

WARNER SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2026 | 6:00 PM
Warner Springs Community Center, 30950 SR-79, Warner Springs, California

A. Roll Call & Call to Order:

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Group members present: 1. Stuart Kuhn 2. Nina Karavasiles 3. Pamela Nelson 4. Joe Kleinman, Vice Chair 5. Michael Johnson 6. Kathryn Fletcher, Chair 7. Bob Garcia 8. Andy Krogh 9. Dorothy Willis, Secretary

Group members absent (excused): None – all present

Members of public present: Richard Willams, San Luis Rey Water Authority,

B. Approval of Minutes:

Andy moves to approve the minutes, Stuart seconds, motion passes unanimously

C. Public Communication:

- a. Bob announced a meeting at WSU (Warner Spring Unified School District), Sept 29, 6pm-7pm with SDGE (San Diego Gas & Energy) latest updates will post on Facebook, Bob will lead meeting. The Sheriffs will be present. Request that CSG (Community Sponsor Group) send a letter to VID (Vista Irrigation District) to provide updates regarding the 43,000 acres with easements of the four properties. Oct 3, Stone Ridge to help people sign letters. Bob advised Vista Irrigation District, Public Meeting in Vista, Oct 14, 1pm. He requested that VID advise us on their status related to the Golden Pacific Powerlink (GPP) Kathryn advised, we can look at their agenda and attend their meetings, but we cannot force them; Richard took note of VID financials and devalue of the VID property values. Bob met with David Hogan regarding getting with Jim Desmond to get on BOS (Board of Supervisors) vote, but that it is a state issue. Resolution of opposition.

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More conversation surrounding the GPP locations, work, and etc., Posting Newsletters on Facebook

- b. Richard, saw an article from Palomar Mountain that insinuated a sale, there will need to be parcel list along with activities and impacts, with the value of the property, there could be an issue to be brought to public session and are pending attorney advisement.
- c. Joe advised that we will not accept any motions within the public comment for items not on the agenda

E. Group Business – Announcements and Correspondence Received

1. **Save Warner Springs** update SDGE Golden Pacific Powerlink and the California Public Utilities Meeting on September 17 in San Marcos; there were eight members of Save Warner Springs group and approximately 50 others, one person spoke in favor of the project. The Board was receptive. The GPP was not on the agenda. Dorothy shared that Saving Sacred Sites was awarded the contract with SDGE for the GPP and she will serve as the lead monitor on the project for the data gathering surveys. Group meeting September 26 at Palomar Mountain with multiple groups. Kathryn asked about the deadline to submit, Bob isn't sure if it is a hard deadline in November.
2. **Warner Springs Ranch Resort PD 2014-GPA-14-006.**
Nick Koutoufidis working on reports, the water and biology are incomplete, and says he will have an update in a couple of months. Kathryn spoke with Mark Slavik, Nick's supervisor, emphasizing the need for public meeting here in Warner Springs at the school gym.
3. **Highlands at Warner Ranch Record ID: PDS2006-3813-06-001.**
Chris Jacobs, Project still under review by staff. First "iteration" letter has no update. Los Coyotes has applied for a State Grant to potentially acquire the land, pending response, Chris Ortiz will follow up for tentative eta for response.
4. **CSG (Community Sponsor Group) Term Renewals and January 2027 CSG Board Elections**, per Andy, renewals before first of the year and elections would be handled within the group
5. **Code compliance** update to BOS decision to comply with state laws, update old codes, and non-conforming facilities;

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6. **Quarterly Board Meeting for Planning and Board Groups**, took place last Saturday, some members are elected and some appointed. The county is trying to align old codes with the state's as those codes are attached to the property,
7. **Strategic Plan** update to reduce waste in unincorporated areas, there are six service providers in the back country, the green waste program has shown an increase and success. The Back Country has an issue of roadside dumping and more outreach is coming.
8. **Tiered Winery Rural Expansion** the BOS voted to proceed with draft ordinance circulated and to Planning Commission October 19 and BOS December 9. Event permits and noise ordinances will be part of the revision.
9. **Climate Action Plan Program** promotions – outreach to the county with more EV (electrical vehicle) charging and electrical tool /appliance upgrades and discounts.
10. **County 2027 Budget** BOS Outreach late fall including Road Improvements and request input
11. **Cahuilla Valley Road** repaving update, Nick Gustovson, confirms only one more mile paved – a PCI (paved condition index) safety inspection and determined that it is safe for community use, and Joe submitted a public records request.
12. **Housing Unlocked Phase I Presentation** August 7 to Planning Commission and to BOS Nov 18.
13. **Lost Valley Scout Camp** sale update pending response from Matt Marschall, Realtor.

F. Discussion Items

1. **Quarterly Chair Meeting** discussions on September 12. Chaired by Planning and Development, Kathryn advised lots of frustrations of County's disregard of CSGs. Pam was trying to determine how to address the counties disregard of suggestions from the CSGs.
2. **Motion to invite County Outreach Program on Housing Unlocked to make a presentation**, Andy motions, Dorothy seconds, passes unanimously.
3. **School Board Meeting** September results and effect on Community Center, Andy advised, it is day time, school hours (including after-school program), state law will terminate funding if laws/rules are not being followed. The Community Center is on the school property, the owner has advised the school if they are non-compliant there will be repercussions, and all of the facilities are owned by school. If the school loses the lease, the entire property would return to the vacant land, as dictated within the contract. The asset would also need to be advertised to all other schools for access and use. The state could take the land and use for affordable housing or however they decide. Michael, added that this rule would only impact the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) Hikers and Community Garden. These issues are due to other issues that the state has been

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dealing with and they are cracking down on all schools. Kathryn asked about the school well, Andy advised, there has been a lot of issues with the state and engineers. Nina asked about the foodbank and was advised it will be able to continue as it has been state approved. There were also questions about when the school lease expires and Kathryn asked about the school acreage be donated to the Community Center.

4. Community Park ad hoc sub-committee update, no new updates, Angela Acosta, Realtor says the property cost was increased. The well drill broke and was not able to reach the appropriate depth for proper testing. Bob has established a relationship with Jim Desmond.

5. Educating CSG and Planning Group Boards along with residents about what their role is and what they can and can't do – we do not have the capacity to do many things. We have to monitor our activities as it relates to county planning.

G. Meeting Updates

Next Meeting Thursday, October 15, 6 PM.

H. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Motioned by Andy, Seconded by Dorothy, motion passes unanimously

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