

# Rainbow Community Planning Group

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

Wednesday, November 20, 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: Present: Marty Kurland, Lynne Malinowski, Frederick Rasp, Jon Gorr, Ron Ehrler, Michele Dahl-Sheehan, and Douglas Gastelum. Excused: Paul Georgantas, Greg Doud. 7 members being present, a quorum is declared.

**II. Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Rasp, second Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan, approved unanimously.**

**III. Public Comments**

- A. None

**IV. Consolidated Motion**

- A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 16 Oct 2024 made by Mr. Rasp, second Mr. Gorr, approved unanimously.

**V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items**

- A. Presentation by Rainbow Municipal Water District General Manager, Jake Wiley. Cari Dale (Div 3) and Michael Mack (Div 5) also present. Mr. Wiley reviewed the process and requirements of the detachment from SDCWA and move to EMWD, which was done 2 months earlier than they had budgeted. The disposition of the savings for November and December are still being decided by the RMWD Board, who has asked for input from the public. There will be no rate increase for 2025. He reviewed the upcoming Division 5 (Rainbow) Capital Improvement Projects – some pipeline replacements and rehabbing 2 water tanks, as well as those recently completed. Also discussed were the financing of projects and the exit fee, planned replenishment of reserves, and need to have residents serve on the 3 committees (Budget, Engineering, Customer Service), which do the detailed work on analysis and recommendations for Board review. The billing problems in September and October were explained by programming problems with the transition to a new billing system. An important takeaway: make sure that customers have their current contact information on file with RMWD because many notifications failed due to not having current contact information.

**VI. Old Business and Reports**

- A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Kurland. The Rainbow Green Streets project update by County planner will be scheduled for January 2025 meeting.
- B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski – Nothing new.
- C. Social Media and Membership Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski stated that candidate for open seat #3, Pat Eastman, will be heard under agenda item VII.A. Membership recruitment for the other open seat effective January 2025 will resume.

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- D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan – PLDO input was requested from the community and will be ready to be voted on at January 2025 meeting.
- E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud was not present but sent report that there was no meeting in October.
- F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland – Nothing new.
- G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland. Refer to Agenda item V.A.
- H. Community News and Grange – Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan – Events: Bingo, Crop Swap, Christmas Float on 12/7/24, Christmas dinner and toy donation drive on 12/8/24.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud was not present but sent report that several online meetings were held to discuss the upcoming (January 2025) Draft EIR release. The community will have 60 days to review and provide feedback, which he suggested be specific, objective, and provide facts, as well as point out errors and inconsistencies. The Board of Supervisors presentation for the final proposal is scheduled for Summer/Fall 2025.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland reported that the school roof will be costly.
- K. Fire Safety Council Update – Mr. Doud was not present but sent report that the November 16<sup>th</sup> chipping event had 90 loads and donations were increasing. Mission Resources Group is interested in supporting the FSC, and is hosting an event on 11/22/24 for ranches and Ag operations. Possible presentation on large animal evacuations by Lisah Nicholson at March or April 2025 meeting.
- L. APG & SANDAG Advisory Seat for Unincorporated Communities – Ms. Malinowski reported that a 2<sup>nd</sup> fire evacuation route tour was done for Jamul-Dulzura area (1<sup>st</sup> was Ramona), attended by SANDAG, Caltrans, CalFire, Planning Group, Sheriff. Caltrans was questioned at recent meeting regarding evacuations routes, and answer was that they have ‘a plan.’ Continued frustration over mismanagement of Hwy 125 toll problems and poor reflection SANDAG executives.
- M. Regional Study of Rainbow traffic concerns – Ms. Malinowski – Nothing new.
- N. Policy I-1 Review – Ms. Malinowski reported that her detailed review of Policy I-1 highlighted the Code of Conduct and policy regarding unexcused absences. She encouraged members to notify the officers of absences to help with quorum attainment and avoid policy implementation.
- O. County Code Enforcement – Mr. Doud was not present.
- P. Signs in the Rights of Way – Mr. Doud was not present but sent report that Code Enforcement clarified that any sign containing an ideological, political, or other non-commercial message shall be permitted under Zoning Ordinance Section (SDCZO) 6203(n) and 6252(z), but they cannot be in the Right of Way. The County will be contacting a landowner regarding permits for several large signs along I-15 near Old Castle Road.
- Q. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Kurland. Everything has been sent to the group.

#### VII. New Business

- A. Nomination for Seat #3 Vacancy: Motion to nominate Patricia Eastman for Seat #3 by Ms. Malinowski, second by Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.
- B. Reappoint Greg Doud as RCPG Representative to I-15 Corridor Design Review Board: Motion by Ms. Malinowski to appoint Greg Doud, second by Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.
- C. ‘Thank you’ to Mark DiVecchio for his service was expressed by Ms. Malinowski, with consensus from the group. Mr. DiVecchio was not present.
- D. Cancellation of December 2024 meeting: Motion by Ms. Malinowski to cancel the December 2024 meeting, second by Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.

#### 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.

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- B. Election of Officers at January 2025 meeting
- C. Rainbow Green Streets project update at January 2025 meeting

IX. Motion to Adjourn by Ms. Malinowski, second Mr. Gorr, approved unanimously. Adjournment by Chair Kurland at 8:00 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 15 January 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski      Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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