

Rainbow Community Planning Group

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

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 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 Doud at 6:30 PM.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Attendance: Greg Doud, Mark DiVecchio, Lynne Malinowski, Jon Gorr, Frederick Rasp, Doug Gastelum, Michele Sheehan. 7 members being present, a quorum is declared.
- II. Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Rasp, second Mrs. Sheehan, approved unanimously.
- III. Public Comments
 - A. Mike Daily reported on the upcoming resurfacing on Rainbow Crest and Gomez Creek PRD road sections.
 - B. Mrs. Sheehan reported that there is community interest in the Dark Skies Initiative for Fallbrook and Rainbow.
- IV. Consolidated Motion
 - A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 15 Nov 2023 made by Mrs. Sheehan, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.
- V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items
 - A. None.
- VI. Old Business and Reports
 - A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Kurland was not present.
 - B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski. Nothing new.
 - C. Social Media Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski has updated the RCPG website with the new officer photo captions. RCPG still has one vacant seat.
 - D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Sheehan. Nothing new.
 - E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud reported that the most recent meeting was cancelled. Mrs. Sheehan asked to have the topic of ‘downlighting’ on I-15 freeway billboards discussed at the next meeting.
 - F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland was not present. Ms. Malinowski reported that CHP Sergeant Hollywood promised additional attention to Rainbow after he was informed of citizen concerns of speeding and unsafe driving on Rainbow Heights Rd. Multiple comments additional CHP presence has been seen recently, including in front of Vallecitos School. The all-way stop signs have been installed at Huffstatler and 5th. Mr. Daily inquired about requesting restrictions on vehicle/tractor trailer lengths on Rainbow Heights Rd. and was directed to contact the DPW with this concern.
 - G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland was not present. Michael Mack, RMWD Director Division 5 attended and reported on the RMWD and SDCWA detachment status. All of the

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lawsuits have been settled, so plans to implement detachment are underway. RMWD needs additional infrastructure to convert all valves to MWD pipes. Timeframe for conversion to Eastern Water will be from May to August 2024. The new rates have already been agreed with Eastern. The development of the parcel at the corner of Hwy 76 and I-15 will no longer include new offices for RMWD. The joint use will be for SD County Sheriff, Cal-Fire, and CHP.

- H. ARC Update & Community News – Mrs. Sheehan reported that newsletters cost \$700-\$800 per quarter, so advertising is being sought, along with small discount incentives for members to patronize advertiser businesses. They are working on future events like blood drives. Several suggestions were made for newsletter articles.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud reported that the Draft EIR is near to being completed by summer 2024, with a 60 day comment period. He recommended that the EIRs from 3 other counties be should read to be informed about other citizen comments and concerns for input to the SD County EIR.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland not present. Superintendent Meliton Sanchez of Vallecitos School District gave update on increased enrollment, exploring options to reduce electricity costs (e.g., installation of rooftop solar panels), handling reduction in funds from COVID programs. Mrs. Sheehan inquired about possibility of improvements in exterior security lighting to move towards downlighting and motion lighting. This suggestion will be considered when existing lights need replacing.
- K. Community Access to fire hardening and insurance premium control programs – Mr. Gastelum reported that he’s identified programs for grant funds, but just needs a partner organization to receive them. This is proving elusive due to non-engagement from organizations he’s contacted.
- L. APG & SANDAG Advisory Seat for Unincorporated Communities – Ms. Malinowski reported that the first official and in person meeting of the Association of Planning Groups (APG) occurred on 1/10/24. The Chair and Vice Chair have already attended a SANDAG meeting and reports will be issued to the group as appropriate. The focus will be on transportation matters.
- M. Regional Study of Rainbow traffic concerns – Mr. Georgantas was not present.
- N. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Kurland was not present.

VII. New Business

- A. December Quarterly Chair Meeting – Ms. Malinowski reported that the meeting covered many projects which can all be accessed through SD County’s ENGAGE portal. Review by Staff of the I-1 policy will commence in February.
- B. SD County Capital Improvement Projects:
 - i. Rainbow Watershed Project. Ms. Malinowski will re-send the County’s March 2021 presentation slides on the Rainbow Watershed Project to the Group.
 - ii. Unfunded Projects: These projects will be discussed the next time a Capital Improvements Priority listing is requested by the County.
 - a. Rice Canyon Road Curve Improvement (Improve a curve on Rice Canyon Rd located approximately 0.9 miles south of 8th St. Estimated Cost \$4,048,000.)
 - b. Fifth Street at Rainbow Creek Bridge (Replace low water crossing with new bridge to increase safety. Estimated Cost \$1,800,000.)
- C. SD County Short Term Rentals Policy – Ms. Malinowski reported that Julian CPG sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors about the need for a policy. Follow up will be made with the Julian CPG to ascertain response by County. A suggestion was made to solicit input from the community about this topic and will be scheduled when more is known.
- D. Committee Chairmanships (Voting Item). This item will be continued to the February meeting.

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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.
 - i. Update on Policy I-1 review status
 - ii. SD County Short Term Rentals Policy
- B. Adjournment by Vice Chair Doud at 7:37 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 21 Feb 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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