

SOUTH AND TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS JOINT MEETING **MINUTES**
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
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RAMONA COMMUNITY CENTER
434 AQUA LANE, RAMONA
JUNE 29, 2015

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: **7:00PM**
- 2) Pledge
- 3) MEMBERS PRESENT:
SOUTH COMMITTEE: Jim Cooper, Kathy DaSilva, Ken Brennecke, George Eastwood, Jamie Holabird, Mark Hutton, Thomas Levin, Rochelle Hancock (excused)
TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS: Ken Brennecke, Jim Cooper, Scotty Ensign, Jamie Holabird, Lynn Hopewell, Dawn Perfect, David Scott, Cheryl Wagner
- 4) Approval of minutes:
South: from April 28, 2015. Approved by vote of 7-0-0-0
Transportation/Trails: from May 4, 2015. Approved 8-0
- 5) Announcements: None for South.
Transportation/Trails: Scotty spoke to wanting to step down due to being on other sub-committees, but to do that needs a RCPG member to take over.
- 6) Presentation from the public on non-agenda items: None for South or Transportation and Trails

ACTION ITEMS:

- 7) Creelman Solar Energy Project
This is being reviewed by the combined RCPG Transportation and Trails sub-committee and the RCPG South sub-committee.

The following comments are recorded by the South sub-committee members:

- A) Concern continues regarding the potential water back-up on Ashley during heavy rains. Discussions ensued regarding culverts in the wrong place and road bed along Ashley being raised BUT the concern continues to be related to fencing and debris build-up. The contractor is making every effort to ensure that this will not occur again.
- B) Concern regarding landscaping and the ability to support future existence with the limitations existing regarding water access - the facility will be using well water. And they voiced several options they would take if the well were to fail.
- C. The public comments focused on:
 - Concern about water use for panel cleaning
 - Concern regarding the use of RMWD water for dust abatement during construction
 - An inquiry regarding where the mitigation exists for AG and BIO mitigation – **this will probably be determined by the County**

The following comments are recorded by the Transportation/Trails sub-committee members:

- A) SDG&E after previous meetings with Transportation/Trails took issues and concerns into consideration and have made adjustments. They've added more berms and plants. Planting more mature plants including 24" box trees vs. smaller in some areas

- B) Dawn P. asked about a site map and if changes were made on plan. SDG&E responded that everything is uploaded and that they've initiated changes. They're creating an undulated topography that won't change the drainage along Creelman Lane.
- C) Cheryl W. asked about pathways and does it mean that easement is there. SDG&E responded that they're putting down DG and grading Creelman and creating an easement for the County along Ashley. Dawn asked who was to maintain this along Creelman and SDG&E said it would be the County.
- D) Lynn H. stated so they're not creating pathway for walkers, cyclists or horseback riders along Ashley. SDG&E said they're giving the County property and it's up to the County to create and maintain a pathway.
- E) Re: road development from San Vicente to Ashley. SDG&E, per-construction survey done and will be responsible for bringing road back to the pre-construction status. County is responsible for paving Creelman Lane. SDG&E is contributing funds toward that.

Ashley will be used to access project site during construction. That will change to Creelman once project is completed. There would be no more than approximately two trips per day after completion.

- F) Jim C. discussed continued concern of residents and drainage along Ashley. SDG&E needs to make sure that there's no backup since fencing grabs debris. Jim continues to challenge SDG&E to find a solution to this.

SDG&E response: can't control amount of water. Spoke to land issues as part of clean-up will remove buildings and sections of fence. There will be minimal landscaping in the drainage area.

Scott E. investigated Ashley draining and in late 70's early 80's County raised road 4+' to install culverts. He asked what happens when culverts are blocked. Scotty indicated he would contact Joe **Farace** regarding the culverts.

SDG&E said they will take care of fencing but that culverts are the County's responsibility.

Bob Romeo, resident of Creelman Lane, also raised issue of draining. He stated that the County in 1987 went to put culverts in and put them in the wrong place. That the fence currently there clogs and backs up the water causing flooding at people's residences. He suggested that a culvert or something similar needs to be done there.

- G) Scotty asked when planning was going to occur. SDG&E indicated that they'll do planning first part of next year, barring an El Nino event. Per SDG&E they are required to have the project operational by the 2nd quarter.

H) Scotty raised questions regarding water conversation. Will there be a city meter? SDG&E responded that they have a well and storage tank. Scotty asked what happens if that goes dry. How do they plan to keep the plants alive? SDG&E said they would have a geologist come out and see if it's necessary to drill the well deeper or tap into Ramona water with a water meter.

This raised a question by Bob Romeo, resident of that area, that they'd be using potable water which is in short supply already. SDG&E finally said yes.

- I) Kristi M. asked about ag dec and where would funds go? SDG&E said that the PACE program has land banks, but they don't know where they're setup.
- J) Kristi asked about biological. SDG&E said that Daley Ranch is an approved mitigation and that they met with Dept of Fish and Wildlife and they, Dept of Fish and Wildlife made determination of area.
- K) Kristi asked how many times per year the panels would be cleaned. SDG&E said it could be up to four times per year depending on time of year and amount of dust, etc. on panels. The length of time the cleaning would take depends on the number of crew members working on the project. They also need to look at cost impact.
- L) Where will crew park during project? The crew will be parking on the project site in a designated area.

Jim Cooper made a motion that the project be approved as and with consideration of all various reviews that it has undergone and the adjustments the contractor has made in response to the various concerns. Project was approved by 10 yes, 1 abstain and 1 opposed.

- 8) Concerns from Members: None at this time from either the South or Transportation/Trails Sub-Committees
- 9) Agenda Item Requests: None at this time from either the South or Transportation/Trails Sub-Committees
- 10) Adjournment: 8:00pm, 1st Scotty Ensign, 2nd Jim Cooper