

County Of San Diego
Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 17th, 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, Andy Krogh
Jessica Clabaugh, Nina Karavasiles, Pam Nelson

Absent: Absent MC Fadden and Willis (not seated).

B. Approval of Minutes It was moved by Krogh and seconded by Nelson
that the minutes of July 20th be approved as written. All in favor.

C. Public Communication - Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the groups jurisdiction even if it is not on the agenda. Limit 3 minutes per person.

Guests Attending: Katie and Elmo Ostrander, Paul and Sandy Gaff, Larry Petersen, David Wray, Barbara and Larry Kelly, Dave and Sandy Weisgerber, Bonnie Smith, Alice Wolf, Diane Zelensky. Public Comments were as follows:

1. Gaff brought up the dangerous 55 mph speed limit at the Warner Post Office and the WSSR antiquated treatment plant.
2. Smith brought up that Ranchita has a 6 member board Service Organization. Ranchita is not part of VID lands. Chairman Petermann offered the Warner Resource Center for meetings.
3. Wolf brought up the recent teen skateboard death in Sunshine Summit and need for highway safety improvements, a skateboard park, and memorial.
4. Zelensky brought up concerned about earthquakes, World Health Organization Vaccine mandates, and terrorists attacking the Warner Sub Station.
5. Petersen brought up the continuing fire danger, leaking oil, gas and contaminants the WSRR property near the San Luis Rey river headwaters and asked Don Smith for a contact with Haz Matt after being unable to get a response from them.

D. Presentation by Don Smith On "The Vista Irrigation District in the Warner Valley"

After 23 years Don will be retiring at year's end . The District was formed 100 years ago in 1923 William Henshaw's San Diego Water Company and Lake Henshaw Dam was built. 42,000 acres are owned in the Valley. Residents of Oceanside, Vista and San Marcos are served but local water accounts for only 20% and water must be bought. A ground water study was presented. The ground water is more efficient than the lake. There are 12 active wells.

In May 2017 a water rights settlement was made with five tribes downstream. Lessees include two cattle companies, The Lake Henshaw Resort and Cafe, the Mendenhall Palomar Hunt Club, Puerta La Cruz Conservation Camp. the Navy Seals Survival Camp, and The Warner Carrillo National Historic Ranch House Monument.

The Warner Springs Ranch Resort has separate sub basin and water rights, as does Los Tules and the school. The VID would prefer not to see development and will review the resort plans, water study, and EIR when completed. Current challenges toxic algae bloom and treatment with Algaecide. Better after last years rains. Passive Solar may be considered in the future.

E. Group Business

Report from the chairman

1. Petermann reported the lack of progress of applicants Bob Mc Fadden and Dorothy Willis to join our CSG. Mc Fadden will be asked to step aside and withdraw his application and other applications for the seat considered. Willis has completed her application to fill seat #9 but Los Coyotes Reservation still needs to be added to our CSG area, as does Ranchita. All candidates must complete training and receive approval by the Board of Supervisors to be seated.
2. Action Item - Petermann presented a draft 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 was taken and with the inclusion of the word "fire" it was voted on to be approved. 1st Krogh, Garcia 2nd, all in favor.

F. Recurring Discussion Items

1. Warner Springs Ranch Resort - Petermann and Fletcher
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. Golf course deteriorating.
2. Highlands at Warner Springs - Petermann
See Action item 2 under E. 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 on August 15th with Tak Ogiso, Manager Cal Trans District 11. Per Tak turnouts need to be 500 feet long, 15 feet wide, and have a "sight distance" of 500 feet. This allows time for vehicle pulling over to slow and signal, and approaching vehicles to see RVs, etc. pulling out onto highway. All possible turnouts were reviewed but apart from #1 and 2 did not meet the sight distance requirement. Garcia is arranging a September meeting to consider the next steps.
4. Dark Sky Community - Krogh stated no report
5. Community Park - Petermann reported that the proposal is in the County Capital Improvement plan pipeline. A library is being considered additionally.
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 absent, no report 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. There is still an RV and occupant at the graveyard.

F. New Business

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

F. Adjournment -6:06 p.m. Moved by Krogh and Seconded by Petermann