

# Sky Valley Community Council and CSA 104 Agenda

6 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Sky Valley Community Center 20-905 Hot Springs Road, Sky Valley, CA 92241

## In-Person Meeting Only

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll Call

### 4. Approval of the Minutes: September 12, 2023

### 5. Councilmember Reports and Comments

**6. Staff Reports:** *Presenters must direct their report to the council. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chair may allow questions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the Chair.*

A. **Office of Supervisor Manuel Perez:** Pat Cooper, 760-863-8211 [pcooper@rivco.org](mailto:pcooper@rivco.org)

B. **Code Enforcement:** Francisco Mendez [fmendez@rivco.org](mailto:fmendez@rivco.org), Jason Alvarez

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<https://www.rctlma.org/ce/Report-a-Violation> 760-329-1700

C. **Sheriff's Department:** Sgt. Jose Tijerina, [jltijeri@riversidesheriff.org](mailto:jltijeri@riversidesheriff.org), 760-836-1639

D. **CHP:** Officer Rafael Espinosa, 760-772-5300 [rafael.espinosa@chp.ca.gov](mailto:rafael.espinosa@chp.ca.gov)

E. **County/CAL Fire Station 56:** Pete.Tierney@fire.ca.gov, Timothy.Bingham@fire.ca.gov

F. **Dept Economic Development/Community CSA 104:** David Alvarez, 951-955-3313

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G. **RivCo Public Health:** Daisy Ramirez, Luis Garcia, 760-898-6163, [dramirez@ruhealth.org](mailto:dramirez@ruhealth.org)

H. Other Departments and Public Agencies

### 7. New Business:

- A. **Proposed 2024 Community council meeting dates (Action Vote):**  
January 9, March 13, May 14, September 10, November 12

### 8. Old Business (Information Only):

- A. **Traffic Safety/Thousand Palms Cyn Road Update – Pat Cooper**  
B. **OHV Update and Placement of Signs – Elin Holmberg, Noel Ragsdale**  
C. **CSA Funds for OHV Update– Julie Casserly**  
D. **Status of Aqueduct Road and Roads Update – David Alvarez**  
E. **Update of Noise Ordinance 847 – County Code**

**9. Public comments:** *All persons wishing to address the Council on items not specifically on the agenda or on matters of general interest should do so at this time. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes.*

### 10. Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on January 9, 2024

### 11. Adjourn meeting

**2024 proposed meeting schedule: January 9, March 13, May 14, September 10, November 12**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Sky Valley Chamber and Community Center \* 20905 Hot Springs Rd, Sky Valley CA 92241**  
**September 12, 2023**

- I. **Meeting to Order:** Council Chair R Twiss called the in-person meeting of the Sky Valley Community Council to order at 6:02PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** E Holmberg
- III. **Roll Call:** 34 council members present, N Ragsdale was excused for her absence; 12 community residents, 11 county reps and topic presenters
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** May 9, 2023 minutes approved unanimously as is E Holmberg moved moved/J Casserly seconded
- V. **Council member Reports and Comments:**
  - a. **Moment of silence:** R Twiss asked for a moment in remembrance of 911 and recent death of firefighter.
- VI. **Staff Reports:**
  - a. **Office of Supervisor Manuel Perez:** Pat Cooper 760-863-8211 [pcooper@rivco.org](mailto:pcooper@rivco.org);
    - i. **Transportation:** 2 representatives were at meeting, cited their great efforts during recent storms especially repairing 1000 Palms canyon road and reminded people to be careful on damaged road especially Dillon where shoulders are still damaged.
    - ii. **Emergency Management Department:** 2 representatives at meeting. They monitored the national weather service in preparation for the storm handing out 14000 sandbags and 750 tons of sand.
  - b. **Code Enforcement:** Francisco Mendez 760-393-3344
    - i. **Staff coverage:** Jason Alvarez is new officer for Sky Valley
    - ii. **Stats:** 77 open cases/ 19 closed cases; 10 excessive storage/rubbish; 6 abatements; 11 construction without permit; 20 zone violations; 3 substandard housing; 15 abatement vehicles
  - c. **Sheriff's Department:** No representation
  - d. **CHP:** Rafael Espinoza 760-772-5300 [rafael.espinoza@chp.ca.gov](mailto:rafael.espinoza@chp.ca.gov)
    - i. **Stats:** 12 calls; 7 injuries and property damage; 3 property damage only; 1 hit and run and 1 hit and run with property damage
    - ii. **Staffing status:** new captain is coming in
    - iii. **OHV:** Special operation road team made two visits. In future they will respond based on number of calls, so residents are encouraged to call.
  - e. **CAL Fire – Chief Ray Richardson** [@fire.ca.gov](mailto:@fire.ca.gov) 760-329-1700
    - i. **Stats:** 38 calls; 26 assists; 2 false alarms; 1 fire, 1 rescue; 2 standbys
  - f. **Public Health Daisy Ramirez Bell** [dramirez@ruhealth.org](mailto:dramirez@ruhealth.org) (760) 898 6163 / **Emergency Management Department:** Michael Ornelas [Micael.Ornelas@RivCo.org](mailto:Micael.Ornelas@RivCo.org) (951) 955-4700
    - i. **Mosquitoes:** With recent storms mosquitoes will increase. Call vector control for help with mosquito management
    - ii. **Office of Aging:** Sept is suicide prevention month; focus on those who are isolated.
    - iii. **Racism/Inequity Event:** Oct 18 10-12am; refer to [RIVCOHEALTHTHEQUITY@rvhealth.org](mailto:RIVCOHEALTHTHEQUITY@rvhealth.org) for information.
  - g. **Emergency Management Department:** Joshua Holkesvig
    - i. **Recovery Process Funding:** Explained the process for submitting damage assessment to FEMA in order to collect reimbursement.
    - ii. **Raise level of awareness:** Event served to remind people to be prepared for 10 days of disruption during disasters.
    - iii. **Presentation and CERT classes:** They offer a 1.5-hour presentation for getting prepared for disasters and will attempt to beef up the availability of

CERT classes in the winter months.

- h. **Economic Development Agency/CSA 104:** David Alvarez 951-955-3313  
[dalvarez@rico.org](mailto:dalvarez@rico.org). SEE ITEM c UNDER OLD BUSINESS

## VII. New Business:

### a. Property/Vacant Lots Rules:

- i. **Shipping Containers:** Placement is subject to zoning (see Ordinance #348) for details. When allowed there can only be 1 per property, color must blend with natural surroundings, must be placed at rear of property, must be on a property that has an inhabited structure unless its and active construction site.
- ii. **Modular housing:** There is specific permitting such as for a foundation that must be obtained before placement on property though there is some leniency if the permit is in process when the unit is placed to allow it.
- iii. **RVs –** Inhabiting an RV is not permitted anywhere in Riverside County outside an established RV park facility or with special permit during construction. Inhabitants/owner have 30 days to correct the issue from time of citation. RVs are allowed on BLM property for 14 day stays.

## VIII. Old Business

### a. 1000 Palms Road Traffic Safety:

Review was completed with the following results:

- i. Installation of more signs North and South of the Preserve driveway should be accomplished in 3-6 weeks.
- ii. Installation of pedestrian warning signage for Northbound traffic that is rounding the corner.
- iii. Larger updated signage at the Preserve entrance including visiting hours.
- iv. The Preserve is private property and lacks funding and staffing. It is not feasible to close it as people will use it anyway. The County will investigate how it can help find funding.

### b. OHV Update and Placement of signs:

Two signs have been installed at the expense of about \$900 each. We will continue to look for the best placement of the remaining signs.

### c. Status of Aqueduct Road and Roads update:

- i. **Available Funds:** \$624,118 + future \$162,532 income = @\$787k
- ii. **Storm Damage Costs:** Will probably be @100K for repairing 22 roads including traffic control costs, estimate @75k reimbursement so our cost is @25k for the 22. High praise for EMD getting the damage assessments filed which allowed the work to be done quickly.
- iii. **Recommendations:** Hold off on any big improvements until the funds stabilize. Work continues on Larsen Lane to get culverts cleaned out.
- iv. **Aqueduct Rd:** BLM owns this road but has not responded to county inquiries about maintenance. D Alvarez will pursue the opportunity to gain storm damage funds to repair Aqueduct. Not clear on how much of Aqueduct can be worked on. The road can be claimed as “dangerous and unsafe” to travelers which validates the pressing need for work. Most GPS systems route traffic onto Aqueduct. This includes Emergency vehicles, Mail Service, and Delivery services. There are property addresses on this road which points to a need for it to be a county or CSA 104 road that can be maintained.

### d. Noise Ordinance Update #847 – No news.

## IX. Public Comments

- a. **Code Infractions:** Resident provided addresses on Dillon for an illegally occupied double wide and tow yard facility. Another single wide was reported on 19<sup>th</sup> and Norman.
- b. **Community Cleanup:** Resident asked about next Community Cleanup: Will be in October in Thousand Palms
- c. **Free Dirt:** Resident asked if the dirt piled up from the storm is available to residents. It is not. It is owned by FEMA monitors the management of it. Residents were reminded you need a permit if you move more than 200 cubic yards of dirt. There were further

comments that ACMD will respond to and investigate complaints of blowing sand related to residents improperly dumping and spreading full dirt on their property without using appropriate blowing sand mitigating measures such as watering.

- d. **Video camera:** Resident has a neighbor pointing a video camera on their property and needs help. They were referred to the sheriff. There was no rep at the meeting to address this.

**X. Agenda Items for next meeting**

- a. **OHV update and placement of signs**
- b. **Traffic Safety on Thousand Palms Road**
- c. **Status off road work and Aqueduct**
- d. **Update of Noise Ordinance 847**

**XI. 2023 meeting schedule:** November 14

**XII. Adjourn meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM. The next meeting scheduled: November 14, 2023

**Minutes recorded by E Holmberg.**

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