

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012
To be Approved January 24, 2012
Oak Grove Middle School Library**

7:30 pm

1. **Call to Order:** Michael Casinelli called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**
Present: Bill Herde, Michael Casinelli, Dan Neirinckx, Steve Wragg, Jonathan Shultz, Jean Strouf, Dan Kjonggaard, Janet Mulder, Randy White, Dale Fuller, Earl Katzer, and Preston Brown
Absent: Yvonne Purdy-Luxton,
Excused: Ray Deitchman, Judy Bohlen

3. **Motion to approve the Agenda January 10, 2012, for as posted 72 hours before the meeting and the minutes of December 13, 2011 as corrected removing Dan Kjonggaard from the SDG&E sub-committee. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Open Forum - Opportunity for public to speak on any item not on the agenda**
 - a. **Michael Casinelli announced that SDG&E they are not ready to report and will let us know when they are ready to report.**
 - b. **Michael Casinelli attended the meeting of the Chairs at Dianne Jacob's office and the Alpine Planning Group reported that six businesses went out of business because of SDG&E's undergrounding the Sunrise Power Link which greatly impacted their business.**
 - c. **County of San Diego is preparing a grant to recycle tires and are looking for areas that have illegal tire piles along public right of ways. The grant will pay for removal and transporting of these waste tires. Contact person is Jen Winfrey DPW 858-694-2463.**

5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Offices are Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Michael Casinelli nominated Janet Mulder as Secretary. Steve Wragg nominated Michael Casinelli as Chair. Janet Mulder nominated Jonathan Shultz as Vice-Chair. Dan Neirinckx moved we elect the three nominees by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously**

6. **Proposed Negative Declaration on Zoning Update - Bill Herde, Steve Wragg, Dan Neirinckx, and Yvonne Purdy-Luxton – Dan reported on the changes on section 5205 and 5214 changes the word “waiver” to “permit exemption”. Section 6106 – Temporary use Regulations would require 14 consecutive days between events such as temporary circus, carnival or other outdoor entertainment event. Section 6108 amends the provisions regulating the duration of temporary gathering for a civic, fraternal or religious assembly to a minimum of fourteen days between events. Dan Neirinckx moved that we make a comment regarding section 6108, pointing out that it might infringe upon the community's first amendment right to assemble. Motion carried unanimously. Dan will send a letter to the County**

voicing our concerns.

Bill Herde reported on section 6207 entrance to community sign has a typo. Section 7060 notification has been deleted from other sections and refers all to sec. 7060 for notification instructions.

- 7. HOLLENBECK CANYON WILDLIFE AREA / HONEY SPRINGS RANCH (DEPT. OF FISH & GAME), USE OF GROUND WATER UPDATE –Randy White read the letter that was attached to last month’s minutes, noting that it should be addressed to Edmund Pert, Regional Manager, 3883 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123. Earl Katzer moved that we send it immediately. Letter is attached here and made a part of these minutes:**

**JAMUL DULZURA
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P.O. BOX 613
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January 10, 2012

Edmund Pert
Regional Manager
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123

RE: HOLLENBECK CANYON DOG PONDS

Dear Ms. Minor:

At our December 13, 2011 Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group meeting the following concerns were brought up by the residents on Honey Springs Road and surrounding area in regards to the proposed dog ponds on the CA Fish and Game property.

Concerns:

1. No notification of proposed plan given to the 53 + home owners on Honey Spring Road and others that are adjacent to this project, many of whom were present at our meeting. We feel this is a direct violation of the CEQA requirements.
2. No Notification to the San Diego Rural Fire District, or the Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group, which are the only two, recognized local government agencies elected by the citizens of our community to act as public forums in our area.
3. a) On page 23 in the “hydrology section”, question b states “substantially deplete ground water supplies or interfere substantially with ground water recharge ...” Your document checked off “no impact” What studies were performed in 2008 to substantiate that statement?
b) If you intend to perform well testing, are you going to just discharge the water or store it?
4. a) No noise study was completed regarding the effects of guns going off in this valley which is shaped like a bowl. Noise pollution not an issue?
b) One neighbor was thrown off horse due to the noise created by the guns. What affect does this new hunting space have on the local horse owners? Where is that study?
5. **Repairing of abandoned stock ponds** - The Land Management plan has only three references to this concept; the first two are on pages 2, & 6, and the third on page 34 in the second paragraph and it is the only mention of the building and filling of the new ponds. Why buried so deep in the document?
6. What happened to the exclusive use of rainwater as your only way to fill the ponds?
7. Hunting accidents incur costs: How will you reimburse our fire department and paramedics if someone gets

hurt and must be treated by them?

8 Trees reportedly poisoned on this property? Reasoning?

9. Advisability of building this facility in the middle of a flood plain?

10. Is it a 100-gallon a minute pump or 400 gallons a minute pump? There seems to be a discrepancy in the different parts of the report.

11. What herbicides are to be introduced into the pond to keep the weeds from growing and effect will that have on our groundwater?

12. Can an alternative site be used on the 19,000 plus acres that are in your jurisdiction as most of that land was disturbed by farming over the last 100 years? An alternative site could be a win-win for everyone.

We are fully aware that this is California State property and as a local planning group we have no authority over this project, but in the numerous emails going back and forth it keeps coming up how your department wants to be good neighbors, and we hope that is not just rhetoric, and you will consider the plight of your neighbors if our ground water is compromised either by quantity or quality.

Over eight thousand California residents live around this huge preserve, and we feel that answers to the questions listed above should be addressed by a Department of Fish and Game representative at one of our next Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group meetings in the year 2012 before any work is started on your end. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, and would encourage you to contact our chair, Michael Casinelli, to be placed on the agenda as soon as possible.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

JAMUL DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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cc: Tracie Nelson, DFG
Supervisor Dianne Jacob

Randy White met with seven members of our community and **Supervisor Dianne Jacob** and she has suggested that this group should get together with Fish and Game and come up with a recommended solution to address the possible groundwater drawdown and all of the other concerns within three months. **Joan Hamblin** pointed out that we need to insist that they use recycled water for their ponds. She said they could get it trucked by Otay to the Ranch and it would save the groundwater, and is recommended when potable water is not necessary as in this case. **Randy White** will meet with interested people including Dept of Fish and Game who will bring a map to look at other possible sites to alleviate the water and noise concerns. He asked for representatives from the community and the Planning Group to meet and come up with alternatives with Fish and Game. **Michael Casinelli** stated that he felt that **Edmund Pert** was willing to discuss alternatives and that it was good timing to talk with them. **Randy White** asked who wished to be on the **Sub-committee from the Planning Group to meet on Saturday, Jan. 14 11:00 at Brody's which is located right**

behind the 7/11. **Randy White, Jean Strouf, Dale Fuller, and Preston Brown will represent the Planning Group, and Tom Lamb, Debra Hornsby, Mike Spurgeon, Glen Revell, Babe Philo, and Joan Hamblin, will represent the community, along with members of the Honey Springs Training Dogs Sporting Facility, County Wildlife Federation, and Department of Fish and Game will be part of the sub-committee, invited to the meeting. Mason Herron, representing Assemblymember Brian Jones, was a part of the audience and would like to be informed. Ginny Potter asked if they as individuals could contact their State Representatives. Randy White told her to do so.**

8. **Red Tape Reduction Task Force Recommendations – Michael Casinelli reported on the Dec. 7 BOS meeting at which this topic was discussed. The staff presented their report and some of the recommendations were approved that day, (the ones recommended by DPLU) Supervisor Dianne Jacob pointed out that the Red Tape Reduction Task Force was to look at the process, not eliminate Planning Groups. Both Supervisor Horn and Roberts tend to look unfavorably on Planning Groups, whereas Supervisor Slater-Price seems to be in favor along with Dianne Jacob and Supervisor Cox is the swing vote – he has a Planning Group in his area who might be important to him. Supervisor Jacob wants us to come up with a justification for Planning Groups including possibly “term limits” to alleviate some of the concerns. This was discussed, and the problems encountered by the California legislature since we have term limits were pointed out including the increased importance of staff and lobbyists as they are there more years than the legislators. It is important to have consistency in the Planning Groups as the County Staff turns over and then the only constant would be the developers who would be bringing back the same plans again after the ones are termed out who objected to the Plan. Michael Casinelli suggested that we point out the problems with a lack of a public forum if Planning Groups did not exist. Steve Wragg pointed out that the recommendation says to remove Planning Groups from under the umbrella of the County of San Diego, which would relieve the County of any possible liability. Discussion followed and Dan Neirinckx suggested that we have a sub-committee to look at possible alternatives on recommendation #2. Randy White suggested that representatives of one Planning Group would “visit” another Planning Group as an Advisor or Mentor to help them understand the rules. Janet Mulder moved we set up a sub-committee to look at the alternatives and make recommendation to our JDCPG at the next meeting. Dan Neirinckx will be the Chair and the meeting will be at 6:30 at Oak Grove Library on Monday, January 16. Members include Bill Herde, Earl Katzer, Michael Casinelli, and Janet Mulder.**
9. **JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE CASINO UPDATE – Michael Casinelli reported that he, Dan Neirickx and Janet Mulder had a meeting with representatives from Caltrans (Bill Figge, Gus Silva and Trent Clark) and JIV (Robert Mesa, Steve Davis [Summit Project Mgt], and Dave Nielsen [MJE Marketing] and reported that the JIV representatives would be interested in coming to one of our meetings and making a status report on their project. We invited them to try to do it so we could let the public know through the *Jamul Shopper and News*. JIV is working on their NEBA report and Caltrans is working on their CEQA and they are targeting February as when it will hopefully be ready for public review. Caltrans stated that their role was insuring the safety of SR94 and the JIV is treated no different than any other development. We asked them to compare to Peaceful Valley Ranch where Caltrans required access off of Melody and reminded them that in previous correspondence with the JIV Caltrans told them to use Melody. Bill Figge said they use the same technology, and the same documents whether it is private or Indian developments. We pointed out that in the TIA from previous TEIS and other environmental documents there were several areas not addressed or incorrectly**

addressed, including the fact that SR94 was listed as 4-lane highway, no analysis of the traffic impacts on Jamul Drive and/or Steele Canyon which are used as a shortcut for people coming to Jamul and also as emergency access with amazing regularity when there is a problem on SR94, as well as traffic coming from Chula Vista and East Lake via Otay Lakes Road and/or Proctor Valley Road. Bill Figge stated that there are two agreements that were signed in Jan. 2011 – one was for Highway improvement and the other an escrow agreement to recover Caltrans staff costs. Steve Davis pointed out that this was a new chapter with new goals, and that the JIV wants to enhance public safety. The document they create (EE) blends the TEIS and EIR. He pointed out that the Army Core of Engineers came out and their finding was the new 3000 sq foot building has no impact on the water streambed. Robert Mesa told us it was a “community building” which could be used for weddings, funerals, meetings, etc. Bill Figge told us that the number of cars that have ingress and egress in the new building are the same number historically. We questioned how far back they went to find that many cars at the JIV. He told us nothing was going to happen until the TIS is done. It is a tribal document which they are completing at this point. Michael Casinelli asked Bill Figge, “What triggers a required encroachment permit?” and Bill Figge told us it was the impacts identified in the project and assured us if there was a change in what was actually built from what the project plans showed, Caltrans would have recourse. We ended the meeting agreeing to meet again and that they would “keep the JDCPG in the loop” and not make agreements of which we were not aware. We look forward to having the JIV at an upcoming meeting and receiving their environmental report, hopefully in February.

10. JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- a. **AD11-046 – 2nd Dwelling Unit – 2275 Bratton Valley Road Singh Family Trust** – converting carport garage to a 2nd dwelling unit. – **Preston Brown** will review and report back.
- b. **TPM21122** – Parcel map 3200 Henning – Final Notice of Approval
- c. **Michael Casinelli** announced that the Board of Supervisors approved the agreement with Sycuan Indians to compensate for the lost tax revenues due to the land taken into trust.

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Casinelli adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

NEXT PLANNING GROUP MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012
OAK GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Hollenback Canyon-Honey Springs Use of Groundwater Sub-committee meeting,
Saturday, Jan 14, 11:00 a.m at Brody’s (behind 7/11 at Steele Canyon)

Red Tape Reduction Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday, Jan 16 6:30
Oak Grove Library