

County Of San Diego
Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 20th, 2023 4 pm
Warner Springs Community Resource Center
30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs CA 92086

A. Roll Call and Call to Order at 4:04 pm.

Members Present: Hans Petermann, Kathryn Fletcher, Bob Garcia, Dorothy Willis, Jessica Clabaugh, Nina Karavasiles, Robert Mc Fadden (not seated), Pam Nelson

Absent: Andy Krogh, Dorothy Willis (not seated).

- B. Approval of Minutes** It was moved by Clabaugh and seconded by Karavasiles that the minutes of June 15th be approved as written. All in favor.

C. Public Communication

Guests Attending: None

D. Zoom Presentation on County's Climate Action Plan

An update on the "CAP" by the Sustainability Planning Division at Planning and Development services for the unincorporated areas of the county to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, activities in the area and more information about the Draft CAP update for public review this fall. Timeline for implementation 2030-2045. 11 million acres to be acquired and managed.

E. Group Business

Report from the chairman

1. Petermann reported the progress of applicants Bob Mc Fadden and Dorothy Willis to join our CSG. Mc Fadden has been approved by Board of Supervisors fill seat 5 and now must complete his training. He stated he was having difficulty getting the links which Petermann will forward to him. Willis has completed her application to fill seat #9 but Los Coyotes Reservation still needs to be added to our CSG area.
2. Action Item - Discussion to draft a letter to the County of San Diego by the CSG requesting that the Highlands at Warner Springs project should be required to do a full EIR. That a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration will not suffice. Los Coyotes Reservation input is needed. Concerns include ingress and egress, fire, cultural and environmental factors, Bureau of Indian Affairs road use. A vote will be taken at the August meeting on a letter to be drafted by Petermann.

F. Recurring Discussion Items

1. Warner Springs Ranch Resort -
The project is on hold. Approval is looking difficult with major Vehicle Miles Traveled restriction. CSG to ask for a new Specific Plan Amendment as current one is about 40 years old.
2. Highlands at Warner Springs -
The Tribe opposes the project and is drafting a letter that they will not allow access from Los Coyotes Road. The Highlands is under the Vehicle Miles Traveled Threshold
3. Roadways, Traffic and VMT (vehicle miles traveled) - Garcia reported he met with Doni Castro, Route Manager from Caltrans for highway 79. Castro reported that a warning

sign had been approved for SB Hwy 79 at San Felipe Road. Castro could not provide a timeline as to when the sign would be installed. It is placed "in line" with other approved projects. It could take up to one year.

Bob request additional signage on curves. Castro stated that Caltrans follows State Guidelines as to the number and placement of signs. Upgrades were completed in December 2020. No further action will be taken unless there is an increase in accidents.

Caltrans operates under two "courses of actions". The first is Reactive; accident driven. The second is proactive; anything outside of reactive.

Caltrans only has approximately three approved sign vendors for the entire state. Unless it is an emergency, approved projects are completed in the order they came.

Turnouts were discussed and agreed to follow up in 90-days.

Turnouts for Hwy 78 are under a different Route Manger. Bob Requested this persons information.

The intersection of Hwy 79 and 76 was briefly discussed. Castro reported that flashing lights have been installed. The repair of the guard rail will be upgraded in a future project. And, as referenced above, will be monitored for accidents.

4. Dark Sky Community - no report, Krogh absent
5. Community Park - Petermann reported that the proposal is in the County Capital Improvement plan pipeline.
6. Fire Risk and Insurance - Fletcher reported no update on the crisis of obtaining and controlling the cost of fire insurance in our area.
7. Equitable Cannabis - Mc Fadden no report except more enforcement recently.
8. Community Survey - 76 responses received as reported by Petermann
9. Communications - still need lead
10. Cultural Preserve - Fletcher reported the removal of the fence is completed but access to the graveyard restricted. Waiting to hear Willis report on the the Los Coyotes input. The St. Francis Chapel is in great need of repair.

G. New Business

All agreed we need to formulate the official position of our Community Sponsor Group on the Highlands at Warner Springs Project to the County Board of Supervisors by October and that we need important input from the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation.

Don Smith of the Vista Irrigation District has been invited to our August meeting.

F. Adjournment - 5:30 p.m. Moved by Garcia and Seconded by Clabaugh

