

County of San Diego  
Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2024, 4:00 pm  
Warner Springs Community Resource Center  
30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs California 92086

A. Roll Call and Call to Order: Chair Petermann called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Members Present: Chair, Hans Petermann, Kathryn Fletcher, Nina Karavasiles, Andy Krogh, Pam Nelson, and Bob Garcia

Absent:

Public: Joe Kleinman, Ezra Logreira, Dorothy Willis, Cliff Cook, Bonnie Smith

Guest Speakers: SDGE (San Diego Gas & Electric): Teresa Oquendo, Romi Pal, Tim Knowd, David Hitzman,

Sheriff's Department: Mike Forbes, Jeff Ford

Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter: Charles Rilli

B. Approval of Minutes with corrections: Moved by Krogh, seconded by Garcia

C. Guest Speaker(s): Sheriff LT Jeff Ford, advised of interest in posting license reading cameras on the highway in the community and interested in community feedback. The device will be stationary, will read the license plates as the vehicle passes by, collect data, and store it in a database for thirty days. If there is flag on the license plate, the reader will alert the communications center. While it has been useful, there have also been false readings, which can be rectified by a closer look at the picture, or visual check before a vehicle is pulled over. Data collected will not be shared with other agencies, data is not used for traffic enforcement, and data is purged after thirty days, unless specifically, set aside for investigation. There is no external oversight or auditing to safeguard the information. The location has not been established for installation, there will be just one in Warner Springs on Highway 79. The Board of Supervisors Meeting will be in October and the installation is expected to be sometime around November 2024 to January 2025.

Provide feedback via url: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=\\_c0yeDezB02vfp3gguFrMZ3QHv1\\_PFhNmzH7FBoxGwdUQzY1QUdEUjg2U1NYTVQ1TkIVODBUT0JVQy4u&origin=QRCode](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_c0yeDezB02vfp3gguFrMZ3QHv1_PFhNmzH7FBoxGwdUQzY1QUdEUjg2U1NYTVQ1TkIVODBUT0JVQy4u&origin=QRCode)

SDGE: Delivered the Underground Transition Project, outlining the overview and benefits, surveying, design, construction, and tentative timelines. Major take aways were reducing potential fire via electric system, creating a resilient system compatible with climate change, that is aesthetically appealing. Krogh expressed concerns regarding easements and how it could amputate a large property for further construction.

Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter: the focus of Fire Safety and VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) Efficient Alternative plan to include restrict development in the high wildfire zones, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from unincorporated areas and county operations, lower air pollution, reduce traffic, and preserve wildlands and endangered species. Would not restrict development but defer to safer areas. Balance environmental, economic, and community interests. The proposed general plan amendment streamlines housing and other development with benefits of preserving the environment, reducing health disparity, increasing access to green career opportunities, and improving quality of life.

- D. Public Communication:
- E. Action Items: Discussion and vote to support Fire Safe and VMT Efficient Alternative for the County's Climate Action Plan, motion by Krogh, seconded by Garcia. Carried unanimously.
- F. Group Business
  - a. Chair Report, Chair Petermann, seating updates, Kleinman being reviewed on August 27 and Willis is still pending.
  - b. Recurring Discussion Items:
    - i. Warner Springs Ranch Development; no new updates
    - ii. New Warner Springs Specific Plan; no new updates
    - iii. Highlands at Warner Springs; no new updates
    - iv. Cultural Preserve; no new updates
    - v. Dark Sky Community; International Dark Sky website, <https://darksky.org> shared where to find approved lighting products along with a retailers (like Home Depot)
    - vi. Socially Equitable Cannabis, no new updates
    - vii. Community Park, no new updates
    - viii. School Water; Andrea and Melissa, are conducting public outreach for to present bond issue to be on ballot. The bond will allow the school to purchase land, drill a well, and update fire safety. If they spend less than the bond, \$3.5M, then they will close out the bond. The school representatives will be invited to make a presentation at a meeting before early voting.
    - ix. Communications; there is an icloud shared space for the group where documents will be uploaded
    - x. Chihuahua Valley Road; some small sections are being patched, no future plans for resurface
    - xi. Fire Insurance, Protection, governor moratorium on fire risk areas, even if there is a policy, California Fair Plan is insolvent. The insurance factor alone should be a deterrent for development in the Warner Springs area.
    - xii. Palomar Mountain Power Line, no new updates, signed up for newsletter
    - xiii. Conservation Issues, no new updates
- G. Upcoming Events: Aug 27 Garden Club, Sept 7 – 8 Warner Springs Wine & Art Trail, Sept 28 Movie Night, Oct 5 Star Gazing, and there is currently no update on scheduling a visit with Dave Hogan, Chaparral Conservancy
- H. Adjournment: Moved by Krogh seconded by Nelson, approved unanimously, 623pm