

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Approved Sept. 25, 2012

Oak Grove Middle School Library

7:30 pm

1. **Call to Order:** Michael Casinelli called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**
Michael Casinelli, Janet Mulder, Dan Kjonegaard, Jean Strouf, Bill Herde, Preston Brown, Earl Katzer, Judy Bohlen, Dan Neirinckx

Excused: , Randy White, Jonathan Schultz, Steve Wragg, and Ray Deitchman

Absent: Yvonne Purdy-Luxton, and Dale Fuller.

3. **Motion to approve the Agenda September 11, 2012, as posted 72 hours before the meeting and the minutes of August 28, 2012 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Open Forum - Opportunity for public to speak on any item not on the agenda**
 - a. **Michael Casinelli apologized for the delay due to the alarm going off at the school.**
 - b. **Michael Casinelli received a notice from TAC (Traffic Advisory Committee) certifying Steele Canyon Road for radar to enforce the 45 mph speed. Earl Katzer objects to the 25 mph speed limit zone going by the Park near the school on Steele Canyon, and feels it is a speed trap.**
 - c. **Michael Casinelli sent a notice from DPLU to all Planning Group members regarding the changes in administration.**
 - d. **Judy Bohlen asked about Old Campo Road as it seems to be turning into a used truck lot and Dan Kjonegaard suggested she call the zoning administrator and voice a complaint.**
 - e. **Judy Bohlen asked about the quantity of signs advertising the new restaurant. Is there an ordinance regarding number or size?**
 - f. **Dan Neirinckx reminded us that the Department of Planning & Development Services is the new name for DPLU.**
 - g. **Dan Neirinckx told us that the SR1 designated lands are not to include the half acre minimum and is actually part of the FCI Forest Conservation Initiative which will be probably late May or early June before it is passed. This means that the minimum lot size in Jamul will remain still one acre.**
 - h. **Dan Neirinckx brought up that the applicant for Jamul Highlands Estates is meeting with the County and Dan has been told that if the applicant wants to continue the project as we last saw it, they will be required to do an EIR rather than a mitigated negative declaration.**

5. **Gold Spotted Oak Borer Presentation – Tom W. Coleman – USDA Forest Service** made a presentation to update us on the problem with the Gold Spotted Oak Borer. He gave us a packet which has a photograph of the actual beetle which is very, very small. The evidence is a “D” shaped exit hole. He is working on how to save the trees as well as the USDA Forest Service, UC Davis and UC Riverside and APHS (Animal, plant health system) who are all working on a plan to

save the trees. He points out that we will never see the beetle, but rather just the damage. It is a threat to California and we have had ten years continuous tree mortality. We have no life history information and no management options for this insect. They are aggressive tree killers and have a lack of a diverse natural enemy complex and co-evolved host resistance. He showed a timeline which demonstrated that from 2002 tree mortality begins and is dismissed as drought related...in 2008 tree mortality was linked to the GSOB and nothing was known about the species. In 2009 they did research on GSOB biology and detection efforts began. In 2010, GSOB research began looking at biology, managing infested wood, insecticides, trap development, bi-control and is still going strong.

The insect seems to love the bottom part of the tree. If an oak tree is stressed due to fire or drought, it is more likely to be infected. Tiny eggs are on the sides of the trees, but you won't see them. Bark beetles make a perpendicular cut into the bark. If you remove the bark, you will see squiggly lines. Look for crown thinning, dieback, crown takes on a grey appearance, D shaped exit holes, bark staining, and weeping look are all evidence of dying tree. Woodpeckers are foraging for GSOB and are further evidence of the infestation, and they will help get rid of the beetle. Trees most at risk are red oaks (coast live oak and CA black oak) with large diameters 18" in diameter or larger. After 10 years of infestation the rate is 90% with 50% tree mortality. If the oak trees are smaller than 18" they may live. The GSOB life cycle has a one generation/year cycle. Adult flies late May to October with peak flight activity late June/early July. Cal Fire has set up a GSOB zone of infestation. The GSOB is a non-native species and probably came from Arizona and southern Mexico, but has killed very few trees either place.

Integrated pest management includes monitoring, insecticide treatments, infested tree management, and biological control. Early detection of the insect provides the best chance for saving trees. However, there is nothing that we have done that is fool proof. They have detection tools using a purple trap to try and catch the beetle. They are aerating bark from infested trees and testing the response of adults to collected volatiles. Insecticide treatments for high value trees (around houses) are tested via lab assays and tree assessments are used to test the efficacy of the treatments. Systemic treatments don't work well on larger trees. On smaller trees there is an "IV" treatment, injections of chemicals, on the tree's stem, the soil at base of tree, or sprayed on the bark with chemicals (Imidacloprid and Emamectin benzoate) but data does not currently support these treatments. These treatments are aimed at killing the larvae and the beetle. The research shows that there are limited non-target effects and efficacy can last long (up to 3 years), but repeated treatments can injure a tree. There is limited efficacy in large diameter trees, and it may take a few weeks for treatment to become effective. Application of treatments takes from 20 minutes to several hours. Systemic insecticides should be used in oaks that are uninfested or newly infested, and less applied as prophylactic treatment, due to cost. Best time to do the treatments is December to February as they need water before, during and after the treatment. If you want to save your trees, the best way is to use contact treatments with a gun to spray insecticide. Sevin, Onyx, Astro, Warrior in the commercial grade have all tested well in the lab. You would need to have someone with a qualified applicator to apply. Some treatments may last for 1 to 2 years and the application of treatments is about 10 minutes and the cost is high. The cons include the insecticide spray drift and some treatments may last only a growing season. **For more information, contact Tom Coleman as he has a chart that shows much of this information.** We need to manage the infested wood so we can limit the human-assisted spread of GSOB in CA. Some management techniques include: Cover the wood with a clear or white plastic tarp to keep the beetle inside. If a tree dies in April the beetle could live up to 2 years. If a tree dies in the flight season (April-May) you need to hold it two years. Timing of treatments should occur before May. Solarization/tarping should occur from May to September. Grinding wood to a 3" particle is the most effective treatment

for eliminating GSOB from firewood. Look at www.dontmovefirewood.org. Biological control is being assessed as a long-term and widespread control tactic. To release natural enemies, candidates must go through rigorous testing for host specificity and biology (normally takes several years). There are parasitoid wasps and mites that have been associated with GSO in AZ and they are still looking for egg parasitoids in AZ that they can get to reproduce. Research is currently focusing on developing options for protecting high-value trees, managing infested wood, developing monitoring tools, assessing the risk to oak woodlands, and biological control. For more information and updates go to www.gsob.org and you will be able to get the latest information from the experts.

6. **Review of project public notice requirements: Dan Neirinckx** brought this up because the Jamul Highlands Estates Project was required to send out only one public notice, even though it had been eleven years in the works. The JDCPG wants to go on record that when a project takes over several years in the planning, there needs to be more than one notice required to be given to the public.. **Dan Neirinckx moved that we recommend to the Planning and Land Use Director, all the Supervisors, and the other Planning Group Chairs, that if twenty-four months have elapsed since the project was last presented and discussed by the Planning Group, then the applicant must be required to re-notice the adjacent property owners prior to a scheduled rehearing by the Planning Group. Motion carried unanimously.**
7. **Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area/Honey Springs Ranch – Randy White was not present and no meetings of the sub-committee are planned as of this date.**
8. **TPM21104 Final Notice of Approval, Heide Land, Vidovich, Dan Neirinckx** reported that there is one addition included in their final notice of approval as follows, “Improve or agree to improve and provide security for Olive Vista Road (from Heide Lane east to Kemberly Lane to interim Public Road Standards, to a graded width of twenty-eight feet (28’) with twenty-four feet (24’) of asphalt concrete pavement over approved base. Where conforming to vertical and horizontal design criteria of the County of San Diego Public Road Standards, the existing pavement may remain and shall be widened with asphalt concrete to provide a constant width of twenty-four (24’). All distressed sections shall be replaced. All of the above shall be to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of PublicWorks.”
9. **LAFCO, Ref. No. RO12-04, Peaceful Valley Ranch, Proposed by resolution of the Otay Water District is a reorganization of three unincorporated parcels (totaling 152.71 acres), involving annexation to the San Diego County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of So. Cal., comments due September 13 – Michael Casinelli recommended we take no action as it is a LAFCO concern, not a planning group concern.**
10. **Jamul Indian Village Casino Update – Michael Casinelli asked about the traffic counts that occurred during less than peak hours before school started. Dan Kjonogaard said that there is a rumor that Steele Canyon High School is planning another entrance off of SR 94 for egress and ingress.**
11. **JDCPG Officer’s Announcements and Reports:**
 - a. **Michael Casinelli** pointed out that the County is planning changes for Planning Groups and are making several suggestions. He wants to form a sub-committee to give input to these suggested changes including limitations on **Chair. Dan Kjonogaard, Bill Herne, Steve Wragg and Janet Mulder were appointed, and will be on the sub-committee. Dan Kjonogaard will serve as chair and announced that they will meet at Oak Grove Library on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00. Janet will make sure the room is available.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Casinelli adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Mulder, Secretary

NEXT PLANNING GROUP MEETING: TUESDAY, September 25, 2012

OAK GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Board Policy I-1 sub-committee meeting Tuesday, September 18, Oak Grove Library at 7 p.m.