

**JAMUL DULZURA  
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
FINAL MINUTES  
December 9, 2014**

**Approved: January 13, 2015**

**Oak Grove Middle School Library  
7:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER - Dan Neirinckx, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Elizabeth Kelly, Steve Wragg, Dan Neirinckx, Joe Stuyvesant, Jean Strouf, Janet Mulder, Rich Marzec, Earl Katzer, Michael Casinelli, Preston Brown, Randy White and Bill Herde.

**Excused:** Judy Bohlen and Joan Kouns

**Absent:** George Novinger

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for December 9, 2014 and minutes of November 11, 2014 regular meeting as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. OPEN FORUM: Opportunity for public comment on any item not on the agenda – 3 minute time limit**

**a. Dan Neirinckx introduced Chief Dave Nissen and Randy Terry representing Cal Fire, Cal Fire Board and Rural Fire to give a presentation. Dave** opened reminding us that he is now Deputy Chief of Cal Fire and **Randy** is the new Chair of the Fire Board. **Chief Nissen** reminded us that we had all received info regarding the new rules regarding the Rural Fire District. The County is requiring them to file an application with LAFCO which they did on June 30 in order to continue receiving County funding. County's application was turned in in November which may mean an additional year before the dissolution of Rural Fire takes place due to a myriad of tasks that need to be done by the County especially regarding ad valorem taxes. Much of the equipment is in Rural Fire's name and the property is leased to Rural Fire as well as the agreements between fire departments like San Miguel, Chula Vista, San Diego City need to be renegotiated to provide the same level or better of service to our area. Rural Fire was able to upgrade some of the engines that service Jamul including the addition of an ALS (advanced life support) paramedic to three of the stations. This dramatically improves the service to our community which has been hit with the problems on SR 94 all summer. In the County we have 26 Cal Fire engines today which will drop on Monday Dec. 15 to 18. They are anticipating rain, however no stations will be closed. The increased number of the beetles in the oaks and their damage has caused a greater fire danger. Because of agreements Cal Fire has with the Fire Authority, more stations will

remain open than before. Approximately 60 firefighters will be let go, but the staffing will be maintained to the extent of 3 persons per truck.

Question was asked regarding controlled burns and they do some, but none are planned. CalFire does have good coverage along the border and Dave Nissen does not see that changing.

Question was asked about the special taxes and the special district CFE04-1. There are provisions that afford protections to those taxes which do not allow the monies to be used outside of the district from which they were collected. This should assure us that the monies that have been collected will stay in our area when we go with County. **Randy White** asked how can we be sure the money collected here stays here...how is the reporting or auditing done to show that the money is spent where it is collected. **Chief Nissen** stated that **Supervisor Jacob and Ron Lane** (DCAO) would be putting together an Advisory Board that would meet in the communities and that will keep track of the different fire service territories' monies and monitor where it is spent as well as other fire service concerns.

The question was asked about the email that was sent to **Chief Nissen** from **Division Chief Tony Mecham** which seemed to suggest that Rural Fire was close to an agreement with the JIV. Janet thanked **Chief Nissen** for his forthright letter to **Chief Mecham** in which Chief Nissen said no agreement would occur until they know what the fire protection needs would be and that Rural Fire would need to have a copy of plans before they would make a commitment. Janet asked about the Hunt Report that was done originally, and **Chief Nissen** stated that **Jim Hunt** could and would be retained for his professional opinion on plans when they are given to the Rural Fire by the Jamul Indian Village to study. **Randy Terry** said that he was in a meeting with **Division Chief Tony Mecham**, who stated that Cal Fire will not independently make an agreement with the JIV without support of the County and the Rural Fire.

**Michael Casinelli** reminded the group that **Eric Lardy**, was recently appointed **Tribal Liason for the SD County** and that the County put together a proposed MOU with JIV several months ago. It was recently returned to the County in a totally different condition as it was redlined with deletions and much was added to the document, both of which totally changed the whole meaning of the proposal. When **Michael and Janet** were in Sacramento they pointed this out to **Joginder Dhillon**, Governor Brown's Senior Advisor, who had been unaware of the changes. He will be coming to San Diego to meet with District 2 Supervisor, County Staff, representatives of JDCPG and the community in late January.

**David Nissen** pointed out that the JIV had been digging for over a year and there have been many changes to the site including a vast increase in numbers of workers' cars and all they are fast becoming more of a fire hazard and Rural Fire may need to respond to an emergency. **Preston Brown** reminded **Chief Nissen** that it is possible that the JIV's numbers are incorrect and not so different from the Lakes Entertainment proposal from a few years ago which estimated a large percentage of their prospective patrons would come from the South Bay area through Otay Lakes and Proctor Valley Roads. **Chief Nissen** said they had studied the traffic numbers given by JIV and accepted it. He pointed out that the farther you get from the casino the less likely the traffic will be severe enough to make a problem for ingress and egress in and out of Rural Fire. That is not to say that the traffic would not impact the residents on a daily basis.

**Dan Neirinckx** asked about the burn permits and how long they would be allowed. **Dave Nissen** said that if we have east winds all bets are off but to safely burn you would need a permit. Chipping service is allowed.

**Dan Neirinckx thanked Dave Nissen and Randy Terry for their time.**

**Dan Neirinckx announced that he had invited Tracie Nelson of Cal Fish and Game to be at this meeting. She was going to try to make it by 8 so since she was not here, he will invite her again for the first meeting in January. Joe Sylvester received an email from Jill Terp and they are still completing their analysis including reading over 30,000 emails and looking at the trails.**

**Richard Marzec** told us that this would be the last meeting for him as he was not re-elected. **Dan Neirinckx** thanked him for his service and urged him to continue coming to the meetings and be available for the next opening.

**5. JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UP-DATE – covered during the Rural Fire Report.**

**7. JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

- a. **Dan introduced Eileen Poole from the audience, and told us she had completed her training in person. Dan pointed out that if any member had not had an in person training they need to do it person at least once. Otherwise it can be done online. It must be completed every year and the ethics training needs to be completed every two years. Form 700 will be due again in March for this year.**
- b. **Notice of Preparation by Otay Water – Desalination Plant with water being piped up from Mexico.**
- c. **Janet Mulder and Michael Casinelli will not be at the next meeting. Jean Strouf will take the minutes.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Dan Neirinckx adjourned the meeting at 8:58.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Mulder, Secretary**

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, January 13, 2015**

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