

Rainbow Community Planning Group

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

Wednesday, October 16, 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, Mark DiVecchio, Frederick Rasp, Jon Gorr, Paul Georgantas, Ron Ehrler, Michele Dahl-Sheehan, and Douglas Gastelum. 9 members being present, a quorum is declared.

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

III. Public Comments

- A. None

IV. Consolidated Motion

- A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 18 Sept 2024 made by Mr. Doud, second Mr. Georgantas, 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. The Rainbow Green Streets project update by County planner will be requested for November meeting.
- B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski – Nothing new.
- C. Social Media Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski made motion to change the name of subcommittee to “Social Media and Membership”, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.
- D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan – Nothing new.
- E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud reported that the next meeting will be next week but no agenda has been published yet.
- F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland – Nothing new.
- G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland. Michael Mack (RMWD Division 5 Director) reported that 2 of 3 pump stations are running, but #3 has been delayed and goal is to have completed by the end of the month. This would mean full operation of detachment transition by 12/1/24, and new billing with EMWD rates starting 1/1/25. Mr. Mack explained that a bond would be needed to pay for the detachment fees to SDCWA, and RMWD needed to decide whether it would be 10 years or 30 years in length. RCPG members expressed frustration over recent widespread billing errors, lack of transparency of rates, indebtedness and financial policies, as well as poor customer service. Mr. Mack offered to request the Finance Manager and General Manager appear at the November meeting to address these concerns.

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- H. Community News: ARC and Grange – Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan – Nothing new. Requested that ARC be removed from the item title going forward.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud reported that there will be 2 upcoming Outreach meetings (10/23 and 10/29) to recap the feedback on Licensing and Enforcement outreach meetings and provide an overview of the Draft EIR.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland reported that school picked a roofing company and the next step is to get bid for the solar panels. Attendance is at 96%.
- K. Fire Safety Council Update – Mr. Doud participated in the 10/12/24 Open House at NCFPD Station #1. Chief McReynolds volunteered to hold a chipping event at Station #3 after the remodel is complete in 9 months. Mr. Doud posted flyer on Facebook for free Smoke Alarms for seniors from the Burn Institute. Mr. Doud is working with the Elfin Forest Fire Safe Council to gain information on large animal evacuations.
- L. APG & SANDAG Advisory Seat for Unincorporated Communities – Ms. Malinowski reported that the APG was omitted (despite request to be included) from a meeting of mayors and SANDAG CEO with Congressman Issa to discuss transportation, funding, and other needs. APG Chair will pursue holding a future meeting to include APG. Report on Independent Auditor for SANDAG FY 2024 Annual Investigations Report concluded that the contracts invoicing and payment process is broken. There was also insufficient documentation to determine what work was actually completed by the contractors (which would need a different type of audit.) A report on the SR125 investigation of the ETAN Fastlane financial reporting recommended an independent assessment of the Finance Department’s policies, procedures, and practices.
- M. Regional Study of Rainbow traffic concerns – Ms. Malinowski – Nothing new.
- N. Policy I-1 Review – Ms. Malinowski presented the recommendations letter. Motion by Mr. Doud to approve, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously. Discussion about holding hybrid meetings, and whether the Grange can receive internet signal. Chair Kurland will discuss the subject with Vallecitos School.
- O. County Code Enforcement – Mr. Doud reported that James Bray, a former Rainbow CE officer, has been promoted to CE Supervisor. He has received no feedback from the CE Department on a possible letter to support additional staffing, so the letter is now considered shelved.
- P. Signs in the Rights of Way – Mr. Doud reported no new signs have reappeared recently and no other updates.
- Q. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Kurland. Everything has been sent to the group.

VII. New Business

- A. San Diego County Broadband Project – Mr. Gastelum reported on conversation with County staff: only a small amount of money to spread across the entire County, there was no process for grant application for funds, suggested that the CSPGs partner with ISPs to submit grant applications. Mr. Gastelum spoke with San Diego Broadband who suggested that Mr. Gastelum himself write the grant application, who declined.

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. Election of Officers in January 2025
- C. Re-nominate Mr. Doud to be I-15 Design Review Board representative
- D. Possible RMWD Finance and General Managers presentation and Q&A
- E. Rainbow Creek Project if ready
- F. Possible Rainbow Green Streets project update

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IX. Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Doud, second Mr. Gastelum, approved unanimously. Adjournment by Chair Kurland at 7:36 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 20 Nov 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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