

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL  
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 9 June 2014, at Dehesa School  
Library, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, CA 92019

**A. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL.** Planning Group members Slagill, Caroll, Walls, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Vandover and Hertel were present, forming a quorum of 9. Members Bowen, Ulm and Underwood were absent, but excused. Members Harris and Myrick were absent, but not excused. Seat 15 is vacant.

Chairman Riggs informed the Group that Seat 10 and Seat 12 from Harbison Canyon would be vacant after the July meeting, along with Seat 15 from Granite Hills that has been vacant for some time. He will publically advertise for candidates interested in being considered for appointment, and it will be possible to take action at the July meeting on any applications that are submitted before then.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Requested corrections to the minutes of the May meeting include: 1) Item B, line 4, change “but not excused” to “but excused”; 2) Item G1, line 2: delete “of resignation”, and after “Harbison Canyon,” add “stating his intention to resign from Seat 12, but that he will serve until a replacement nomination is found.”

Phil Hertel moved the Planning Group approves the minutes for the meeting of 12 May 2014, with the two requested corrections. The motion did not pass (7 yes; 0 no; 2 abstain: Caroll, Walls).

**E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** There were no requests to speak.

**F. ACTION ITEMS. Road maintenance priority in Plan area.** Chairman Riggs reported that he received a letter from the County requesting that the Group provides its input concerning the prioritization of repairs to public County roads in all 4 areas of the Subregion. He shared with the Group the spreadsheet of County recommendations for road segments in all areas, and a map, that accompanied the letter.

The Group discussed a number of the current County priority recommendations. Phil Hertel volunteered to check the road conditions, according to spreadsheet segments, for the Crest area. He also volunteered to scan the County’s road list document and send it out to all the Planning Group members.

Chairman Riggs said he would put this item on the agenda of the July meeting as an Action Item topic.

**G. GROUP BUSINESS.**

**G1. Announcements and correspondence.** Mary Manning announced that on 6 June the Rural Fire Protection District Board voted (4-0-0) to approve the Draft Dissolution; Director Russo recused himself, sat in the audience, and refused to vote. The approved

Draft Dissolution will now be submitted to LAFCO for its consideration and decision. Unless 2,250 legally registered residents of the Rural Fire Protection District vote to stop dissolution by 30 June, it will automatically occur following LAFCO approval, and the County will be the receiver, acquiring all of the debts and benefits of the RFPD.

If 2,250 valid signatures protesting the dissolution are in fact secured before 30 June, then there would need to be a public vote about the dissolution proposal.

**G1a. Presentation by Sycuan representative (Cody Martinez).** Chairman Riggs introduced Cody Martinez, representative of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, for a presentation concerning Sycuan's current and future actions on the former sand mining property that has completed fee-to-trust transfer and is now Reservation land.

Cody explained that although the fee-to-trust transfer process concerning the sand mining and other property is completed, there are many issues with many public agencies or entities concerning environmental and natural resource matters. The Band adopted a Natural Resources Management Plan that includes a program to put up fencing and signage; to conduct baseline studies of specific natural resources; to contract consultants for restoring native lands and habitats. He said the Band has not yet finalized plans concerning passive uses of the land, including horseback riding, that Sycuan is willing to work with passive use concepts that may be proposed, and that its proposed use of Sloane Canyon Road as a riding and hiking trail is also open for discussion.

Cody provided a handout with exhibits showing details of the Fencing and Trespass Management Program the Band has implemented. He said that the Band has renamed "Lake Emma" to now be named "Willow Lake," and that Sycuan is preparing a bid for 6,200 lineal feet of fencing along the north shore of Willow Lake. This will be 7' high chainlink coated with black polyethylene, and will be located in the County's right-of-way for Dehesa Road, replacing the current lower chainlink fence that is there now. Willow Lake is open to tribal members and guests, and the Band is working on policies concerning fishing and recreation there.

Along Sloane Canyon Road upstream from the Sweetwater River bridge, the Band has installed a steel barricade more than 400' long to keep Off Highway Vehicles from leaving the road and going into the river flood plain habitats there. This barrier is also installed in the County's road right-of-way.

Lory Wally pointed out that the equestrian community provided the County Trails group suggestions for alternate trail locations to get trail use off the public road and away from vehicles along Sloane Canyon Road. Cody responded that the Band has not had discussions with the County concerning trail locations, or anything else, since the fee-to-trust action was completed.

**G1b. Golden spotted oak borer (Bretz).**

**G2. Expense reimbursement requests.** There were no requests.

**G3. Subcommittee reports.** There were none.

**G4. Meeting updates.** The 14 July 2014 meeting of the Planning Group will be at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, 92019.

**H. ADJOURNMENT.** Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 8:45 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)