

County of San Diego
Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19, 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 4:08pm.

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

Absent:

Public: Ezra Logreira, Dorothy Willis, Britni Mushet

Guest Speakers: San Diego County Planning Department, Jacob Armstrong and San Diego County Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and possible grant opportunities, Damon Davis

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

C. Guest Speaker(s): Discussed the California Senate Bill 743, VMT, is the new lens for assessing transportation impacts on the environment for projects and reducing the amount of driving is the way in which these impacts are reduced or mitigated (www.sb743.org), to reduce greenhouse gases, improve public health, issues with back country development to travel for essentials. Efficient and infill areas (none in Warner Springs) would consider via units, “vacation home” generate less. The VMT for Warner Springs is 70 miles. A Bed and Breakfast establishment would not fit it is not a residence and no hotel, commercial locally serving option reducing VMT; employees and vendors would need to drive to the hotel. The Ranch is not eligible for mitigation but could still get approved off previous documentation. No new resubmission projects screened for transportation impact. The Highlands Project does not have any update and looking for a conservation buyer. Most common mitigation does not work.

California State Route 79 (SR79), CalTrans Community Grant for pedestrian crossing safely, county lead, match funding, would need to meet with county. The roads in Warner Springs were inherited but are not up to code. It was expressed that the school zone, open campus, is not safe for pickup drop offs, and student crossing. There was a conversation about the glider easement, CalTrans does not build roads any longer, which would resolve some safety issues and big trucks violating weight limits.

D. Public Communication:

E. Chair Report, Chair Petermann, seating updates, Kleinman being reviewed on August 27 and Willis is still pending.

F. New Business / Discussion Items

- a. Student – CSG Liaison – Bob Garcia, the county advised that the student could be part of the public, but not an officially recognized seat. There was discussion if the student could work with an adult as a liaison and if there is a way to promote the Community Sponsor Group to the school.
- b. School Bond Measure and water issue update – Member of School or School Board, Melissa Krogh, presentation about the water issues, potential resolutions, bond to be on the election ballot, small water system, potable well contaminants, and state grants for drinking water serving students. There are questions about the tax payer impact, and potential purchaser of the bond. Reviewed the student and staff that attend the school and the additional impact and expense that it could bring to a small water system. There was debate on if the CSG can or should support the bond for the school but can certainly allow them to use the Resource Center as a location to make their presentation to the community.

G. Group Business – Reoccurring Discussion Items:

- i. Warner Springs Ranch Development; Nick II (County) will be meeting with Bill McQuethy at WSRC for tour
- ii. New Warner Springs Specific Plan; General Area versus Specific Location, new community plan with county, long term planning regarding zone(s)
- iii. Highlands at Warner Springs; no new updates; no tribal support, Willis will ask at next tribal meeting
- iv. Cultural Preserve; no new updates
- v. Dark Sky Community; no new updates
- vi. Socially Equitable Cannabis, no new updates
- vii. Community Park, no new updates
- viii. School Water; see above
- ix. Communications; there is a reimbursement amount for bulk mail for biannual newsletter, website with county for meeting minutes, documents, and plans
- x. Chihuahua Valley Road; some sections are being patched, working toward HWY 79
- xi. Fire Insurance, Protection; Assembly Bill for insurance company consideration to protect home for mitigation, failed
- xii. Palomar Mountain Power Line, information will be posted on Facebook
- xiii. Conservation Issues, have not yet met, discussed the battery storage in Escondido that caught fire, proposed new storage in Poway, and Desmond and Supervisors not supporting

H. Adjournment: Moved by Krogh seconded by Fletcher, approved unanimously, 633pm