

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held April 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL (Piva, Chair)**

In Attendance:	Chad Anderson	Torry Brean	Jim Cooper (Arr 7:20)
	Scotty Ensign	Carl Hickman	Eb Hogervorst
	Barbara Jensen	Kristi Mansolf	Donna Myers
	Jim Piva	Dennis Sprong (Arr 8:05)	Richard Tomlinson
	Kevin Wallace		

Excused Absence: Matt Deskovick, Paul Stykel

Jim Piva, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Scotty Ensign, RCPG Vice-Chair, acted as the Vice-Chair of the meeting, and Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

**ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING 2-6-14 and 3-6-14.**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2014.**

Upon motion made by Richard Tomlinson and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 11-0-0-4**, with Jim Cooper, Matt Deskovick, Dennis Sprong and Paul Stykel absent.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 6, 2014.**

Upon motion made by Donna Myers and seconded by Chad Anderson, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Jim Cooper, Matt Deskovick, Dennis Sprong and Paul Stykel absent.

**ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

The Chair announced that the funding for the Highland Valley/Dye/Highway 67 intersection has changed. Caltrans is now going to be funding \$7 million of the intersection and the County will be funding \$3 million, so projects will no longer have to be delayed. Credit goes to Joe Hull of Caltrans and Supervisor Jacob for working out the funding for the intersection.

The Revitalization meeting will be April 23 at the Ramona Community Library from 2:30 to 4:30. The Chair asked Mr. Brean to attend for the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee items.

Ms. Mansolf gave an update on the wood to steel pole replacement project that goes from Creelman to Santa Ysabel. SDG&E has been working with neighbors for fence removals or fence moving where the fences were placed in SDG&E's easement. They are drilling micropoles and holes for the poles. SDG&E is still working in the area between the Creelman substation to the Mount Gower Park. They started setting some of the pole bases in the holes and on the micropile bases and will be putting tops on soon. It take 3 days for the concrete on the bases to cure before the top can be put on. They are staying under their allowable limit for noise. The project is still on track to

energize the new lines by September 1. Cleanup work and fiber optic line will be pulled in after the September 1<sup>st</sup> date.

Mr. Ensign said that the wood to steel pole replacement project is a separate project entirely from the solar project that hasn't been filed yet.

Mr. Tate said, from the audience, that the solar project was filed April 1, 2014.

**ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on posted agenda.**

Speaker: Marty Barritt, Ramona Resident

Ms. Barritt lives on Arena Drive in the Country Estates (SDCE). Her whole house flooded when her property flooded during a rain storm in September of 2012. Insurance did not cover the damage and it wasn't disclosed to her when she bought the property that it flooded. Her property is not in the floodplain. Her property flooded again in March of 2014, but she was home and able to divert the flow of the water so that it did not impact the house. The storm water runoff came off of the road. A neighbor told her that the area did not flood until the Barnett School was built. She feels the County did not take into consideration the ramifications of diverting water down a cul-de-sac and should have had culverts installed down the entire street. County Road staff met with her at her property and reviewed the problem, saying that the design of the roads are not built to code on private land, and her driveway doesn't meet the code of rise and run from the gutter through the 10 foot easement. She is looking for some assistance from SDCE and/or the County to correct the problem.

Speaker: Lynn Hopewell, Ramona Resident

Ms. Hopewell would like to see more crosswalks in the Old Town area. There was a crosswalk at 8<sup>th</sup> Street in the past, but it was taken out. She would like to see one at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and one at 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Most people will not walk to the traffic light at 7<sup>th</sup> Street to cross Main Street.

**ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)**

Mr. Hickman suggested moving the County road item, Item 7-D, to the top of the Action Items, and made it in the form of a motion.

The Chair said it was anticipated the 3 items ahead of the County road item would be quick, so he would prefer to proceed with the agenda as is. The motion did not get a second.

**ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:**

**7-A: (South Subcommittee Review) AD 14-017, Lot #10, End of Tombill Cul-de-Sac, 4.27 Acres. Request To Clear 1.8 Acres of Brush to Develop Growing Fields for Use as an Organic Farm. Applicant: H. Eun**

Mr. Eun said he had received a code enforcement violation for clearing too much on his property on Tombill. He wants to start a small organic farm. He is applying to get an Administrative Permit to correct the problem.

Speaker: Dan Jackson, Ramona Resident

Mr. Jackson said that he is against the clearing of the land for a farm. There are CC&R's for the Tombill community. There can only be single family residences. Farms are not included in the CC&R's. He is concerned that this could lead to heavy trucks coming down Tombill. Tombill is a private road and the residents pay for the upkeep. The land is not zoned for farming. He is concerned other residents on Tombill may want to clear their land and start farms in the future if Mr. Eun is allowed to do so. There are many kids in the neighborhood and he is worried about more traffic on Tombill.

Speaker: Joe Narde, Ramona Resident

Mr. Narde agrees with Mr. Jackson. Tombill is a small private road and they don't want traffic from a business on it. Lots 11 and 12 were also cleared. He thinks it may be for an organic farm, too.

Speaker: John Harms, Ramona Resident

Mr. Harms said the land was cleared last August (2013). When it rained, there was muddy storm water runoff from the area. There are 32 lots on the street and it is a residential area. Mr. Harms doesn't have a good feeling about this because the work has already been done.

Speaker: Bill Moe, Ramona Resident

Mr. Moe sustained damage to his property during the rains from the clearing that was done. He is concerned over the lack of action from the County. The silt fencing around the clearing was not installed right. The road is narrow. He is concerned with trucks using the road. This area is not farmland.

Mr. Eun said he wants to grow a variety of crops. It was not his intention to clear so much of the lot. A grader was hired and he cleared the whole area in about 4 hours. He said he made a mistake and that the extent of the grading was a screw up. He apologized and said if he didn't know what would happen if the Administrative Permit does not go through.

Mr. Brean said he thought sharing a road with an organic farm would be fairly low intensity and there would be little impact from it.

Ms. Mansolf said that according to the Discretionary Application, the property is zoned A-70, which is an agricultural designation. A-72 is Intensive Agriculture. She could not tell from the application what the Land Use Designation was.

The Chair said he would like to see neighbors be good neighbors and not pursue resolution of the issues presented through legal channels. He would like the neighbors to try to come up with mitigation and a compromise, and work it out themselves, and then come back to the RCPG next month.

Mr. Tomlinson said A-70 was Limited Agriculture and so agriculture is allowed. The applicant is required to fix the problem or get an Administrative Permit.

**MOTION: THE ISSUE BE POSTPONED FOR ACTION UNTIL MAY 1, 2014, TO ALLOW THE NEIGHBORS TO GET TOGETHER AND COME UP WITH A RECOMMENDED SOLUTION.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 11-0-0-1-3**, with Scotty Engish stepping down, and Matt Deskovick, Dennis Sprong and Paul Stykel absent.

**7-B: (Village Design Committee Issue) Request for RCPG to Make a Recommendation to Include Jim Hagey's Property within the Ramona Village Plan Boundaries Due to the Proximity to the current Ramona Village Plan Boundaries. This Unique Property Provides an Opportunity to Create a Village Square Element within the Community.**

Jim Hagey said he would like to put his Elliott pond property in the Ramona Village Design, Form Based Code. The town square concept would help streamline creating a quality area that all could enjoy.

Ms. Myers said a town square concept would preclude homes from being there.

Mr. Brean said the property is residential now. If put into the Form Based Code it would be mixed used zoning for retail and residential.

Ms. Myers is concerned that commercial development expanding into an area of family homes will encroach into the residential area. She is opposed to a big box store being the anchor business on the property and she supports a town center with shops, walking and public events. She would like to see a wide portion of the property reserved for housing along the perimeter adjacent to family homes (Ramona and H Streets). She would like to see smaller homes built, such as for senior housing.

The Chair said he was asked his individual opinion about the change to Form Based Code for the property by the County. He doesn't want to see a big box take out the mom and pop businesses. He thought Mr. Hagey was not interested in a big box store.

Mr. Hagey doesn't remember saying no big box. If he is required to do a General Plan Amendment, it will take 4 years and kill the town square concept.

The Chair said he likes the idea of people walking in and out of shops. He doesn't want a big box.

Mr. Hagey said he wanted to build houses. In the current market, he would have to sell them for \$450,000 if he builds what he wanted to build originally. He thinks mixed use is a good solution. He thought a small big box would be a good anchor for the town square.

Mr. Brean said with the Village Design Plan rules, if the property were put into the Form Based Code area, and the owner wanted a big box, it would have to go through the Village Design Review process.

**MOTION: TO MOVE THE ELLIOTT POND PROPERTY INTO THE FORM BASED CODE/VILLAGE DESIGN PLAN.**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Eb Hogervorst, the motion **failed 7-4-0-0-4**, with Jim Cooper, Donna Myers, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace voting no, and Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Dennis Sprong and Paul Stykel absent.

**7-C: Presentation by Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures on Beekeeping Ordinance Changes to Promote and Protect Bees. Options Presented Have Been Developed Based on Input from the Industry and Outreach to Communities and Will be Presented to the Board of Supervisors in the Near Future.**

Tracy Ellis from the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures made the presentation. The Board of Supervisors is working with beekeepers to update the existing beekeeping ordinance. This would include a change to the distance requirement for the beekeepers. Current setbacks are 100 feet from a road and 600 feet from a structure. They are looking at changing the ordinance to 25 feet from a structure. From input already received, they have added more distance when beekeepers are close to facilities such as schools. The Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures registers bee hives in San Diego County.

In 1999 some hives in San Diego County became infested with Africanized bees. If hives are with Africanized bees, the setback would be 150 feet. For European bees, the setback would be only 25 feet. Africanized bees respond faster to noise, vibrations and other disturbances, and represent a public safety concern. The Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures is following the Florida model. The closer to someone's house a hive is, the beekeepers have to know what they are doing. There has to be sensitivity to cattle ranches and schools. They are also going to change the ordinance to shut down hives in less than 30 days if they become Africanized. They believe the changes they are making will provide enough of a buffer for residents.

Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures is seeking comments and input on preparation of the new ordinance. People who would like to give input may contact Ms. Ellis.

**7-D: (T&T Subcommittee Review) Prioritization Request and Review of:**

- 1. Roadway Priority Maintenance (Top 20), and**
- 2. County Road Capital Improvement Project List**

Mr. Hickman introduced Mr. Frank Arebalo. Mr. Arebalo presented the road improvement information. Road resurfacing projects are prioritized according to a pavement condition index (PCI). Every 4 to 6 years roads are assessed and the information is fed into software to determine a ranking for road surfacing and sealing projects. Roads are clustered together to get the best prices. High and low volumes on roads are considered. The County would like to hear from the community to see what roads they feel should be priority roads.

Mr. Cooper said he was asked by Mr. Hickman to chair an ad hoc committee to determine road resurfacing priorities. The committee first considered the list plus the PCI. Roads were visited with a PCI of 35 or below on the list, and roads in poor condition the committee members were familiar with. Some Ramona roads have high volumes and some roads are used by people visiting the community. The committee came up with 10 road projects for each of the slurry seal and AC overlay categories.

The Chair said that ad hoc committees come to the RCPG to be approved. This procedure should be followed in the future.

Speaker: Jim Salvatore, Ramona Resident

Mr. Salvatore is concerned with the alley south of Main (between Main and D Street) from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street. He said there were bad potholes in the road, which someone has filled in, but the condition of alley remains poor. He would like to see this road segment included in the improvements.

Speaker: Resident on Telford Lane

The resident said she has tried to get Telford Lane repaired. The County Road Supervisor had some work done on Telford Lane, and she is concerned the street is undermined now and still needs attention.

Speaker: Sharon Pritchard, Ramona Resident

Ms. Pritchard wanted to have the device that counts cars put on Hanson Lane. This was done, but it was done when school was out. The numbers were way off and not representative of conditions for when school is in session. The traffic volume is noisy. People cannot get out of their driveways. Motorists drive 45 miles per hour on Hanson Lane.

It was recommended that this concern go to the T&T Subcommittee in the future.

**MOTION: TO ADOPT THE SLURRY SEAL ASPHALT CONCRETE OVERLAY LIST AS PRESENTED AND PRESENT IT TO THE COUNTY TO BE ADDRESSED.**

Upon motion made by Carl Hickman and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Paul Stykel absent.

The Chair said he would like the General Manager at SDCE to review the list as he knows the roads in that area. He requested that Mr. Cooper check with Mr. Trejo. The Chair would like his input to be sure any issues we are unaware of are addressed.

Mr. Hickman presented the CIP list that the T&T Subcommittee voted to approve. The list is in 3 parts. The first section is 6 projects the County is committed to. The second section is projects from the prior list plus new projects. Mr. Aguilar said projects could be a signal, slope improvements – anything. Just because a project is on the list doesn't mean it is going to happen. The third section involves Caltrans projects that are important to the community.

Mr. Aguilar is the CIP Project Manager at the County. He hopes that the community can identify a top 10 project list the community can agree on. San Vicente Road is out to bid and can be kept on the list. The 10<sup>th</sup> and H Street traffic signal will be funded and then will go out to bid.

Mr. Hickman said the traffic signal at 10<sup>th</sup> and H will be physically connected with other signals along the corridor from D to H to Warnock so the signals will be coordinated.

Mr. Aguilar said the 13<sup>th</sup> Street bridge project is moving forward. Dye Road and the Ramona Street Extension projects have a long history. Last reported, funding was delayed for these projects and diverted to the Caltrans intersection at Highland Valley/Dye/Highway 67. Caltrans got SHOPP funds for the intersection, but the agreement is not yet finalized. The intersection should be ready to construct in June, 2015, once things are in place.

Mr. Tomlinson asked if the 13<sup>th</sup> Street bridge will be federally funded?

Mr. Aguilar said the majority of the funding for the bridge will be federal. Four hundred feet will be locally funded before the federal funding will kick in.

Mr. Hickman brought up the Mussey Grade Slope Repair Project.

Mr. Aguilar didn't have the slope and drainage improvements on Mussey Grade information previously.

The Chair said that regarding the South Bypass, Phase 1 is Highway 67 to Mussey Grade to Dye Street. Phase 2 is the sharp curves from Ramona Street to San Vicente. Improvements in this area will round off the curves. Phase 3 is east of San Vicente, where the road will go into a field and eventually connect to Highway 78 east of Ramona. Phase 3 is not even being considered and it is not on the books. He doesn't believe it will happen for 50 years.

Speaker: Jim Salvatore, Ramona Resident

Mr. Salvatore said there was a problem with the road surface in the alley between Main and D Streets, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. The alley has been raised up and now it is before the street.

The Chair said he is aware of that problem and he said the top needs to be redone.

Speaker: Kathy Da Silva, Ramona Resident

Ms. Da Silva asked the County to vacate that portion of the South Bypass from the corner of Warnock and San Vicente Road to Magnolia.

Speaker: Ken Brennecke, Ramona Resident

Mr. Brennecke had collision data for Dye Road. In the past 5 years, there have been 5 accidents at Ramona Street and Warnock. There were no injuries or deaths. There have been 9 accidents at Ramona Street and Dye Road with a minor injury. He believes safety is not a consideration for going ahead with the Dye Road Extension project.

Speaker: Joe Cahak, Ramona Resident

Mr. Cahak said traffic is going through Ramona. Someone wanted walkways, but traffic is moving fast and a eucalyptus tree may drop a branch that will injure someone. The North Bypass is gone and he doesn't want to see the South Bypass thrown away.

Speaker: Diane Chapman, Ramona Resident

Ms. Chapman said she elected to not speak to respect the time of those present in response to the Chair saying the east part of the South Bypass would not be built until 2050.

Speaker: Patricia Brennecke, Ramona Resident

Ms. Brennecke said the Ramona Street Extension project is still on the top of the list. It will cost lots of money and negatively impact a neighborhood. Supervisor Jacob said she wanted to see the money go toward other projects. Residents can use Royal Vista to get through.

Speaker: Michelle Earnshaw, Ramona Resident

Ms. Earnshaw asked if anyone has contacted Barona to take care of Wildcat Canyon Road. There is a lot of traffic on this road that comes out at San Vicente. She thinks the South Bypass is a bad idea.

Speaker: Lynn Hopewell, Ramona Resident

Ms. Hopewell is against the South Bypass. There is a lot of traffic congestion. Ramona people are causing the traffic. The corners of Dye Road are not dangerous. People are distracted when they drive.

Speaker: Michelle LaFever, Ramona Resident

Ms. LaFever lives on Amigos. She is opposed to the last leg of the South Bypass.

Speaker: John Hancock, Ramona Resident

Mr. Hancock said that Phase 1 and 2 of the South Bypass are shortcuts for the SDCE people. He has a list of people in town against the South Bypass.

Speaker: Joe Minervini, Ramona Resident

Mr. Minervini said Dye Street is going to be put in for the people at SDCE. He asked the RCPG to follow the actions of the T&T Subcommittee and put the South Bypass in the garbage. Residents have to disclose it is on their property.

Speaker: Eslene Witt, Ramona Resident

Ms. Witt bought into the Dye Street area recently, and was not told the South Bypass was on her property. She bought a home in Ramona to avoid the traffic bottleneck. With 417 homes slated for Ramona, the bottleneck will get worse. She is against the South Bypass. She asked the RCPG to get real issues solved.

Speaker: Carol Fowler, Ramona Resident

Ms. Fowler said she wasn't hearing a lot of "community" tonight. There is a huge congestion problem by Archie Moore Road on Highway 67. A congested Main Street doesn't help Ramona businesses. Old Town is unsafe and dirty. The Village Design Plan will create a more walkable community where people will be able to sit on Main Street without big trucks going by.

Mr. Brean is concerned with the removal of Phase 1 and 2 of the South Bypass from the T&T Subcommittee list. He ran on a platform of working to solve the traffic problems in the community. It is hard to get across the road. There is a deafening roar of semis during lunch. Highway 67 needs to get fixed. The South Bypass will take pressure off the road arteries and give relief to Main Street, making Ramona a better destination. Maybe when Highway 67 becomes 4 lane, there will need to be a light on Highway 67 at Mussey Grade Road.

Mr. Tomlinson said that regarding the Ramona Street Extension – he thinks that when it is built, 1 resident will lose their home. That project has serious issues. If the curves are taken out on Dye

Road, cars will accelerate and people can drive faster. He thinks this will make the road more dangerous. Instead of a crash at 35 mph, the crash will be at 65 mph.

Ms. Meyers said she understands the need to think about the community. The individual can't be sacrificed for the community and vice versa. A rural neighborhood suffers if commercial traffic goes through it. With the Ramona Street Extension project, there are major problems and safety problems. Kids will get run over. Ramona Street has been engineered 4 times and kept on hold for 7 years.

Mr. Cooper was a spoke person for the Ramona Street Extension project. He doesn't believe it is a good thing to do. Accidents don't support the Dye Road Extension project. Seventy businesses in Ramona don't support the South Bypass. Residents from 67 countries came to Julian for a visit, and most came through Ramona. The town is enjoyed by many visitors. SDCE refers to the Dye Road Extension as the SDCE thoroughfare.

Mr. Ensign said the Mussey Grade intersection will be a challenge in the future. Dye Street will give Mussey Grade Road residents a way to get to Dye Road and Highway 67.

Mr. Anderson said SDCE was built a long time ago. Phase 1 and 2 of the South Bypass make sense. He thinks the 90 degree turns are dangerous.

Ms. Mansolf asked Mr. Aguilar about the relationship between the County Mobility Element and the RCPG's top 10 CIP list? Should we take projects off the list, would they come off the Mobility Element?

Mr. Aguilar said projects on the Mobility Element will remain on the Mobility Element, which was adopted as part of the General Plan Update. The County is asking for our top 10 list and they will work toward fulfilling it. If the County has the opportunity to fund projects on the Mobility Element, they would consider building them.

Ms. Mansolf said she is aware of a road easement that was placed on property on the east side of town when a subdivision was created in 1977. The people in the area feel this is a portion of the South Bypass. The easement is for a 60 foot public highway.

Mr. Hickman said global decisions should be made. Pedestrian friendly roads are good. If the eastern portion of the South Bypass is shut down, Caltrans would have to address Highway 67. Someday there will be a signal at Mussey Grade Road. When the Highland Valley/Dye/Highway 67 intersection is improved accidents will go up. Phase 1 allows people to get to Highway 67. He feels Phase 1 and Phase 2 should be on the list.

Mr. Wallace said he would like the money for the South Bypass to go toward improving Highway 67.

(Ms. Myers and Mr. Ensign stepped down from the vote.)

**MOTION: TO TAKE THE LIST FROM THE TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE AND INCLUDE ALL OF FIRST LIST #1-6, PLUS PHASE 2 OF THE SOUTH BYPASS (#7); INCLUDE #1-7 OF SECOND LIST; AND INCLUDE #1-3 OF THE THIRD LIST, PLUS PHASE 1 OF THE SOUTH BYPASS.**

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Chad Anderson, the motion **passed 8-3-0-2-2**, with Jim Cooper, Richard Tomlinson and Kevin Wallace voting no, Scotty Ensign and Donna Myers stepping down, and Matt Deskovick and Paul Stykel absent.

- 7-E: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Spirit Of Joy Lutheran Church Major Use Permit (P08-017). Project Site is Over 8 Acres. Access Will Be off Highland Valley Rd to Highland Valley Crt. 5,745 Sq Ft Sanctuary, 4,400 Sq Ft Fellowship Hall, Two 3,700 Sq Ft Administrative/Classroom Buildings, 320 Sq Ft Maintenance/Utility Building, Bell Tower, 182 Parking Spaces and Landscaping. Public Comment ends 4-25-14. Available online at:**  
[http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa\\_public\\_review.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html)

Greg Danskin presented the environmental document for the Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church. The project will be located on the corner of the Highland Valley/Dye/Highway 67 intersection. He started working on the project when his son was in a car seat. Now his son is driving.

For the project, stormwater will have an alternative treatment. All reports have been approved. The project will go to the Planning Commission next. It hasn't changed in design since the RCPG approved it. The bell tower was proposed for 55-1/2 feet. The Design Review Board had wanted the tower to be no more than 50 feet. In 2008 the project was approved conceptually with the bell tower. The project will go to the Planning Commission with the 55-1/2 foot bell tower design.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SPIRIT OF JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH, AS PRESENTED.**

Upon motion made by Chad Anderson and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 12-1-0-0-2**, with Kevin Wallace voting no, and Matt Deskovick and Paul Stykel absent.

- 7-F: (T&T Subcommittee Review) Caltrans Response to RCPG Letter Requesting Their Investigation into Traffic Congestion on Main St. at 13<sup>th</sup> St. by Starbucks**

Mr. Hickman said some people at the T&T Subcommittee did not like the wording Caltrans planned to use in the intersection, "Do Not Block, and preferred the wording "Keep Clear." He felt a sign on the median would be helpful, too, in keeping the intersection clear.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE GENERAL PLAN CALTRANS PREPARED BUT RECOMMEND CHANGING THE PROPOSED "DO NOT BLOCK" LEGENDS TO "KEEP CLEAR;" KEEP THE PROPOSED SIGNAGE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL SIGN ON THE MEDIAN.**

Upon motion made by Carl Hickman and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Matt Deskovick and Paul Stykel absent.

- 7-G: "O" Animal Designator Discussion carried over from 2-6-14 Meeting (County Staff to be in Attendance on this Issue 5-1-14)**

**7-H: Paving of Creelman Due to Building of SDG&E Solar Facility on Property near Substation (Project will be on agenda when Solar Facility is filed with the County)**

Speaker: Bob Romeo, Ramona Resident

Mr. Romeo said that SDG&E has solved a couple of issues that were previously concerns. A new fence has gone up and some landscaping put in. The Urban Corps has a program to supply trees, and tree planting would further improve the area. They want to re-establish the dead end on Creelman. Now it is a through street.

Speaker: Ali Falahati, Ramona Resident

Mr. Falahati said he is concerned with the traffic volume on Creelman. SDG&E has been putting significant traffic on the road. He wants the road paved. He wants the children to have fresh air. He doesn't believe SDG&E traffic will lessen. The road curves, but it could have been run straight. Dirt and dust damage kids' lungs. He wants San Vicente to Keyes paved. The County has agreed to pave San Vicente to Ashley.

Mr. Tate filled out a speaker slip but yielded his time to other speakers.

Ms. Paredes filled out a speaker slip and did not wish to speak. However, she wanted to register her position that she does not want Creelman Lane paved.

**ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)**

**8-A: Santa Maria Creek Cleanup Update**

Ms. Tobiason was in attendance at the meeting, but left early and will give her update at the May 1, 2014, meeting.

**8-B: Committee Reports (Possible Action)**

**8-B-1: Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Meeting Business – No Meeting**

The Chair had asked Mr. Jeff Moody, the project champion for the girls softball scoreboard project, to speak on his experience in moving forward with the project.

Mr. Moody said it took 9 months to figure out the project. There are 2 separate categories for PLDO projects. With one the County has no rights to the project and someone else moves the project forward to completion. With the second, the County owns the land or has an agreement and the County does 100 percent of the work. The County will do the formal plans and specifications. They will go after the low bid and charge prevailing wage. The community does no work ourselves.

Currently he has rescinded agreements with the County for the girls softball scoreboard project and the County is getting the design and the estimate. There is a Major Use Permit for the Park, and a minor deviation will need to be done. They rescinded the work they have done.

Mr. Cooper said the problem is the separation of the 3 projects. The County keeps linking them although they should each be stand alone.

Mr. Sprong said they may be linked so only 1 permit is needed and 1 legal review.

(Mr. Anderson left at 10 p.m.)

**8-B-2: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Cooper) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board**

Mr. Cooper was not at the meeting and will get the minutes to report on the meeting in the future.

**8-B-3: VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE REPORT (Brean, Stykel) (See 7-E)**

There wasn't a meeting of the Village Design Committee.

**8-B-4: Consideration of Supporting \$5,000 Grant to Benefit the Community (No New Information)**

**8-C: Discussion Items (Possible Action)**

**8-C-1. Update RCPG Information on Roster (Continued from 3-6-14)**

Ms. Mansolf is updating the information on the RCPG Member List to include the preferred mode of contact information for the RCPG to give to members of the public should they want to share their opinions or information with RCPG members.

**8-C-2. Consideration of Chair Calling for Abstentions when there is a Vote**

Mr. Cooper had raised the concern that Roberts Rules of Order said the Chair should only call for "no" votes and "yes" votes, and not for abstentions, etc. The inquiry was sent to the County, and the County responded that: Board Policy I-1, at Article IV – Officers, Section VI, specifies in part that "the minutes shall indicate which members voted against, disqualified themselves, or abstained from voting on a motion." It is my opinion that the minutes of a planning or sponsor group must indicate which members abstained from voting on a motion, and this cannot be superseded by any provision to the contrary in the group's bylaws or standing rules."

**8-C-3: Question Raised on Having more RCPG Members on a Subcommittee than Members of the Public**

Mr. Cooper had raised the concern that some subcommittees had more members of the RCPG on them than members of the public. The inquiry was sent to the County, and the County responded that per Board of Supervisors Policy I-1, no more than a quorum of the entire RCPG could be seated on any subcommittee, so unless a subcommittee contained a quorum of the RCPG members, they were in compliance.

**8-C-4: FORM 700 (Statement of Economic Interests) Annual Filing Due 4-1-14**

Ms. Mansolf reminded the RCPG members that the annual Form 700 was due by April 1, 2014, yet according to the Registrar of Voters, several have not been turned in yet.

The Chair had copies of the Form 700 available for members who needed it.

**8-C-5: Concerns from Members**

**8-C-6: Future Agenda Item Requests**

**8-C-7: Addition and Confirmation of New Subcommittee Members**

Mr. Sprong brought forward Jamie Holabird's name to be added to the South, East and West Subcommittees.

**MOTION: TO CONFIRM ADDING JAMIE HOLABIRD TO THE SOUTH, EAST AND WEST SUBCOMMITTEES.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Paul Stykel absent.

**8-D: Meeting Updates**

**8-D-1: Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission Meetings**

Ramona Village Design Plan, Form Based Code, is going to the Planning Commission on May 16, 2014.

**8-D-2: Land Development Performance Review Committee Report of Meeting  
2-20-14**

The Chair said he would give the report at the May 1, 2014 meeting.

**8-D-3: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be June 5, 2014, at the  
Ramona Community Library, 7 p.m.**

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf