

Spring Valley Community Planning Group

County of San Diego

P.O. Box 1637

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*** DRAFT MINUTES***

TUESDAY, October 25, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Join Meeting on-line:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84542392266?pwd=RGQ5Rm1lS1ZlYUZrTFQyb2dqZmdkUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 4239 2266

Passcode: 657809

Phone in: +1 669 900 6833 (same meeting ID and Passcode)

Chairperson: Tim Snyder; email: tsnydersvcpg@gmail.com

A. ROLL CALL – QUORUM

#	Name	Status	P	Present	11
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	A	A	Absent	3
2	Lora Lowes	P	V	Vacancy	1
3	Jesse Robles Acting Secretary	P		TOTAL	15
4	Chris Pierce	P			
5	Hoger "Roger" Saleh	V			
6	John Eugenio	P			
7	Scott Harris	A			
8	Scott Shaffer	p			
9	Rod Gibbons	P			
10	Chris Pearson	A			
11	James "Jim" Custeau	P			
12	Victoria Abrenica Vice-Chair	P			
13	Edward Woodruff	P			
14	Robert "Bob" Eble	P			
15	Tim Snyder Chair	P			

B. Notification of recording is hereby provided that this Planning Group meeting may be recorded for purposes of preparation of the meeting minutes.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Opportunity for the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject matter within our jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Sweetwater Authority – An introduction to the Sweetwater Authority and the reservoir with our group’s interest being in recreational opportunities in and around the reservoir, both current and potential. The presentation will be made by the Director of Water Quality, Justin Brazil, and the Director of Engineering and Distribution, Erick DelBosque. No action taken.

- **LOWES:** Why can’t Spring Valley residents access the Reservoir from the West side? *SA: The State dictates what bodies of water can have trails around them. The County may also provide additional guidance. While not in Spring Valley, the North end of the Reservoir does have trails for residents.*
- **PIERCE:** The 2023-28 County Improvement Plan addresses certain segments, but it should look at the [Western] segments to have the best flow. *SA: In 2019 the SA requested by resolution to the County to have the Loop completed.*
- **CUSTEAU:** However the SA or County design the Loop, it should have serious consideration for recreational activities, especially on the North end. There should be sufficient park for boats, trailers and other recreational vehicles. The County should be providing the resources to allow the public use of this space
 - **RYAN TRABUCO:** Will work with Jamaela Johnson (D4, Fletcher) to get a briefing from SA on Loop project
- **MALCOLM GETTMANN:** There are trails that are running against or on private property* For at least 35 years, there has been an informal trail that crosses through private property* *SA: What was presented tonight may not be up-to-date–this will be reviewed. JR to review this segment of the video.*
- **ANGELICA WALLACE:** What exactly are the concerns the SA has regarding the *safety* of the water and risks to the water from public use. Justin Brazil *SA: The State regulates what kind of activities are allowed near drinking water. AW: What makes the Sweetwater Reservoir different from other recreational lakes in the area? If there is a security/safety risk to drinking water, how can we have some recreational activities and not others? SA: ~~Their~~ There are public guidelines that dictate how we operate.*

2. Department of Public Works – Apple Street Sidewalks Improvement Project. Ryan Lau, Project Manager, will present the 50% level design. No action taken.

- **JR TO REVIEW VIDEO FOR MINUTES**
- **ANGELICA WALLACE:** Is concerned about sidewalks and missing portions of Jamacha Rd.
 - **LOWES:** The Safe Walks to School program covered all sidewalks to schools.

3. PDS2022-ZAP-22-009, 9125 Lamar Street - Battery Storage Facility introduction for discussion and group input. Presenter is Pierce, proponent is Skyler Tennis, Director of Operations for EnerSmart Storage.

- **SNYDER:** This is coming to the group as a Pre Intake Assistance (PIA)
- **PIERCE:**
- **SKYLER TENNIS (PROPONENT - VP of ENERSMART):** ES is an energy storage project development company that builds energy storage facilities. Projects are zero emission, zero water. Even with all units operating at once, there should be no noise pollution from the project.
- **ABRENICA:**
- **PIERCE:** Worked with CUSTEAU and EUGENIO, walked property with TENNIS and County Planner. They identified several issues (JR to pull from PPT)

- ABRENICA: Would this project help relieve the need for the Peaker Plant proposed for El Cajon? Would the energy stored here be used here? *ES: No, this project will not necessarily eliminate the need for the El Cajon plant.* ABRENICA: The project should still have trees inside of the property.
- SNYDER: What about security? *ES: There is nothing loose or light enough to be stolen.*
- WOODRUFF: Does runoff go into the ditch in front of the property? What times will the property be illuminated? Are there any risks of spills? *ES: Yes, the runoff from this and other properties go into that ditch naturally. The lights will be motion activated. The batteries are not acid batteries and there is zero spill risk.*
- CUSTEAU: This type of battery is safer than most other battery types on the market.
- LOWES: What about the house on the property? How loud are the fans? Motion lights may be activated by wildlife. This project should still try to use trees on the property. Vines are not sustainable and pose a maintenance responsibility. *ES: The building is actually an office and it will remain on the property. The project will be built around it. Each fan produces 65 decibels. ES is committed to working with CPG to get an adequate landscape plan inclusive of trees.* LOWES: Residents on Avenida De Lamar are on a dead end, with the project on the corner, a fire would block their ability to exit the street.

SIDEWALK ALONG ENTIRE APN					
#	Name	Status	Y	Yes	10
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	A	N	No	1
2	Lora Lowes	Y	A	Absent	3
3	Jesse Robles Acting Secretary	Y	X	Abstain	0
4	Chris Pierce	Y	V	Vacant	1
5	Hoger "Roger" Saleh	V			15
6	John Eugenio	N			
7	Scott Harris	A			
8	Scott Shaffer	Y			
9	Rod Gibbons	Y			
10	Chris Pearson	A			
11	James "Jim" Custeau	Y			
12	Victoria Abrenica Vice-Chair	Y			
13	Edward Woodruff	Y			
14	Robert "Bob" Eble	Y			
15	Tim Snyder Chair	Y			

SETBACK WITH TREES AS DESCRIBED OUTSIDE OF SOUNDWALL					
#	Name	Status	Y	Yes	9
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	A	N	No	1
2	Lora Lowes	A	A	Absent	4
3	Jesse Robles Acting Secretary	Y	X	Abstain	0
4	Chris Pierce	Y	V	Vacant	1
5	Hoger "Roger" Saleh	V			15
6	John Eugenio	Y			
7	Scott Harris	A			
8	Scott Shaffer	Y			
9	Rod Gibbons	N			
10	Chris Pearson	A			
11	James "Jim" Custeau	Y			
12	Victoria Abrenica Vice-Chair	Y			
13	Edward Woodruff	Y			
14	Robert "Bob" Eble	Y			
15	Tim Snyder Chair	Y			

TREES ON THE INSIDE					
#	Name	Status	Y	Yes	5
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	A	N	No	5
2	Lora Lowes	A	A	Absent	4
3	Jesse Robles Acting Secretary	N	X	Abstain	0
4	Chris Pierce	N	V	Vacant	1
5	Hoger "Roger" Saleh	V			15
6	John Eugenio	N			
7	Scott Harris	A			
8	Scott Shaffer	Y			
9	Rod Gibbons	N			
10	Chris Pearson	A			
11	James "Jim" Custeau	Y			
12	Victoria Abrenica Vice-Chair	Y			
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4. The California Strategic Growth Council is recommending approval of the Transformative Climate Committee award for Spring Valley. The official announcement will be made on Monday, 10.24.22, with a hearing on 10.27.22 for public input. Our County is being recommended by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) staff to be awarded the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) planning grant award for the application titled Spring Valley S.E.E.D.S. – Sustainable Environment & Engaged Development Strategies. We were the highest scoring application in the state among

21 applications. This is the first time that they have awarded a TCC grant to a disadvantaged unincorporated community. Here is the link to the SGC staff recommendation (Item 6 on October 27): [Council Meetings | October 27, 2022 - Strategic Growth Council \(ca.gov\)](#)

LETTER OF REC TO TAC: JAMACHA RD					
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4	Chris Pierce	Y	V	Vacant	1
5	Hoger "Roger" Saleh	V			15
6	John Eugenio	Y			
7	Scott Harris	A			
8	Scott Shaffer	Y			
9	Rod Gibbons	N			
10	Chris Pearson	A			
11	James "Jim" Custeau	Y			
12	Victoria Abrenica Vice-Chair	Y			
13	Edward Woodruff	Y			
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15	Tim Snyder Chair	Y			

5. Vacancy. Seat #5 of the Spring Valley Community Planning Group is now vacant. Due to this vacancy coinciding with the general election, questions on process are being asked of County Counsel.

- **ROGER SALEH** has resigned from the Group before the expiry of his term.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Annual Priority List. Discussion, completion and vote on the 2022-2023 list.

F. Approval of Minutes: 9/27/2022 and 10/11/2022. **Tabled**

G. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Announcements:

2. Reports:

Chair:

CSA 128:

TAC:

Highway cleanup:

Other:

3. Assign Projects:

4. Next meeting: November 8, 2022

H. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

We strive to protect personally identifiable information, by collecting only information necessary to deliver our services. All information collected becomes public record, subject to inspection and copying by the public, unless an exemption in

law exists. In the event of conflict, governing the County's disclosure of records, the County ordinance or other law will control.

You can review any personal information collected about you. You may recommend changes to your personal information, which you believe is in error, by submitting a written request that shows, credibly, the error. If you believe your personal information is being used for purposes other than those intended, you may contact us. In all cases, we will take reasonable steps to verify your identity, before granting access or making corrections.

Purpose of Planning and Sponsor Groups

Advise the County on Discretionary projects as well as on planning and land use matters that are proposed within their respective community planning or sponsor group area.