tinsley Becker abstained due to lack of familiarity with the previously denied project which was presented to the VDO CPG prior to her joining the CPG. Kenny abstained (no explanation provided).
- Item issue Summary: The County Planning Commission (CPC) approved the MUP despite the VDO CPG recommendations to deny the project. Schuppert, Myers, and Bickley attended the CPC meeting and relayed the CPC discussion on the proposed project back to the VDO CPG. Shuppert prepared an appeal of the CPC decision to approve the project. In order to ratify and submit the appeal, the VDO CPG must approve the appeal.
- Public Comment: None
- CPG Discussion Points: The appeal is based on issues relating to public safety, traffic, and community character. Additional points of concern expressed by the VDO CPG relate to lack of a right-hand-turn lane off of Agua Dolce to Campo Road to accommodate or ameliorate traffic concerns, and the lack of sidewalks and gutters to accommodate and increase safety for pedestrians.
Motion: Support submission of the appeal to the BOS (Schuppert).
Second: Bickley
VOTE: 12 / 0 / 2 / 1 / 0 Order: (Yeah / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)

Item 2: County of San Diego Local Park Planning Area (LPPA) Alignment Presentation

Start Time: 7:35 p.m.
CPG Presenter: No presentation by the CPG
Applicant Speakers / Representatives: Not Applicable
County Representative: Marcus Lubich, Park Project Manager
Abstentions or Disqualifications: None
Item issue Summary: The County of San Diego seeks to align the Local Park Planning Areas (LPPA) with the Planning Areas (PA) of each Community Planning Group (CPG). The LPPA for the VDO CPG currently includes lands in adjacent communities including Jamul, Spring Valley, and Crest. Realignment of the two boundaries would result in a loss of approximately 650 acres from the VDO Planning Area. Mr Lubich presented the PA and LPPA boundaries as delineated on County maps and provided an overview of the re-alignment effort. He is soliciting input from the VDO CPG for all topics, definitions, and areas of concern relating to both the LPPA re-alignment and the PLDO update.

Public Comment: None
CPG Discussion Points: Myers and Feathers presented information on the PLDO at the 11/1/2016 VDO CPG.

Motion: Support the County in its effort to align PLDO and CPG boundaries (Myers).
Second: Bickley
VOTE: 14 / 0 / 0 / 1 / 0 Order: (Yeah / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)

Item 3: Elect Officers for 2017 term

Start Time: 7:50 p.m.
CPG Presenter: Nold
Applicant Speakers / Representatives: Not Applicable
County Representative: Not Applicable
Abstentions or Disqualifications: None
Item issue Summary: Member Nold was tasked with identifying officer candidates for the 2017 year. Positions are: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The VDO CPG is to elect new officers from the candidates identified or any members who seek to elect themselves or another member during this item presentation / discussion timeframe.

Public Comment: None
CPG Discussion Points: Member Nold identified the candidates as follows: Chair – David Johnston; Vice Chair – Alyssa Burley; Secretary – Wendy L. Tinsley Becker.

Motion #1: Approve David Johnston as VDO CPG Chair for 2017 (Nold)
Second #1: Bickley
VOTE #1: 14 / 0 / 0 / 1 / 0 Order: (Yeah / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)

Motion #2: Approve Alyssa Burley as VDO CPG Vice Chair for 2017 (Nold)
Second #2: Kenny
VOTE #2: 14 / 0 / 0 / 1 / 0 Order: (Yeah / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)

Motion #3: Approve Wendy Tinsley Becker as VDO CPG Secretary for 2017 (Nold)
Second #3: Myers
VOTE #3: 14 / 0 / 0 / 1 / 0 Order: (Yeah / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)
Item 4: Presentation by San Diego County Sanitation District Regarding Proposed Rate Increases

- **Start Time:** 7:55 p.m.
- **CPG Presenter:** None
- **Applicant Speakers / Representatives:** Dan Brogadir, Public Works Manager, County of San Diego
- **County Representative:** Dan Brogadir, Public Works Manager, County of San Diego
- **Item issue Summary:** The San Diego County Sanitation District is operating at a deficit, currently $5.7M annually. The district needs to be a full cost recovery enterprise with an operational reserve for six months which amounts to approximately $12M plus a $3M capital reserve. Proposition 218 requires equitable collection of fees from water customers based on differing customer / water use categories. Proposition 218 requires notice to be given for rate increases. Mr. Brogadir presented an overview of the district, its current financial status, and the proposed rate increase. He solicited comments from the VDO CPG on the proposed rate increase. The proposed rate increase will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in February 2017 along with a request for a public hearing. All 35,000 customers will be notified about the hearing that is anticipated to take place in April 2017.
- **Public Comment:** None
- **CPG Discussion Points:** How is usage monitored (Kenny)? Video monitoring of infrastructure connections is one method of identifying illegal connection or abnormal usage; other methods include dye testing and smoke testing. There are approximately 400 miles of sewer line to maintain and monitor. How do we (the public) pay for this service (Feathers)? Through the County property tax bill or through a sewer service provider bill. How much is the onetime payment to the district from the Otay Water District for CIP reimbursements (Hyatt)? The onetime payment is approximately $3M which will pay for pump station improvements for the district’s facility near the Steel Truss Bridge. Explain the cost, where are the employee benefits, pensions, etc. within the costs presented (Schuppert)? The district is run by the County Department of Public Works staff and is managed by the Board of Supervisors. There are approximately 44 employees, all are County employees with County pay rates, pension plans, etc.
  - **Motion:** Not Applicable – information item only
  - **Second:** Not Applicable – information item only
  - **VOTE:** Not Applicable – information item only

Item 5: Preliminary Meeting – Self Storage Facility, 11902 Campo Road

- **Start Time:** 8:40 p.m.
- **CPG Presenter:** None
- **Applicant Speakers / Representatives:** Brian Grissinger and David Meinicke, Jordon Architects
- **Item issue Summary:** The project applicants presented schematic designs for a proposed storage facility to be sited at 11902 Campo Road immediately adjacent to the existing Self-Storage facility. The applicants solicited preliminary feedback on the proposed schematic drawings and requested VDO CPG concerns that they can proactively address prior to bringing the project back for approval as part of the County review process.
- **Public Comment:** None
- **CPG Discussion Points:** The proposed project site is in the vicinity of an open space area, please be cognizant of the open space concerns relative to visual / aesthetics and building form (Tinsley Becker); recommendation to refer to the existing Self Storage facility’s design approval process to identify constraints (Myers); recommendation to review the Rancho San Diego Specific Plan (Schuppert); and request for elevation drawings / photo simulations for each facade at next presentation to understand visual relationship with nearby sloping terrain (Tinsley Becker).
  - **Motion:** Not Applicable – information item only
  - **Second:** Not Applicable – information item only
  - **VOTE:** Not Applicable – information item only
E. GROUP BUSINESS:

- Vice Chair Rand announced his resignation from the VDO CPG. He is initiating pursuit of a Ph.D. in the financial field. The VDO CPG thanked him for his service and wished him success in his academic and professional endeavors.
- Chair Schuppert requested the CPG approve a motion to reimburse expenditure for the purchase of CPG member nameplates, as the County has not completed the nameplate order requested several months ago. Second (Myers), Unanimous Approval of Motion.
- The VDO CPG members discussed methods to manage the CPG’s meeting time, project review and presentation tools, and member needs for future meetings. The new Chair (David Johnston) will review member comments and a list of questions / comments on the topic submitted by member Tinsley Becker.

F. ADJOURNMENT: 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Wendy L. Tinsley Becker