

WARNER SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 21, 2025 | 6:00 PM
Warner Springs Community Resource Center, 30950 SR-79, Warner Springs, California

A. Roll Call & Call to Order:

The Vice Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:01 PM in the absence of the Chair.

Group members present: Nina Karavasiles, Pamela Nelson, Michael Johnson, Bob Garcia, Andy Krogh, Joe Kleinman (Vice Chair, Secretary).

Group members absent (excused): Kathryn Fletcher (Chair).

Members of public present: Melissa Krogh, Ian Dicey, Cliff Cook.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Michael moves to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2025, meeting as distributed, Bob seconds, all vote in favor.

C. Public Communication:

Melissa – thanks again for 6 PM start but will have a conflict on third Thursdays going forward. Bob – spoke with Steve Welborn, Caltrans – signs for pedestrian crossing at Sunshine Summit will go up this summer. Community Park subcommittee is trying to find a suitable location for a park and requests to have a standing agenda discussion item. Public suggestion – locate park off Lost Valley Rd to serve hikers. Pam – Los Coyotes tribe needs to act now if they wish to purchase the Highlands at Warner Springs property as the owner is looking to do something with the land and may resubmit a proposal for development.

D. Action Items

1. **Discussion and vote:** to invite County Long Range Planning to give a presentation on the proposed new Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) regulations.
Andy moves to invite LRP to present in person if possible, Bob seconds, all vote in favor.

E. Group Business

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received

a. Warner Springs Ranch Resort PD 2014-GPA-14-006.

Kathryn and Joe spoke with Nick Koutoufidis on 8/18 and learned the following:

Nick or a colleague has meetings every M-W-F with consultants for the project; they are working on editing reports to be consistent with the approved Specific Area Plan (SPA) and General Plans from the 1980s and will resubmit. The earliest the proposal is likely to go out for public review is early next year. Multiple consultants are working on the project to address issues including environmental, groundwater, wildfire, greenhouse gases, etc. The proposed golf course expansion has been scaled back, and groundwater use is being highly scrutinized by the County. The submittal will require a

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groundwater management plan and a groundwater-dependent biological management plan for wildlife protection. There is ongoing cultural consultation with the Los Coyotes tribe.

b. Correspondence between Pam and the Sierra Club.

The San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club has voted to “refer the Warner Springs project to the Legal Committee to prepare a letter to send to the County” intended as “a shot across the bow prior to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review”. Pam will stay abreast of any developments and report back to the group.

2. Discussion Items

a. Socially Equitable Cannabis small-group meeting with County July 30.

Kathryn, Joe, and Pam attended a virtual meeting led by Dara Elkurdi of PDS. The County is proposing several regulations intended to limit the density of marijuana grow operations in the backcountry, including a minimum ½ mile buffer between licensed operators. The CSG representatives stressed to PDS that an additional buffer from residences should be increased to a minimum of 1,000 feet from the existing 300 feet.

b. Update on BOS vote to redraw WS CSG boundary.

Timothy Vertino of PDS Long-Term Planning reported to Kathryn that the boundary adjustment will be on the 10/1 BOS meeting agenda.

c. Update on Group vacancies.

Two vacancies remain on the WS CSG.

3. Meeting Updates

a. Next Meeting Thursday, September 18th – 6 PM.

F. Adjournment

The Vice Chair called the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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