

**Steering Committee Minutes
March 1, 2008**

Steering Committee Members

Abby King	Borrego Springs	Lucille	Pine Valley
Bill Collins	Borrego Springs	Goodman	
Bev Esry	Campo/Lake	Vern Denham	Pine Valley
	Morena	Carl Meyer	Potrero
Michael Sterns	Descanso	Lois Jones	San Dieguito
Jim Russell	Fallbrook	Louis Schooler	Tecate
Shirley Fisher	Jacumba	Gil Jemmot	Twin Oaks
Dan Neirinckx	Jamul/Dulzura	Jack Phillips	Valle De Oro
Jack Shelver	Julian	Susan Simpson	Valley Center
Rick Smith	Lakeside		

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Bryan Woods, Planning Commissioner

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Devon Muto, Chief
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H. Palmer	Twin Oaks
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Doug Paul	Campo
Jessica Hanson	Campo
Ron White	Jamul
Keith Simpson	Valley Center
Lael Montgomery	Valley Center
Ann Quinley	Valley Center

Meeting Commenced at 9:08 a.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Woods called the meeting to order and gave his respects to Mike Thometz who had passed away since the last Steering Committee Meeting. He further discussed the purpose of the meeting to review the Land Use Element and make comments as a group.

Mr. Muto thanked the group for so many showing up on such a short notice, he also reminded the group that comments are not due until March 17th, so there is still an opportunity to turn in comments after this meeting.

Ms. Jones asked why there have been changes to the previously prepared goals and policies, Mr. Muto responded that they were written a period of time ago, that the goals and policies evolved as staff looked at the entire policy document, and that there is other stakeholders and staff inputs into the draft document.

Mr. Woods asked if the format for review is would be ok. Mr. Phillips asked if he could explain the format and Mr. Woods responded that he would like to have public comment on Non-agenda items first.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA)

Mr. Meyer asked a question if the county is working on the Agriculture element. Mr. Muto replied that there is an agriculture section in Conservation/Open Space element which is being worked on by the County Staff. Mr. Meyer also asked why the board directed staff to look at the Forest Conservation Initiative lands, and Mr. Muto replied because the FCI is near its sunset date and the board asked staff to discuss what the county would like to see on those lands.

Mr. Russell asked why the meeting was called and objected to the changing of the plan due to comments being submitted early by some of the Steering Committee members. Mr. Phillips responded that he asked for the meeting because the plan did not include the combined efforts of the steering committee, and voiced his concerns with the group not having a consensus.

Mr. Woods added that he felt an open meeting discussing the document would be valuable an effective.

Mr. Muto clarified that there is no set plan for the Community Plans, and he is looking at brining options back to the Steering Committee in the near future. There were some questions relating to the Community Plans and some community members voiced their concerns regarding their status and when they would be updated.

III. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT REGIONAL LAND USE ELEMENT

Mr. Phillips explained to the group the handout that was passed out at the beginning of the meeting and his desire to maintain a Steering Committee line item that goes to the Board of Supervisors.

The group had discussions on the Draft Land Use Element; Mr. Muto informed the group that they should not be concerned with many of the Shoulds and Shalls because they are going to be replaced by making the wording of each policy an active statement.

There was a short break at break at 11:00

The discussion of the Draft Land Use Element continued, there were comments on the Village Limit Line/Rural Village Boundary and policies related Conservation Subdivisions. Mr. Woods suggested that the group take those items as separate presentations at another meeting.

Mr. Woods concluded the meeting, and after discussions with the group it was agreed upon have an additional meeting on March 15th to finish discussions on the Draft Land Use element