

County of San Diego
Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 16, 2024, 4:00pm
Warner Springs Community Resource Center
30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs, California 92086

Members of the Public Present:
Pat Cannon, Stacey Landfield, Joe Kleinman, Elva Logreira

- A) **Roll Call and Call to Order: Chair Petermann called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.**
Members Present: Chair Hans Petermann, Kathryn Fletcher, Nina Karavasiles, Andy Krogh, Pam Nelson, Jessica Clabaugh
Absent: Bob Garcia.
- B) **Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Fletcher and Seconded by Nelson that the minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting be approved. All in favor.
- C) **Public Communication:** Stacey Landfield shared that plans have been resurrected to construct a power transmission line thru the east side of Palomar Mountain. More information can be found at savepalomarmountain.org.
- D) **Virtual presentation by County's Long Range Planning Department on issue of changing CSG Boundary to include Los Coyotes Reservation:** Timothy Vertino (Planner) and Tara Lieberman (Acting Interim Chief) from County PDS joined the group virtually to share the process for changing the CSG Boundary to include the Los Coyotes Reservation. On April 10th the Board of Supervisors directed staff to initiate the process and return with implementation options. The matter will return to the Board after 120 days and in that time, staff is reaching out to interested stakeholders. Chair Petermann explained that the CSG has already done a good amount of this by working with the tribe and thru Dorothy Willis' efforts. Multiple requests have already been made by the CSG and tribal members via letters and emails to the County to include the tribe in the CSG boundary. Mr. Vertino was not aware of this and said he will work to communicate with all parties and appreciates any historical context. Chair Petermann further explained how the tribe's road access and services are received thru Warner Springs and emphasized how interconnected the tribe is with the greater Warner Springs community and it just makes more sense to have them included. Ms. Nelson asked what the CSG can do to show their support. Mr. Vertino advised the group to have a vote to support and document it in the meeting minutes which will be reviewed by the County.
- E) **Action Items:**
- 1) **Discussion and vote to change Warner Springs' CSG Boundary to include the Los Coyotes Reservation:** No discussion was necessary as the group has been unanimously working toward this goal for some time. It was moved by Karavasiles and seconded by Clabaugh to Vote to support changing Warner Springs' CSG Boundary to include the Los Coyotes Reservation. All present voted in favor.
 - 2) **Discussion and vote to recommend that the County Board of Supervisors vote to seat Joe Kleinman to the WSCSG:** Char Petermann shared that he is actually required to submit a letter to the county so the group can vote on this item. The vote will happen at a later date. In the meantime, Mr. Kleinman introduced himself and shared that he moved to Chihuahua Valley about 2 ½ years ago. He brings 13 years of experience with

NIH and would like to contribute to the group's efforts. His main areas of concern are conservation, roads, power lines, dark sky and other matters. Ms. Fletcher and the rest of the group welcomed him. In other group member news, Ms. Clabaugh shared that she will be resigning from the group as she is moving out of the County soon. Chair Petermann shared that a new Secretary will need to be seated at the next meeting.

- 3) Discussion and vote on approving Bob Garcia's response letter to Cal Trans:** Chair Petermann shared a letter from CalTrans dated 05/16/24 as a response to previous inquiries by the group. Transportation Committee lead Bob Garcia joined via telephone to explain that the letter offered no solutions and was just a "word salad" and Mr. Garcia shared his draft response letter. He explained that the CalTrans guide says that one item requested, speed feedback signs fit our situation. Ms. Fletcher suggested setting deadlines for a traffic study and for requested vegetation removal. Chair Petermann recommended revising the letter to include a request to ensure line of sight is clear at the 76/79 intersection as Public Works often leaves large mountains of rock and sand that can block visuals when traveling south on SR-79 approaching SR-76 and also include a request to clear vegetation at this intersection. Ms. Nelson suggested removal of aggressive language. Mr. Krogh moved to approve the letter with the changes to request deadlines for a traffic study and vegetation removal, keep clear lines of sight at the 76/79 intersection, tone down aggressive language and invite CalTrans to present to the group to explain their reasoning. Petermann seconded and all present voted in favor.

F) Group Business:

1) Report from the Chair:

- i. **Follow-up on Sheriff's Presentation:** Chair Petermann shared that the Sheriff's office had provided additional information after their presentation at the last meeting. Local crime information can be found at crimemapping.com and they recommended filing formal complaints with the CHP State office for a better response with traffic issues.

- 2) Off-road Vehicle Park County Letter Discussion- Pam:** Ms. Nelson shared a letter outlining positions opposing off-road vehicle parks in the area. Chair Petermann shared that since Warner Springs is not currently being considered for a potential site, the CSG should table the item until it comes up in the area again.

3) Recurring Discussion Items

- i. **Warner Springs Ranch Development** – Nothing new to report.
- ii. **New Warner Springs Specific Plan** – Nothing new to report. The committee did not meet since the last CSG meeting. Chair Petermann suggested as a first step removing what is not wanted from the old plan. Ms. Fletcher shared that she had already done so.
- iii. **Highlands at Warner Springs** – Chair Petermann reported that the landowner had done a presentation to the County and would be open to selling the land for conservation.
- iv. **Roadways, Traffic and VMT** – Local CHP Officer Gonsalves reported that he would be willing to attend the June 20th CSG meeting at 4pm.
- v. **Dark Sky Community** – Nothing new to report.
- vi. **Socially Equitable Cannabis** – Nothing new to report.
- vii. **Community Park** – Chair Petermann suggested that the CSG approach Mr. McWethy about turning the parcel into a park and seek funding from locals. The Resource Center will pursue this and may ask the CSG for a letter of support.
- viii. **School Water Issue** – Nothing new to Report.
- ix. **Community Survey** – Nothing new to Report.

- x. **Communications** – Mr. Kleinman volunteered to take over this item from Ms. Clabaugh. Chair Petermann approved.
- xi. **Chihuahua Valley Road** – Nothing new to report.
- xii. **Fire Insurance** – Ms. Fletcher shared that there is a short-term bill in the legislature to reduce application times down to 60 days or less.
- xiii. **Under-grounding of Power and Telephone Lines** – Ms. Fletcher had heard from SDGE that the project will likely not start in Los Tules until 2025. SDG&E committed to having employees and sub-contractors wear badges and give notice to property owners.
- xiv. **SANDAG Draft Regional Plan** – Nothing to report.

G) **Closing Comments** – Pat Cannon commended the CSG for dedicating their time and recommends members focus on relationships with the County’s decision makers rather than staff.

H) **Adjournment** – Krogh moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:27PM. Fletcher seconded. The vote was unanimous.