



MINUTES

City Council / Planning Agency Special Meeting Study Session

April 29, 2026

A Special Meeting/Study Session of the City Council / Planning Agency of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Mayor Caskey at 5:45 p.m., on April 29, 2026, in the City Council Chamber at 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

A complete copy of the agenda for the meeting containing all items as shown herein was posted by 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2026, on the outdoor bulletin board at Laguna Hills City Hall. A copy was also posted at Laguna Hills Community Center and Knotty Pine Park.

In addition, the agenda was posted at 27182 Hidden Trail Road, Laguna Hills, CA 92653, where Mayor Caskey was participating via teleconference.

Roll Call of City Council Members

Present: Mayor Don Caskey (via teleconference)
Mayor Pro Tempore Jared Mathis Council Member
Member Erica Pezold
Council Member Joshua Sweeney Council Member
Member Dave Wheeler

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

City Council / Planning Agency Study Session - No Net Loss requirements

- 1. Joint City Council / Planning Agency study session to discuss No Net Loss requirements as identified in Government Code Section 65863 for the 6th Cycle Housing Element 2021-2029 and additional site selection criteria and to provide direction to staff**

Consultant Amanda Tropiano with De Novo Planning Group made a presentation on the No Net Loss Compliance Program and answered the City Council Members questions.

Community Development Director Lowe and Perry Banner, De Novo Planning Group, answered questions of the Council Members.

The City Council / Planning Agency members discussed their preference for different sites from those outlined in the presentation.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mathis, seconded by Mayor Caskey, to increase density to 80 Dwelling Units (DU) per acre on existing sites, increase the minimum to 30 DU per acre, and identify sites D, E, and F as the favored potential sites.

On roll call, said motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caskey, Mathis, Pezold, Sweeney, Wheeler

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Adjournment

At the hour of 7:40 p.m., with no further business to come before the City Council/Planning Agency at this session, Mayor Caskey adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.



Karen Hamman, Interim City Clerk

ATTEST:

Don Caskey, Mayor

Approved at meeting of May 12, 2026