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**REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 6, 2012,**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

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Date: November 6, 2012

Scheduled start time: 7:00 PM

Place: Pauma Valley Community Center  
16650 Hwy. 76  
Pauma Valley, Ca. 92061

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 PM.** Roll Call and quorum established: Members: Andy Mathews, Chairman; Bill Winn, Vice Chairman; Fritz Stumpges, Secretary; Jim Beezhold; John Ljubenkov and Ron Barbanell were present. Robert Smith was absent.
2. **OPEN FORUM:** There were no comments from the community at the open forum.
3. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**
  - a. The minutes of the October 2nd meeting had been circulated to all members and corrections incorporated. The minutes were re-circulated prior to the meeting. Ron then made a motion to accept these minutes as amended, and Bill gave a 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was no further discussion and they were approved unanimously 6-0.
  - b. There were no operating expenses. Fritz was to check to see if the hall rent had been paid.
4. **DISCUSSIONS:**
  - a. John gave an update on progress of Gregory Canyon Landfill. He spoke of the community awareness meeting held at the Pala Youth Camp facility on the lower slopes of Gregory Mountain. The next official governmental milestone is due in December from the Army Corps of Engineers but John mentioned their many past postponements. He also mentioned that the lawyers for the Pala Tribe, (Procopio, Walter Rusinek, walter.rusinek@procopio.com), NRDC (Damon Nagami, dnagami@nrdc.org) and River Watch (Delano) were getting ready to sue if somehow the landfill were to be approved. He also mentioned the coming retirement of County Councilwoman, Pam Slater-Price, and how she and the gentleman she is supporting for her replacement, Dave Roberts, were continuing their opposition to the proposed landfill. We mentioned that the election was tonight and we would know the results soon. Andy made a motion that we send a letter to the BOS to renew our opposition to the landfill, Fritz gave a second. Jim asked if the County Water Authority had given their approval. John didn't know but mentioned the main county water supply line runs right through the proposed fill and will have to be moved. He also mentioned that geologists warned of possible consequences of having the major Elsinore fault within 6 miles! The BOS is no longer in charge of the approval because the county elections having approved it. So now the developer just needs approval of the County Water Authority, the Army Corps, SEQA, the County Sanitation Board, and also their EIR/EIS. Fritz requested that someone from the water authority give us a presentation as to what happens to the water trapped in the pit. Andy said that he would see if he could. Ron was emphatic that we find out who has the authority to this approval and address them. After this discussion we voted 6-0 to again oppose the landfill. We decided that Andy would contact the Sanitation Department. Fritz was to get the Army Corps and NRDC's Damon contact information.

- b. Next we were to consider the Caltrans proposed intersection at VC road and Hwy 76. Caltrans was unable to make it tonight but they will be here for the December 4, meeting. Andy asked them to also speak on their proposals for Highway 76 west of Pala to I15. In particular how they would deal with the new proposed developments there and the impact on the "F" rating we consider unacceptable. We postponed further discussion until next meeting.
- c. We then considered a new LAFCO proposal for Valley Center to annex the Meadow Wood development on the Northeast side of Hwy 76 and I15 junction. Although it is just outside our jurisdiction, they have asked for comments from areas that may be affected. Fritz expressed his opposition because they have been denied service from San Luis Rey water district and now think that they can just get annexed to a district which is not even contiguous to them. Ron questioned who would be adversely impacted by expanded use of VC water? Jim mentioned the decline in water usage in VC because of farmers going out of business and the district's high prices. Ron said that now they were shopping around for customers in order to preserve their water allotments. Andy also mentioned their need for revenue. He then also mentioned that Warner Ranch was now proposing not to go with Yuima but instead Rainbow. We returned to our objection to island development which Ron clarified as our objection to inappropriate increase in density / development. Fritz moved that Andy write a letter to LAFCO expressing our opposition to this development as expressed and Bill gave the second. It was approved 6-0.
- d. We then discussed our Sponsor Group policies for members' end of term and procedures for soliciting new members. We discussed how every two years even seat numbers were ending and then two years later, odd seat numbers. We found that at the end of this year, Fritz, Jim, John and Robert's terms will expire. We need to advertise very quickly in order to select and propose new members while we still have a quorum of members on the board. If we wait until January's meeting there will only be 3 members! We discussed DPLU Form 900 and sections on application and voting procedures. We were told that now all members whose seat is expiring must resign and if they are interested in applying again, they must apply like any other person interested. We also discussed our term limit policy which states that you cannot serve more than 3 consecutive terms (12 yrs) unless there is no other applicant for that seat and then only a one year extension can be granted at one time. Bill then moved that we get the request for applicants into the newspaper ASAP. Ron gave a second and it was approved 6-0. We then realized that John was term limited out since there appear to be more applicants than seats. We then spent more time discussing the details of the time limit for application submittal and that they have to be present December 4<sup>th</sup> to be considered for a seat and to make a short presentation as to their suitability for group membership. We then finalized the voting scheme where we could all listen to everyone who was applying for the 4 seats and then we would each vote for our 4 top choices, noting that we cannot vote for ourselves and you could abstain from voting for that seat if you chose. We would then each read how we voted in order to make it officially a public vote. John expressed his great disappointment in not being able to run again, and the unfairness and forced loss of good talent by laws like that. We all felt a great impending loss. Ron suggested that he could still attend meetings, be involved on subcommittees and we felt that he could then concentrate on Gregory Canyon.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Ron moved to adjourn, Fritz gave a second, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Fritz Stumpges, Secretary, PPCSG

These minutes were approved at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting by unanimous vote.