# **Valley Center Community Planning Group**

**Approved Minutes** for a regular meeting held on **May 9, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. in the Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Road, Valley Center, California 92082. 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. Roll Call

- The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and a Quorum was established with 14 members present.
- Lisa Adams P
- Michelle Bothof P
- Delores ChavezHarmes-P
- Susan Fajardo P
- Julia Feliciano P

- James Garritson P
- Steve Hutchison P
- Matt Matthews P
- Kathleen McCabe A
- LaVonne Norwood P
- James Radden P
- Dori Rattray P
- Roya Sabeti P
- Larry Schmidt P
- Kevin Smith P

# **B. Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Harmes**

# C. Approval of March 14, 2022 Minutes

- Motion: To approve the March 14, 2022 Minutes.
- Maker/Second: Smith/Norwood
- Motion Carries 14-0-0 (Y-N-Ab).

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

#### SDG&E Keys Creek Update: Dallin Young

- Kevin Burns presented information about two projects. All undergrounding of Cole Grade
  Road, except the temporary overhead line for Keys Creek, is now complete. Once one
  additional easement is acquired from a property owner, SDG&E will complete the
  temporary overhead line. After the County completes the construction of the bridge, SDG&E
  will construct a permanent line underneath the bridge.
- SDG&E is replacing about 37 miles of the original gas line. The Valley Center project might begin sometime in the fourth quarter of this year. This section of the project is nearly six miles and will cross three creeks.
- Mr. Garritson asked about the possibility of converting all 1949 pipeline easements into a County trail system. SDG&E remains open to this proposal.

#### Park Circle and Honorary Mayor Raffle Tickets

Ms. Norwood announced that she is selling \$5 raffle tickets. There was also discussion
about public access to Park Circle. At the moment, the housing community has placed signs
in the park stating that the park is closed. At previous meetings, the Planning Group was
told that the park was public and open to the community. Miss Norwood emailed Kerry

- Garza about the park closure. Mr. Garza stated that the park is not completed and will be handed over to the County Parks Department probably by the end of this year. As soon as that happens, the park will be opened to the public.
- Becky Rapp provided an update about County marijuana ordinances. She asked the community to consider speaking at the online County Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.
- Chair Harmes explained that the Planning Group always announces an official meeting in the Valley Roadrunner. According to County counsel, our full agenda does not need to be published in a community newspaper. Only notice of the meeting. However, we submit our full agenda as a courtesy to our community and for transparency.

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

- 1) Discretionary Permit Amaranto Growers Ag Clearing PDS2022-AD-22-001: (Adams) Clearing of 20.96 acres for wholesale greenhouse made of metal frames covered with flexible plastic to grow ornamental plants in plastic pots. Not open to the public business to business sales only to US & Canada. Potting machine, heating system and irrigation system. Site to have parking for employees and a loading zone. (Vote)
  - Ms. Adams presented information about the project. Daniel Alfaro, the property owner, and Larry Duton, the civil engineer for the project were in attendance. The County is still reviewing a number of the easements near the property. Larry Duton explained how the runoff basins work. The four detention basins will collect any runoff water. Planning Group members were told that they can consider taking a vote on the grading permit tonight.
  - Mr. Schmidt shared concerns he has about the percolation ponds leaching into the Keys Creek aquifer and contaminating the well water of neighboring properties. Daniel Alfaro, the owner of the property, explained how the drip irrigation system works.
  - Chair Harmes asked questions about how the plastic sheets collect the water. Daniel shared that the farm uses very little water, as his business grows very tiny succulents. Mr. Smith shared that he has many concerns about the project, but since the Planning Group is only reviewing the grading permit tonight, he will save his questions for a later meeting.
  - Ms. Norwood asked about the old airfield that once was located on the property. Larry Duton was recently made aware of it. Larry also reiterated that the project will use a minimum amount of water. Mr. Woldman requested that the property owner consider adding a trail through the property. Chair Harmes read a letter from Patsy Fritz sharing concerns she has about water runoff. Henry Williamson, a neighbor with two properties right next to the owner, shared his concerns about possible environmental impacts to the aquifers.
  - Ricardo Gonzalez, a neighbor, shared that the property was sold at a low price because it
    might not pass a percolation test. He is against the project and does not believe growing
    succulents is beneficial for the community. Ricardo also shared his concerns about hoop
    houses.

- Janet Christianson is a neighbor who lives across the street from the project. She shared concerns about potential parking problems, noise pollution, and septic issues.
- Vlad Chapitu asked if there was a third party that would regularly visit the property to make sure the pesticides are safe. He also has a well near the property. The County makes regular visits to farmers who use pesticides.
- Arnold Cheney is a neighbor who shared similar concerns about the project. He does not like having additional hoop houses built in the area.
- Chair Harmes asked Ms. Adams if the Planning Group could take a vote tonight. Ms. Adams made the recommendation that the community should postpone a vote and wait for more information from the County. Mr. Schmidt shared that the operation would pot about 250,000 plants each year. Daniel Alfaro, the property owner, shared that there are about 125 tiny succulents in each flat. Mr. Garritson asked how postponing a vote on the project would affect the property owner. Daniel shared that the County checks the pesticides once or twice a week. Mr. Hutchison made the recommendation to postpone a vote until the County has more time to make a recommendation about the project.
- Motion: To postpone a vote until the County has more time to make a recommendation about the project.
- Maker/Second: Hutchison/Fajardo
- Motion Carries 13-1-0 (Y-N-Ab). Mr. Garritson voted nay.
- 2) Major Use Permit Circle K Car Wash PDS2022-MUP-22-003: (Schmidt) An automated car wash that reclaims water used with eco-friendly cleaning agents. It will provide Valley Center residents with the option to wash cars in an eco-friendly environment. Structure will be enclosed behind the current Circle K building. Facility will include star of the art technology to ensure cars are washed in a responsible manner. (Vote)
  - Mr. Schmidt introduced David Carattini, the business owner. David shared how happy he is
    to own this car wash franchise and how his business will provide great benefits to the
    community. The DRB needs to approve the project before the Planning Group can make
    their recommendation. Lee Vance shared that he represents the property owner and is
    trying to get approval for the discretionary permit. Chair Harmes will make sure the project
    is brought before the DRB.

# 3) Albertsons PDS2022-STP-17-037M1 (Harmes) Update on minor deviations. (Informational)

Chair Harmes explained some of the small changes that have been made to the plans.
 Parking lot lights will now be a bronze color instead of a charcoal color. There was discussion about when the project will break ground. David Ross shared that the County is still working on final approval of the project. Since Albertsons owns the Vons company, the store will be either an Albertsons or Vons.

#### **G. Subcommittee Reports**

### 1) Emergency Evacuation (Adams):

Chair Harmes and Ms. Adams shared that brush clearing must frequently be cleared around
property structures. Chair Harmes recommended that some of the videos that were shared
at the meeting be posted on the Planning Group website. Evacuation routes are not posted,
as they are subject to change depending on conditions.

#### 2) Cannabis Subcommittee (Mathews):

Dr. Matthews shared information about the zoning ordinances. He believes that THC in the
aquifers will pose a number of environmental problems that harm ecosystems. The only
method to grow cannabis is in environmentally self-contained units.

# 3) Parks & Rec/Trails (Norwood):

 Ms. Norwood shared that Supervisor Desmond visited the Butterfield Trails Ranch a few months ago.

# 4) Mobility (Adams):

• No report.

# 5) Tribal Liaison (Smith, Chair)

• Chair Harmes shared that the Pala tribe is planning to build a cultural center off I-15.

# 6) Design Review Board (Smith/Adams)

No report.

# 7) Community Plan (Hutchinson)

 There will be an in-person meeting in either May or June. The committee now is down to five members.

# 8) Revitalization Subcommittee (Rattray):

• There is a June 11 meeting that will provide an informative meeting about fires. Dr. Matthews shared concerns about the poor road condition of Lake Wohlford Rd. Ms. Rattray would like the County to consider installing lighting near the airstrip located on Cole Grade Road in Pauma Valley to alert drivers whenever the creek floods.

# 9) Board (Harmes/Fajardo):

No report.

# I. Adjournment

- Next regular meeting of VCCPG: June 13, 2022 at 7 p.m.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
- Minutes were approved on June 13, 2022.

#### James Garritson, Secretary



# County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services DISCRETIONARY PERMIT APPLICATION ZONING DIVISION

RECORD ID(S):	PPS	2022-	AD-	22-004	
	Planning	LD Review Teams	DEH	Trails Review	Other
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The Financially Respo	nsible Party is resp	consible for all costs re	lated to this app	lication (See form PDS-12	6).
Assessor's Parcel No. (	APN) 133-202-02-	-00			
Owner's Name At	maranto Growers			Owner's Phone _760-884-	4736
Owner's Address 663	S. Rancho Santa	Fe Rd. #105 San Mar	cos, CA 92078		
Owner's email Daniel	Number Street	City	State Owner's Fa	Zφ 3X	
Applicant's Name				Applicant's Phone	
Applicant's Address	Number Street	City	State	7.0	
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Engineer's Name	Alidade Enginee	ring, Inc.		Engineer's Phone 951-5	87-2020
Engineer's Address 28	936 Old Town Fro	nt St. #205 Temecula	. CA 92590		
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Project Contact F			A 02078	Phone _760-884	1-4/36
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Project Contact's email	Daniel@amaranto	ogrowers.com	Pi	roject Contact's Fax	
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Type of permit requested:		Major Use Permit		Modification
(Check ALL that apply)		Minor Use Permit		Minor/Administrative Deviation
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		Site Plan		
		Others		
Waivers or exceptions:				
(e.g., height or setbacks with	Ма	jor Use Permit) associate	d wi	th the application:

### Description of proposed use:

Describe in detail the use/projects in terms of purpose, capacities, operating characteristics, access-parking arrangement, service radius and any other relevant data. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Purpose: Wholesale Greenhouse made of metal frames covered with flexible plastic to grow ornamental plants in plastic pots. Not open to the public, business to business sales only.

Capacities: We hope to grow around 250,000 pots per year.

Operating Characteristics: We plant to have a potting machine to fill our pots with soil. An irrigation system to water the plants. And a heating system for the plants.

Access-parking arrangement: We'd like to have a loading zone for our customers and parking for our employees.

Service radius: We sell to other businesses in USA and Canada.

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**Gross Lots** 

# County of San Diego, PDS, Zoning Division

Complete the following table if the project proposes to create ANY new dwelling units or lots.

#### Number of Subdivision Lots/Parcels proposed:

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Dwelling Units (net):	Number of gross dwelling units minus the number of existing				

dwelling units prior to implementation of this project. An existing dwelling unit is a dwelling unit that has been permitted.



\*This form should be completed at the time of submittal.

Applicant's Name: Amaranto Growers	Phone: 760-884-3736
Applicant's Mailing Address: 663 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd. #105, San I	MArcos, CA 92078
Contact Person: Daniel Alfaro	Phone: 760-884-3736
Site Address (if different from above):	
Ne Corner of Cole Grade Rd and Co	ol Vallev Rd
	arth to be cleared: 8.3 acres
Provide a description of past and proposed agricultural use: Build multiple greenhouses on the site along with a single fam parking lot. Greenhouses will be metal frame with flexible plas system for the potted plants grown within the greenhouses.	
List documents to show past agricultural use of site: NONE	

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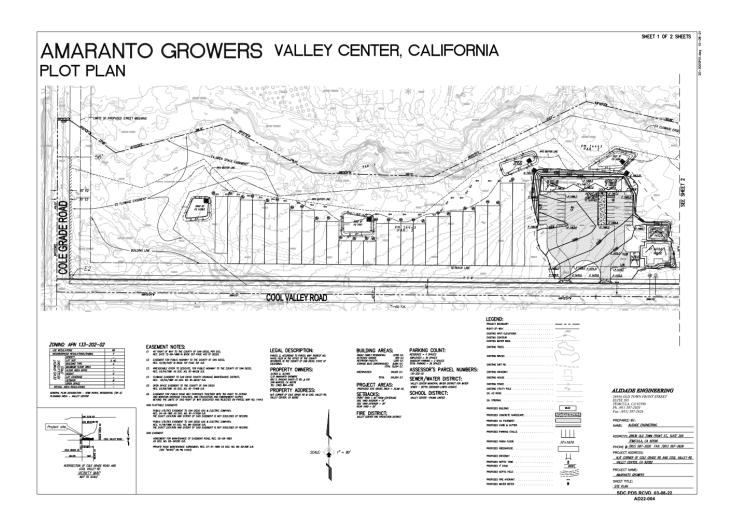
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# County of San Diego, PDS, Zoning Division ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE - AG CLEARING PERMITS

Continued

YES	NO				
	$\boxtimes$	Is your project located on a hazardous waste site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code? Please consult the San Diego County List of Hazardous and/or Substance Sites available at DPW or Building Counters.			
	$\boxtimes$	Will your project involve the demolition or modification of a structure(s) greater than 50 years in age? (If yes, please supply picture(s) of structure.)			
	$\boxtimes$	Will your project disturb an archaeological resource such as rock art, grinding and milling features, or artifacts.			
	$\boxtimes$	Will any watercourse or natural swale be affected or will the clearing take place within 200 feet of a watercourse or natural swale?			
		Does the project propose 40 acres or more to be cleared in an area that has been previously legally disturbed, (e.g. has been legally cleared in the past for agriculturally related operations)? If so, please provide evidence such as a permit number of an approved Agricultural Exemption form.			
	×	Does the project propose 20 acres or more to be cleared in an area that has NOT been previously legally disturbed?			
		Has your project undergone previous environmental review as part of a previous Subdivision or Use Permit? If yes, please supply the associated project name and permit numbers below:			
		Yes it has. But permit numbers are unknown.			
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Applicant's Signature: Date: 01/15/2021					
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Have you had a pre-application conference? YES ☐ NO ■ If yes, Planne	r's Name
Is this project the subject of a code violation? YES NO @ if yes, provide	
Are there any related, open applications such as DEH permits, Grading permits	its, etc? YES NO
If yes, list permits	
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Are there any prior related cases such as a specific plan? If yes, list Case N	umber(s)
The Financially Responsible Party is responsible for all costs related to	this application (See form PDS-126).
Assessor's Parcel No. (APN) 188-231-3 -60	760 822 0004
Owner's Name 6 Carat Enterprise Inc.	Owner's Phone 760-822-0004
Owner's Address 270 North El Camino Real #523, Encir	1itas, CA 92024
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	Applicant's Phone 760-822-0004
Applicant's Address 270 North El Camino Real #523, Encinitas, CA, 92	024
Applicant's email DavidCarattini1@gmail.com	zp policant's Fax
Engineer's Name Hossein Zomorrodi/K&S Engineering, In	Engineer's Phone 619-296-5565
Engineer's Address 7801 Mission Center Ct #100, San D	riego, CA, 92108
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Project Contact Person David Carattini	Phone 760-822-0004
Address 270 North El Camino Real #523 Encinitas, CA, 920	
Project Contact's email DavidCarattini1@gmail.com	Project Contact's Fax
Project Name 6 Carat Car Wash	A
Project Address & Nearest Cross Street 28 874 Valley Center Rd. Va	alley Center, CA, 9208 2/MillerRd.
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the	e statements made as part of this application are true and
correct. I hereby agree to provide the Indemnification as required by Chapter 2 o  *REQUIRED; an Authorized Agent signing below must attach	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
a signed Letter of Authorization.	
Dave a	SDC PDS RSVD 03-16-22

Signature of Owner or \*Authorized Agent

David Carattini
Print Signator's Name

4/20/21

Date

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Type of permit requested: (Check <u>ALL</u> that apply)	Major Use Permit Minor Use Permit Administrative Permit Site Plan Others	<ul><li>☐ Modification</li><li>☐ Minor/Administrative Deviation</li><li>☐ Time Extension</li></ul>	
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This will be a an automated Car Wash that reclaims the water used with eco friendly cleaning agents. This will give residents of Valley Center a viable option to wash their cars in an eco friendly environment. This structure will be enclosed and behind the current Circle K Building. This car washing facility will reclaim the water being used, filters it, and then re-use it. The facility will include state-of-the-art technology to ensure that the cars will be washed in a responsible manner.			

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# County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS ZONING DIVISION

A request for a discretionary permit has been filed with the County of San Diego, Department of Planning & Development Services (PDS). State law and County code require that adjacent property owners (and in certain instances residents) be notified of certain types of permits submitted to PDS for approval. You have received this notice because County records show you are within the public notice boundary for this permit. Interested parties can contact the assigned PDS Project Planner (listed below) to request additional information and/or to submit written comments within 30 days of the "Date Received" on this notice.

\*\*NOTE: All correspondence MUST reference the Record ID below.\*\*

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Planner's Name: Rachael Lindebrekke Planner's Phone: 619-323-7872

Planner's email: Rachael.Lindebrekke@sdcounty.ca.gov

CPG/DRB/CSG: Valley Center

Record ID & Date Received SRC PDS RCVD 03-16-22

MUP-22-003

Project Name & Brief Description: 6 Carat Car Wash

Number of lots proposed: N/A

You can also contact the local Community Planning Group, Design Review Board or Community Sponsor Group (CPG/DRB/CSG) for further information and to make comments. If the property is within the boundaries of a County recognized (CPG/DRB/CSG), contact information for that group will be printed on the back of this notice.

Zoning: C30/C36 General Plan: GENERAL COMMERCIAL Acre(s): 5.75

Owner/Applicant: David Carattini Engineer: Hossein Zomorrodi

Project Site Address: 28874 Valley Center Drive APN#(s): 188-231-36-00



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