

**SKY VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Sky Valley Chamber and Community Center \* 20905 Hot Springs Rd, Sky Valley CA 92241**  
**November 12, 2024**

- I. **Meeting to Order:** In the absence of Co-Chair J Casserly, N Ragsdale called the in-person meeting of the Sky Valley Community Council to order at 6:00PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** M Astorga
- III. **Roll Call:** 4 council members present (J Casserly excused absence), 13 community residents, 9 county reps
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Sept 10, 2024 minutes approved as is, E Holmberg / S Tosti seconded
- V. **Council member Reports and Comments:**
  - a. **Community Center Postings:** New postings include regular meeting information and info on how to rent the facility.
  - b. **Recycling event:** Sat Nov 30 7:30-noon at the Community Center; 9 tires per trip with or without rims and electronics will be accepted.
  - c. **Regional Park effort:** 4 sites have been identified, 3 in DHS and one on North Shore, have been identified as a possible regional park. Take a survey where you can rank your preferences at: [exploreD4parks.com](http://exploreD4parks.com)
  - d. **Native Plant sales and Info:**
    - i. Dec 15 Community Center noon-1pm presentation, Q&A, and free plants
    - ii. Sat Nov 16 plant sale and info, Desert Wildlife Center, 46500 Van Buren St, Indio CA 8:30-noon
  - e. **Food Bank:** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Community Center 4-5:30pm
- VI. **Staff Reports:**
  - a. **Code Enforcement:** Lamont Reed, [Lareed@rivco.org](mailto:Lareed@rivco.org) 951-529-7412, 760-393-3344 <https://www.rctlma.org/ce/Report-a-violation>, 760-329-1700  
Short term Rental and Special Events Report Issues: 951-955-2004, 951-955-3200.
    - i. **Position Filled:** Code Enforcement Supervisor Aaron Acevez introduced Lamont Reed who is the new officer assigned to the area which includes Sky Valley. Officer Reed is retired after serving 30 years in the US navy.
    - ii. **Stats:** 37 open cases/ 11 closed cases; The open cases are in the following categories: 8 excessive storage/rubbish; 5 construction without permit; 13 zone violations; 2 substandard housing; 2 abatement, 10 excess vehicles, 5 neighborhood enforcement
    - iii. **Dumping:** Use Riverside County Waste Resources for pickup – contact at [rcwaste.org](http://rcwaste.org). Use code enforcement when a case needs to be opened.
  - b. **Sheriff's Department:** No representative
  - c. **CHP:** no representative
  - a. **CAL Fire** – No representation due to fires
  - b. **Economic Development Agency/CSA 104:** David Alvarez 951-955-3313 [dalvarez@rico.org](mailto:dalvarez@rico.org).
    - i. **CSA 104 Funds:** \$620K current plus 183K to come, less 75K for Larsen improvement, and 50K outstanding maintenance work on 19<sup>th</sup>, Belleview and Marshall = 643k available for projects next year: Wide Canyon and Kris chip seal
    - ii. **Larsen Lane:** Prior approved work completed and will put a 4-inch asphalt base on transition from Dillon over the 3 culverts
    - iii. **Equipment:** 25K contributed to purchase equipment that can be used for



encouraged residents to call as soon as possible for service; there is only one Animal Control officer for a very extensive area countrywide

- ii. **Shelters:** 4 shelters have too many animals for the 82 spots they have available. Discussion of the role of pet support counselors and support staff to work with people who are bringing in animals and those who are adopting. Nov 30 adopting event at the 1000 Palms Shelter at which adoption fees will be waived. volunteers needed, help to catch stray animals.

**VIII. Election of Officers** E Holmberg-Rowland moved appointment of J Casserly as Chair and N Ragsdale as Vice Chair. S. Tosti seconded. Unanimous. N Ragsdale moved appointment of E Holmberg-Rowland as Secretary. S. Toste seconded. Unanimous.

**IX. Approval of 2025 Meeting Dates:** Approved January 14, March 11, May 13, September 9 and November 11, 2025.

**X. Public Comments**

- a. **Animal Control Issue:** Resident brought attention concerning issues relating to newly hired Animal Control director and to Animal Control being sued for violating payments law. Protest are planned for this Fri/Sat.

**XI. Adjourn meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

*Minutes recorded by E Holmberg*

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