

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO WARNER SPRINGS CSG GROUP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 4:00 P.M.

Warner Springs Community Resource Center

30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs, California

Administrative Items

A. Roll Call and Call to Order

Present: Hans Petermann, Joe Kleinman, Kathryn Fletcher, Andy Krogh, Nina Karavasiles, Pam Nelson, Bob Garcia

Absent: None

Meeting called to order by Chair Hans Petermann at 4:05 P.M.

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of November 21, 2024, were reviewed.

Action: Krogh motion, Fletcher second. Approved as presented with minor corrections.

Vote: Aye: 7, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0

C. Public Communication

Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak on subjects within the Group's jurisdiction.

No public comments were made.

Special Presentation

Discussion on Creating a County/Community Park in Warner Springs

Mark Kieser, Senior Park Project Manager, presented the process for establishing a county/community park. Key points included:

- Funding a major issue. PLDO funds (only approximately \$67,000 currently available) come from building permits and can be used to pay for trails, parking, playground equipment, etc.
- Steps for property acquisition (willing seller letter), Board of Supervisors approval, community involvement, and park design.

- Considerations for a hybrid community and county-managed park model were discussed.

Action Items

1. Recommendation to Seat Todd Hipper as a New Member

Discussion was held regarding Todd Hipper's application to fill one of the open positions on the CSG. Because Mr. Hipper was unable to attend due to a prior commitment, the motion was tabled.

Action: Motion to table recommendation to seat Todd Hipper. Garcia motion, Kleinman second.

Vote: Aye: 7, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0

2. Letter to the County Requesting a New Specific Area Plan

Kathryn Fletcher presented a draft letter requesting the County create a new Specific Area Plan for the Warner Springs Ranch Resort and surrounding areas. After discussion, it was decided to request guidance from the County on initiating this process and to prepare preliminary recommendations from the points enumerated in the draft letter.

Action: Approved Chair to send an inquiry to the County.

Vote: Aye: 7, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0

3. Election of New CSG Officers

The following officers were elected for the year 2025:

- Chair: Hans Petermann
- Vice Chair: Kathryn Fletcher
- Secretary: Joe Kleinman

Action: Approved election of officers.

Vote: Aye: 7, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0

Report from the Chair

1. Quarterly CSG Chair Meeting

Chair Petermann provided updates from the recent quarterly meeting, including:

- Code compliance updates.
- Housing workshop on VMT mitigation scheduled for February.
- County's transition to a paperless system.

2. Other Items

Chair Petermann expressed gratitude to members for their efforts and introduced Michael Johnson who will apply to be considered for membership on the CSG at the next meeting.

Group Business – Recurring Discussion Items

1. Warner Springs Ranch Development – Chair Petermann will invited County planners (Nick) to give a virtual presentation on the current status of the development proposal.
2. New Warner Springs Specific Plan – The group reiterated the importance of initiating a new specific plan. Kleinman to come off of group.
3. Highlands at Warner Springs – Chair Petermann reported that there's still hope that the Los Coyotes tribe will want to proceed with the acquisition of the property.
4. Cultural Preserve – Kathryn Fletcher shared that there was a fire near the Chapel on the site of the preserve.
5. Dark Sky Community – Andy Krogh trying to get a representative of the Dark Sky organization to give a presentation at the February or March meeting.
6. Roadways, Traffic, and VMT – Bob Garcia to withdraw from this topic.
7. Socially Equitable Cannabis – Other CSGs looking at this issue as well.
8. Community Park – Nothing to add to the earlier discussion.
9. Communications – Nothing to report.
10. Chihuahua Valley Road – Nothing to report.
11. Fire-Insurance, Protection, and Agency Liaison – Nothing new to add.
12. Palomar Mountain Power Line – Nothing new to report.
13. Conservation Issues – Proposition 4 passed so there should soon be money for land acquisition.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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Advise the County on discretionary projects as well as on planning and land use matters that are proposed within their respective community planning or sponsor group area.

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