

Rainbow Community Planning Group

Advising the Board of Supervisors ~ San Diego County
MINUTES of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Rainbow Valley Grange, 2160 Rainbow Valley Blvd, Rainbow CA 92028

I. Open Provisions

- A. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kurland at 6:30 PM.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Attendance: Marty Kurland, Mark DiVecchio, Lynne Malinowski, Greg Doud, Jon Gorr, Ron Ehrler, Frederick Rasp, Michele Sheehan, Doug Gastelum. 6 members being present, a quorum is declared.

II. Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Doud, second Mr. Gorr, approved unanimously.

III. Public Comments

- A. None

IV. Consolidated Motion

- A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 16 Aug 2023 made by Mr. Doud, second Mr. Ehrler, approved unanimously.

V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items

- A. None.

VI. Old Business and Reports

- A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Georgantas has forwarded all County correspondence to the group.
- B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski will continue to monitor the progress of the Decorative Community Identification Sign Program.
- C. Social Media Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski. Normal postings, including Vacancy Notice Seat #3.
- D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Sheehan. PLDO input will be solicited from the community and scheduled for next month’s meeting.
- E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud stated that there were 2 projects at recent meeting: Deer Springs area Sports Park and a ridgeline house.
- F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland expressed concern over the road section on Rice Canyon Rd between mile markers 4 and 4.5 known as “Dead Man’s Curve” where multiple recent vehicular accident have occurred. Examples: an accident on 9/19/23 with an automobile over the side of the road and another shortly before that where a motorcycle ran off the road. Dr. Kurland will consult with Chair Georgantas about a path forward with the County to address this safety issue.
- G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland. Mr. Tom Kennedy (RMWD outgoing GM) and Mr. Michael Mack (RMWD Director District 5) attended. Mr. Kennedy spoke about the status and history of the RMWD/FPUD detachment from the SDCWA, recently approved by LAFCO, and appearing as measures on the 11/7/23 general election ballot. If the measures pass, LAFCO could certify election in December. If lawsuits are not resolved, the detachment would be delayed. AB399

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will not affect this detachment. The new RMWD GM will begin on 9/25/23. He lives in Bonsall, residing in the water district. A new wastewater plant is being implemented for Horse Creek Ranch primarily funded by the developer. The County purchased excess Caltrans land at Hwy 78 and I-15 for the purpose of joint use by SD Sheriff, RMWD, and North County Fire Protection District, but that will not even be considered for 5-7 years. NCFPD made other plans to relocate their headquarters and RMWD is also exploring other options.

- H. ARC Update & Community News – Mrs. Sheehan. Shawn Fisher is working on the October newsletter. Star Party at the Rainbow County Park on 9/16/23 postponed until October due to poor weather. Upcoming events: 9/23/23 Clean Up day, Classic Car rally on 11/4/23.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud. Fallbrook CPG still working on the Cannabis program concerns letter, not yet voted on, nor referred back to the Rainbow CPG. When completed, this letter will be shared with the other CSPG groups as a template for their comments. The County received a \$2.1M grant for Cannabis enforcement and will be scheduling a virtual meeting to solicit input on how to apply the funds. Notification sent out about scoping meeting for the County’s PEIR for the program, with 2 virtual meetings to be held in October. The group requested that Mr. Doud schedule a presentation by the Cannabis program staff at the October meeting.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland reported 13 new students, 95% attendance rate. A request was made to have the new Superintendent come to talk at a meeting in 2024.
- K. Telecom service in Rainbow – Mr. Gastelum has notified the community via social media of service level surveys being solicited by the FCC, citing the importance of feedback to the FCC by the rural communities. Dr. Kurland stated that San Diego Broadband has increased the number of towers in Rainbow, and now Rainbow should be mostly covered.
- L. Dark Skies Initiative – Mr. DiVecchio reported that he has nothing new from the Fallbrook Beautification Alliance on progress for their initiative.
- M. Community Access to fire hardening and insurance premium control programs – Mr. Gastelum reported that meetings with the local CERT contact had been canceled and need to be rescheduled. The 501(c)(3) status is important for gaining grant funding for community fire hardening projects.
- N. SANDAG Advisory Seat for Unincorporated Communities – Ms. Malinowski reported that the interim bylaws were approved by the APG group. The next step is to garner support letters and then present to SANDAG with the request for the advisory seat.
 - i. Motion by Mrs. Sheehan to approve the Rainbow Community Planning Group joining the Association of Planning Groups, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.
 - ii. Motion by Mr. Doud to elect Ms. Malinowski to be the Rainbow CPG representative to the APG, second Mr. Gastelum, approved unanimously.
- O. Regional Study of Rainbow traffic concerns – Chair Georgantas not present. Mrs. Sheehan noted that the promised CHP presence at the stop sign at 5th Street and Rainbow Valley Blvd has diminished. Dr. Kurland will follow up with CHP Commander Goulding.
- P. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Georgantas not present.

VII. New Business

- A. Quarterly Chair Meeting Review – Dr. Kurland, Ms. Malinowski
 - i. Multiple County Initiatives were reviewed, most of which focused on additional housing and development of vacant land parcels. The group requested that a PDS presentation on the new “Objective Design Standards” process and the North County MSCP program in 2024.
 - ii. Sunset of Policy I-1 on 12/31/23 discussion on recommendations for changes. Some suggestions were to increase hall rental reimbursement to \$200/hour, reimburse for website expenses, allow for

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online filing of Form 700. The policy will be distributed to the group and an official recommendations letter will be scheduled for October meeting.

VIII. Call for New Agenda Items for next meeting

- A. Agenda items can be submitted up until the next meeting's agenda is posted at the meeting site.
- B. Adjournment by Vice Chair Kurland at 7:47 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 18 Oct 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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August 16, 2023

The Honorable Toni G. Atkins
Senate President pro Tempore
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
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Submittal via email and CA Legislature Position Portal

Senator Atkins,

Please oppose AB399 - *Water Ratepayers Protection Act of 2023*.

This so-called "Protection Act" is anything but. It does nothing to protect small water districts from interference in doing what is best for their ratepayers.

It will allow big cities and large populous areas, many that are long distances away from small water districts, to control these small districts and hinder their ability to buy water at a less expensive rate.

It is simply an attempt to take away local control and the freedom of local ratepayers to do what is best for themselves.

The concerns raised by those in favor of the Bill are scare tactics with little basis in fact.

The Rainbow Community Planning Group unanimously opposes AB399, as does the Fallbrook Community Planning Group. We ask that you do so as well.

Sincerely,



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Honorable State Senator Brian Jones (via Andrew Hayes: Andrew.Hayes@sen.ca.gov)
Honorable State Assemblywoman Marie Waldron (via email assemblymember.Waldron@asm.ca.gov)
Honorable State Senator Catherine Blakespear (via email: Senator.Blakespear@senate.ca.gov)
Honorable Stephen Padilla (via email: Senator.Padilla@senate.ca.gov)
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