

# Rainbow Community Planning Group

Advising the Board of Supervisors ~ San Diego County

## MINUTES of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 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 Chair Kurland at 6:30 PM.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
  - C. Attendance: Marty Kurland, Lynne Malinowski, Greg Doud, Michele Dahl-Sheehan, Mark DiVecchio, Frederick Rasp, Douglas Gastelum. 6 members being present, a quorum is declared.
- II. Motion to approve the agenda with amendment to strike Item V.B. by Mr. Doud, second Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan, approved unanimously.
- III. Public Comments
  - A. None
- IV. Consolidated Motion
  - A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 15 May 2024 made by Mr. Doud, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.
- V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items
  - A. Rainbow Municipal Water District – Jake Wiley, General Manager spoke about the SDCWA detachment and transition to Eastern Water District, water rates, budget considerations, and stated that the long-term forecast is good. No plans for new headquarters. A grant program has opened up for Ag customers called “CropSWAP” to promote sustainable and efficient agricultural practices. 35-40 applications submitted so far. Visit: <https://regionalcropswap.com/>
- VI. Old Business and Reports
  - A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Kurland. Everything has been sent to group.
  - B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski – Nothing new.
  - C. Social Media Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski reported that 4 flyers have been put up for the RCPG vacancy.
  - D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan – Nothing new.
  - E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud reported that there were no meetings.
  - F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland – Nothing new.
  - G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland. See Item IV.A.
  - H. ARC Update & Community News – Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan reported on the June 8<sup>th</sup> BBQ and Star Party.
  - I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud reported that “Cannabis Education Project” was hired to lead the Social Equity division of the Cannabis program. The PDS Long Range Planning department will manage the Licensing and Enforcement division. Mr. Doud is working with the Fallbrook and Valley Center CPGs to have a joint town hall by the Long Range Planning Dept.

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- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland reported that the bids for the new roofs (necessitated by the solar project) for 3 buildings came in unacceptably high and will be rebid.
- K. Community Access to fire hardening and insurance premium control programs – Mr. Gastelum recommended that this item be dropped from future agendas. Mr. Doud reported on the press release by CA Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara regarding his strategy to expand coverage options for areas of high wildfire risk. A list of ZIP codes was established as target areas where insurance companies need to write more policies (because FAIR Plan policies are the majority), which resulted in Rainbow and Fallbrook being combined, which is an unfair evaluation of Rainbow. A letter detailing the reason for Rainbow’s separate evaluation will be written and presented at the next meeting.
- L. APG & SANDAG Advisory Seat for Unincorporated Communities – Ms. Malinowski reported on the in-person meeting of APG on June 1. By being now present at the SANDAG meetings, the unincorporated community has achieved recognition and some engagement on the issues affecting the region. The APG Chair is organizing a wildfire evacuation field trip for the SANDAG staff. Problems with SANDAG systems were surfaced, and some measures to make changes are underway.
- M. Regional Study of Rainbow traffic concerns – Ms. Malinowski will follow up with the LUEG liaison to get a response from the DPW to emails previously sent requesting the regional study.
- N. Policy I-1 Review – Ms. Malinowski reported that the project is getting started, and estimated time of completion is the end of the year. The CSPGs will receive outreach on the recommended changes.
- O. Publication of RCPG vacancies – Ms. Malinowski covered in Item VI.C.
- P. County Code Enforcement – Mr. Doud reported that Mr. Luke Campanella, Supervisor of Code Enforcement Officers, will be available for the August 21 meeting. He will focus on policy and process topics, not individual cases. We will prepare a list of questions in advance for him.
- Q. Signs in the Rights of Way – Mr. Doud reported that the County will start fining repeat offenders when business names are known and not just telephone numbers. Valley Center also has a problem with these signs, referring to it as ‘sign pollution.’
- R. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Kurland. Mr. DiVecchio stated that 2024 is an election year for odd-numbered seats and announced that he will not run for re-election. Mr. Georgantas volunteered to drive members to the Registrar of Voters to submit their candidacies for re-election.

**VII. New Business**

- A. San Diego County Broadband Program - <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/broadband> and [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/lueg/docs/Comprehensive\\_Broadband\\_Plan\\_January\\_2023.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/lueg/docs/Comprehensive_Broadband_Plan_January_2023.pdf)  
Mr. Doud and Ms. Malinowski reported on the recent County-led webinar about the program, for which they were the only community members to participate. The program’s intent is to expand access, infrastructure, and affordability. The County is currently working with Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to suggest ways they can participate. \$9M grant funding is available to be applied for by ISPs, non-profits, government agencies, education providers, and cooperatives.

**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. Letter to Insurance Commissioner Lara regarding Rainbow’s status in the expansions of insurance coverage by private companies

**IX. Adjournment by Chair Kurland at 7:48 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 17 Jul 2024.**

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski      Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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