

**County of San Diego  
Spring Valley Community Planning Group  
P.O. Box 1637, Spring Valley, CA 91979**

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2020; 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Location: Otay Water District Headquarters  
2554 Sweetwater Spring Boulevard, Spring Valley, CA 91978**

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**A. Members**

seat	Name	absent	seat	Name	absent
1	Elizabeth "Liz" Lavertu (Chair)		9	Clifton Cunningham	<b>X</b>
2	Lora Lowes		10	Chris Pearson	
3	Jesse Robles		11	James "Jim" Custeau (Secretary)	
4	Mark Kalsho		12	Adrian Caminos	
5	Marilyn Wilkinson		13	Edward Woodruff	
6	John Eugenio		14	Robert "Bob" Eble	<b>X</b>
7	Scott Harris (Vice-Chair)		15	Tim Snyder	
8	Scott Shaffer	<b>X</b>			

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**B. Public Comment: No public comment was made.**

**C. Presentation:**

**1. Quarry Road Bridge Update:** Update from the County on the Quarry Bridge Project. Presenter: Bolz. Jim Bolz and staff updated the group on the project. He showed a PowerPoint starting with an overhead picture of the project area. The road is closed upwards of 45 times a year due to flooding of the roadway. The project is funded by a federal grant, requiring that the bridge be able to accommodate a 100-year flood. Total cost is \$10 million. Several years ago, a warning system was installed which lowers traffic arms to close off the road during flooding. Maps were shown indicating the properties that will benefit from not having to deal with flooding closures of the roadway. Construction is expected to begin in 2022 and be completed by 2024. Design features were shown and discussed. There will be some purchase of private property required. A member of the public was concerned about the cost of the project. Another member of the public, Ted Christiansen-owner of an adjacent storage facility, shared his concerns about the new road alignment and resulting loss of business property and income. Another member of the public feels that vehicle speeds will be a problem on this new bridge. The owner of the swap meet feels the bridge is designed in a way that will negatively impact his business.

**2. Census 2020, Presenter: Lavertu; Proponent: Aguilar**

Proponent is ill, so this presentation will be tabled until a later date.

**D. Action Item**

**1. PDS2020-ZAP-20-001 Minor Use Permit for Verizon Wireless** – Proposed cell tower at 660 Grand Avenue. Presenter: Caminos; Proponent: Cleveland. Several residents, who live close to the proposed cell site, were in attendance and voiced their concerns about the distance this new tower will be from their homes. These residents were concerned about the affect this 45’ cell tower will have on property values and the potential health related issues due to radio signals. Caminos is okay with this site. The proponent said several sites were researched and this is the only site available that will allow the desired signal coverage. She went on to say, the proposed site is a replacement for a current site located south of Jamacha Blvd, which can’t accommodate the proposed larger cell tower. Concerns from the planning group members were related to the esthetics of the proposed 45’ high mono pine tree, which exceeds the 40’ height limit. Several members stated they would not want this tower next to their homes either. There were also concerns about radio frequency health risks, either perceived or real.

**Motion:** Approve the project as submitted.

**M/S: Caminos/Pearson)**

**Vote: Aye (3); No (9, Robles, Woodruff, Snyder, Eugenio, Custeau, Lavertu, Harris, Wilkinson, Lowes); Abstain (0); Absent (3); Vacant (0)**

**Motion:Fails**

**E. Approval of Minutes of 1/28/2020 Meeting**

**M/S: Pearson/Kalsho)**

**Vote: Aye (10); No (0); Abstain (2, Harris, Robles); Absent (3); Vacant (0)**

**Motion passes.**

**F. GROUP BUSINESS**

1. Announcement: Woodruff shared a flyer advertising a function at the Cuyamaca Water Conservation Garden which will highlight growing of many varieties of Tomato’s. on March 7 and 8
2. Reports: none
3. New projects: none
4. Next meeting: 02/25/2020

**G. ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 PM**