

Valley Center Community Planning Group

Approved Minutes for a Virtual Zoom meeting held on **November 9, 2020** at 7:00 p.m.

Delores Chavez Harmes, **Chair**; Kevin Smith, **Vice-Chair**; James Garritson, **Secretary**

A=Absent; Ab=Abstention; DRB=Valley Center Design Review Board; N=Nay; P=Present; R=Recused; VCCPG=Valley Center Community Planning Group; VCPRD=Valley Center Parks & Recreation District; Y=Yea

A. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87677905787>; Meeting ID: **876 7790 5787**; Passcode: **VCCPGNov**

B. Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order at **7:00 p.m.** and a Quorum was established with **15 members present.**

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| ● Lisa Adams - P | ● James Garritson - P | ● Kathleen McCabe - P |
| ● Jeana Boulos - P | ● Delores ChavezHarmes- P | ● LaVonne Norwood - P |
| ● William Del Pilar - P | ● Steve Hutchison - P | ● James Radden - P |
| ● Susan Fajardo - P | ● Joey Martinez - P | ● Kevin Smith - P |
| ● Julia Feliciano - P | ● Matt Matthews - P | ● Renee Wolf - P |

Guests:

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| ● Tally Thompson | ● David Ross | ● Matthew Winter |
| ● Justin Salter | ● Dori Rattray | ● Vince Kattoula |
| ● Kimberlyn Velasquez | ● Kirk Whitaker | |
| | ● Bunny | |

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Harmes

D. Approval of October 12, 2020 Minutes:

- We will vote on the October 12, 2020 Minutes at the December meeting.

E. Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Planning Group on any topic not on the agenda.

- No public comments were made.

1) San Diego County Water Authority: Kirk Whitaker - Hauck Mesa Storage Reservoir [Appendix]

- Kirk Whitaker made a presentation about the Hauck Mesa Storage Reservoir. He shared that the facility will store about one hour of community water at maximum demand.
- Kirk Whitaker of the San Diego County Water Authority presented construction plans for the Hauck Mesa Storage Reservoir that will replace a much smaller water tank that the Valley Center Municipal Water District once owned. San Diego County Water Authority was created by the state legislature in 1944 and sells water to municipalities in the County.
- Plans include removing the old tank, paving the existing dirt road, and building underground vaults with a flow control facility. The 2.1 million gallon tank will provide an hour of water. The agency will advertise bids for the project beginning on December 1 and

award the contract in January. Construction should begin in February and completion should end in late 2022.

- Chair Harmes asked about the approval process of the project. Kirk Whitaker stated that San Diego County Water Authority is an independent agency and operates outside of County jurisdiction.
- Ms. Norwood asked if the Water Authority had already contacted the three property owners next to the project. Kirk did contact the owners. One of the property owners provides an easement to the reservoir.
- Mr. Hutchison asked if the SDCWA will try to make the new storage reservoir look nicer than the existing one. Mr. Whitaker said that the tank is green and there are no plans to plant any trees.
- Dr. Matthews asked about the percentage of desalinated water that is used in local water. Kirk shared how desalinated water is mixed many times with reverse osmosis and local groundwater.
- For further questions about the Hauck Mesa Storage Reservoir, please contact Kirk at kvelasquez@sdcwa.org.

2) Woods Valley & Valley Center Road: Vince Kattoula - Presentation [APPENDIX]

- Vince Kattoula shared a Preliminary Grading Plan about this property located at the intersection of Valley Center Road and Woods Valley Road. The project is named Valley Center Plaza and the proposed building size is 8250 sq. feet.
- Ms. Fajardo shared that she would like to see the property cleaned up and hopes the property owners will consider adding some type of monument to the project. This is the first property that people see when driving into the Valley Center community. The developer currently has no plans to develop the land near Banbury Drive, but will remove any trash and dead trees.

F. Action items (VCCPG advisory vote may be taken on the following items)

1) Soccer Field PDS2020-MUP-20-009 (Wolf): - Update on project. (No Action)

- Ms. Wolf shared a brief update. She has shared community concerns about the project with County officials.
- Matthew Winter did not present anything about the project tonight, but shared that the property owners would like to make a complete presentation next month.

2) Valley Center Professionals PDS2020-STP-20-008 (McCabe): Update – Progress on scoping letter, DRB, phase 1 elements, etc. (No Action)

- Ms. McCabe shared that Will Rogers told her that the project will probably begin in early 2021.

3) Cole Grade Bridge: Update county and Caltrans on Pauma airstrip bridge. (No Action)

- Chair Harmes shared details about the situation between Caltrans and the Pauma airstrip owner aligning the airstrip regarding re-aligning to allow clearance for plane landings and take off. This project will be removed from the County project list.
- Dr. Matthews explained that depending on the amount of rainfall, cars sometimes cannot pass the bridge for many months. There are alternate routes to use when flooding occurs.

G. Subcommittee Reports

1) Community Plan Update (Steve Hutchinson, Chair)

- Mr. Hutchison reported that the VC community plan update subcommittee met with County officials in October. They will meet sometime in November, December, and possibly even January to finalize this update.

2) Emergency Evacuation (Delores Chavez Harmes, Chair): LAFCO-SDCFPD

- There was no October meeting. Chair Harmes shared that LAFCO had a meeting online today about people who would like to protest the consolidation of fire services. Chair Harmes will invite Chief Napier to attend the December meeting.

3) Mobility (Lisa Adams, Chair): Revitalization Update

- Ms. Adams said that the County relies on local citizens to share any community concerns. The County did fix some of the things that she reported.

4) Villages (William Del Pilar, Chair) No update.

5) Parks & Rec (LaVonne Norwood, Chair)

- Ms. Norwood provided an update about the security cameras. She also stated that the County has now taken control of Parks and Rec.

6) Tribal Liaison (Jeana Boulos, Chair)

7) Nominations (Susan Fajardo, Chair)

8) Member Updates (Delores Chavez Harmes, Chair)

- Chair Harmes will invite County officials to participate at the December VCCPG meeting and share information about a number of issues.

9) Website (Renee Wolf, Chair)

I. Adjournment

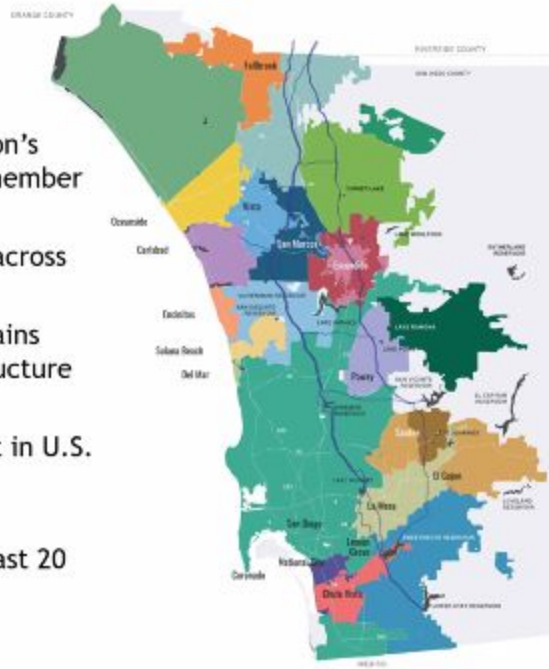
- Next regular meeting of VCCPG is on **December 14, 2020 at 7pm**
- **The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**
- **Minutes were approved on December 14, 2020.**

James Garritson, Secretary

San Diego County Water Authority

Wholesale water agency created by state Legislature in 1944

- Serves 3.3 million people and region's \$245 billion economy through 24 member agencies (retailers)
- Provides about 75% of water used across the metro area
- Builds, owns, operates, and maintains large-scale regional water infrastructure
- Created largest ag-to-urban water conservation & transfer agreement in U.S.
- Invested more than \$2.5 billion in facilities (desalination, pipelines, treatment and reservoirs) in the past 20 years



Valley Center Pump Station Operations

