



Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the motion **passed 8-0-0-0-6**, with Chad Anderson, Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Dennis Sprong, Paul Stykel and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.**

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 9-0-0-0-6**, with Chad Anderson, Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Dennis Sprong and Paul Stykel absent.

**ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 5-3-12 and 5-24-12 (Action)**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2012, AS PRESENTED.**

Upon motion made by Richard Tomlinson and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 9-0-0-0-6**, Chad Anderson, Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Dennis Sprong and Paul Stykel absent.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2012, AS AMENDED.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **failed 7-0-2-0-6**, with Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson abstaining, and Chad Anderson, Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Dennis Sprong and Paul Stykel absent.

**ITEM 9: NON-AGENDA ITEMS Presentations on Land Issues not on Current Agenda (No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Agendized)**

Speaker: Ken Brennecke, Ramona Resident

Mr. Brennecke wanted to elaborate on 2 of the many safety concerns of the Ramona Street Extension project. First, the road will violate several of the County Road Standards. It was stated by the County at a meeting that they will seek exceptions to the Road Standards to build this road. This makes the project inherently unsafe and should be rejected just on that basis. Second, the proposed roadway will not be solving existing problems, but creating new ones as 2 new intersections are created. These 2 new intersections will mirror the problems already occurring at intersections along Ramona Street. Mr. Brennecke invited RCPG members who have not seen the proposed project site to come by and look to better understand the problems with the project.

Speaker: Jim Cooper, Ramona Resident

Mr. Cooper spoke against the Ramona Street Extension project. It has been determined that a reason for building the road is not because it has been on the Ramona map since the 1890's, since other roads on the map haven't been completed; it is not a Circulation Element road; the County says it will connect existing and planned residential/employment zones, but he hasn't identified any; and it is not identified in the Ramona Community Protection and Evacuation Plan as a planned evacuation corridor. Fire will not burn through this area because there is no fuel to bring the fire into the area. The population of their neighborhood can use Royal Vista as an evacuation route if

needed without spending any money. He is still trying to determine what problem the project is solving?

**ITEM 10: TPM 21070, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Dekoven Project, Laky Lane/El Paso. 10.87 acre Lot with 4 Residential Parcels of 3.0 to 2.04 acres (w/Item 12-B-1 and 12-F-1) (Approved on the Consent Calendar, #6)**

**ITEM 11: Review of Design for San Vicente Road Improvement Project. County Staff will be Making a Presentation (w/Item 12-F-2) (Discussion and Possible Action)**

Steve Ron, Michael Aguilar, Ray Perdido and Michael Kenney from the County were in attendance. Steve Ron presented the proposed road improvements on San Vicente Road, Warnock Drive to Wildcat Canyon Road. In 5 years there have been 70 accidents. The RCPG supported the project in October of 2010. The EIR came out in January of 2011. Right of way offers began March, 2012. Construction should begin in fall of 2013 and end in fall of 2015. The road has difficult, winding turns and sight distance issues. Right now there are 2, 12 foot travel lanes and a variable shoulder. There are no bike lanes or pathway. Culverts need to be replaced. When construction is completed, there will be 2, 13 foot travel lanes with an 18 inch bike lane on either side. On the north side of the road will be a 10 foot parkway and on the south side of the road there will be a 10 foot pathway. There will be guard rails only at the steep areas. There will be a 6 inch berm along the side of the road. They will not be installing lodgepole fencing along the road edge. Lodgepole fencing explodes when there is a collision and pieces fly through the air. This can be true of guardrails also. If people are on a trail, they can be impacted if there is a collision. They have not yet found a barrier that is resistant to impact.

There will be left turns on Warnock Drive, Deviney Drive and Wildcat Canyon Road. The curves will be straightened out. The project was presented to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee on July 10 and there were some questions. The curves are being designed for 55 mph. The posted speed will be 50 mph. There are 26 driveways along the roadway, so 52 site distances to be considered. The road is designed for 55 mph for each driveway with a couple being designed for 60 mph. As far as trees to be removed – 159 will be removed. Of these, 109 oaks will be removed. The ratio is to be mitigated offsite. They will use hydroseed erosion control, not planting. There was a suggestion from the subcommittee that the trees go to Palomar College, and they are exploring this. They are looking for adding extra pavement in some areas for people to pull off. Some sections have new elevations, and there would be no opportunity to pull off due to slope.

As far as rumble strips, there isn't room for the design that is on Hwy 67, but there will be a rumble strip in the center of the road. They discovered a trail outside of the right of way that goes from Barnett Ranch and runs easterly. They will look into the potential for trail connectivity. The trail ends at the Barnett Ranch. They do not want to encourage people to cross the busy road. Signage will be added to show the right of way priority that should be followed. There will be a triangle sign showing who yields to whom. The project is almost ready to go to bid.

Mr. Hickman said the presentation was made to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee on Tuesday. Overall they liked the concept. There were some questions on design speed and the site distance for the driveways and minor roadways which were discussed tonight.

Speaker: Kathy DaSilva, Ramona Resident

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Ms. DaSilva understands the problems with lodgepole fencing but would like to see at least a barrier of stout shrubs separating the motorized and non-motorized uses. There can't be people on bikes and horses, and people walking their dogs next to the cars. There needs to be a visual deterrent.

Mr. Ron said they haven't found anything that could be used yet, but they are still looking.

Speaker: Walt Ohm, Ramona Resident

Mr. Ohm understands there to have been 60 accidents in 5 years that have been impaired driver related, speed related and driveway related. He doesn't feel this issue has been studied enough. He found no speed studies on the road except by the signal lights. These are not a true indication of speed as people slow for the light. Truck traffic has increased recently because of Barona. Trucks are using San Vicente Road instead of Hwy 67. Buses going to Barona are also using San Vicente Road. Traffic has increased, but reports show no increase in traffic. There was a noise study between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in the afternoon. There isn't as much traffic on the roads at these times as there is during rush hour. The trash trucks go to the San Vicente treatment plant early in the morning. His noise meter registers 60 db at that time. As far as collisions, one-third of the collisions are rear enders with people turning into their driveways. There is no turn lane protection offered for these people in the road improvement plan. There needs to be some benefit to those who live along this stretch of road.

Mr. Brean thinks the project is fantastic. It is nice to see money spent in Ramona on roads. Bunnie King has no turn lane, nor does Gem Lane. This could be tight for those residents.

Mr. Kenney said there are left turn lanes at the 2 signals. The driveways along the length of the road don't have the volume to warrant left turn lanes.

Mr. Tobiason asked what the size of the new RMWD line will be?

Mr. Ron wasn't sure, but he said the pipe will be upgraded and relocated.

Mr. Tobiason said he put in the old 18 inch pipe that is there now. He has concerns on the first curve going away from Warnock. This curve is where so many of the accidents have occurred, just past Barnett Ranch Road. On the plans, the straight of way is shown, but not coming out of the corner. He would like to see this curve on the plans.

Mr. Ensign asked what the classification for San Vicente Road is?

Mr. Perdido said it is a community collector.

Mr. Ensign asked that the road classification be shown on the cross section. Mr. Ensign asked if someone could go over the berm if their car breaks down?

Mr. Ron said the berm is needed to control water.

Mr. Tomlinson said he has concerns with a 55 mph speed limit and a 13 foot travel lane being on the same road. People often drive 20 mph faster than the posted speed limit. The 6 inch berm will help people stay out of the parkway.

Mr. Hickman asked what is planned for the center of the road?

Mr. Perdido said there will be 1 double yellow line with a rumble strip.

Mr. Hickman said he appreciates the design speed. Forty nine of 50 driveways met the design for 60 mph. Roadways can't be designed for all conditions. He drives the road daily. Mr. Hickman would like to see 8 foot shoulders along the side of the road. This will help if people break down. Possibly the bike lane can become an emergency lane. He doesn't know if the road standards will be met.

Mr. Ron said he would look into this. Both the Board of Supervisors and the RCPG supported this project.

The Chair said that when the RCPG supported the project, there was a turn lane the whole distance of the road improvement that has since been removed.

Mr. Hickman said people don't want a wide roadway. But then lanes are added for non-motorized uses. Dual purpose can be used, but it needs to be looked into.

Mr. Wallace said he feels that by taking out 150 trees, we will be losing our character with this project. He doesn't think this will solve problems. He remembers the photos of the young people who died here being on the trees.

The Chair asked how the project is funded?

Mr. Ron said that no money from the State has been received. Most funds are from TransNet with some funds from utilities. Right now the road is funded. If the cost changes or the right of way is protracted, that would have to be looked at. Anything changing within the right of way is hard to change. The project has to stay within the current, proposed footprint.

The Chair asked if a presentation could be given on the final project?

Mr. Ron said they could come back in a month or 2 and make a presentation.

Mr. Tobiason announced that he has been a Ramona planner for 28 years and he may not be seeking re-election – he may be retiring.

Mr. Tobiason said he is concerned about the steep corner where everyone is killed. He would like to see the full corner on the map. Going downhill people bounce off the berm. If it is by the Barnett Ranch, maybe they can make it a little wider, since the County owns the Barnett Ranch. He would like to see a wider road through this section.

**ITEM 12: Subcommittee Reports**

**12-A: SOUTH (Hailey) (No Business)**

**12-B: WEST (Mansolf) (Action Item)**

**12-B-1: TPM 21070, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Dekoven Project, Laky Lane/El Paso. 10.87 acre Lot with 4 Residential Parcels of 3.0 to 2.04 acres (w/Item 10) (Approved on the Consent Calendar, #6)**

**12-C: EAST (Ensign)(No Business)**

**12-D: PARKS (Tomlinson)(No Business)**

**12-E: CUDA (Brean)(No Business)**

**12-F: Transportation/Trails (Hickman) (Action Items)**

**12-F-1: TPM 21070, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Dekoven Project, Laky Lane/El Paso. 10.87 acre Lot with 4 Residential Parcels of 3.0 to 2.04 acres (w/Item 10) (Approved on the Consent Calendar, #6)**

**12-F-2: Review of Design for San Vicente Road Improvement Project. County Staff will be Making a Presentation (w/Item 11)**

**12-G: DESIGN REVIEW (Chris Anderson) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board – Ms. Anderson was absent so there was no report**

**12-H: Village Design Committee Meeting Report (Brean, Stykel)**

The next meeting for the Village Design Committee has not been determined yet.

There will be a joint meeting of the Village Design Committee, the Ramona Design Review Board and the RCPG in the near future to review the work being done by the Village Design Committee.

**ITEM 13: OTHER BUSINESS (Chair) (Possible Action)**

**A. County TIF Update from Board of Supervisors Meeting 6-27-12**

The Chair announced the TIF Update went to the Board of Supervisors on June 27, 2012. The third option with the built-in credit was approved, and TIF fees will be much lower in the future. He has been in discussions with the County on the already collected fees for Ramona to see if they can be used as our contribution to the Highland Valley/Dye/Hwy 67 intersection improvements. There will be more on the revised TIF in the upcoming months.

**B. Cumming Ranch Project Tentatively Going to Planning Commission 7-20-12**

Ms. Mansolf announced the project has just been scheduled to go to the Planning Commission on August 17, 2012. A recommendation on the project will be made by the Planning Commission for consideration by the Board of Supervisors, who will give the final project review and decide whether or not to approve the specific plan and the rezone, and certify the final EIR.

**C. Ramona Design Review Checklist Nearing Completion, Consideration of Presentation in Near Future**

Ms. Mansolf said the County would like the Design Review Board to present the Design Review Checklist to the RCPG in the near future, and have the RCPG vote on it.

**D. Consideration of Highway 67 Safety Meeting/Discussion**

The Chair said he feels there are certain things that can be done to help with safety on Highway 67. He would like to ask the CHP to do a presentation on August 2, 2012.

Mr. Hickman said the grants that brought more enforcement and awareness are over. If there is no funding, it can't be done.

Speaker: Joe Minervini, Ramona Resident

Mr. Minervini suggested decoys be used along the side of the road if real officers can't be there.

Mr. Hickman said CalTrans doesn't want visual obstructions on the road.

The Chair said possibly there would be a discussion on this next month with the CHP present.

**E. Consideration of Requesting the County to Revise Solar Ordinance**

Ms. Mansolf would like to request the County to revise the Solar Ordinance to include visual impacts of the larger scale, more industrial solar projects that are being proposed, such as the one at Warnock and Ramona Street. A tiered approach, where there are more restrictions/requirements in residential areas and less requirements in commercial/industrial areas would be preferred. The solar project in Ramona will probably go to the Planning Commission in the fall. Currently there are no screening/landscaping requirements built into the ordinance, and visual impacts are not a consideration. The Major Use Permit would have to meet the findings of the Zoning Ordinance and these are subjective.

**MOTION: TO REQUEST THE COUNTY CONSIDER REVISING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM, SECTION 6952 TO INCLUDE VISUAL IMPACTS IN RURAL RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF LARGE SCALE SOLAR (WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTED POWER) PROJECTS. A TIERED ORDINANCE, SUCH AS THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE, THAT INCLUDES MORE RESTRICTIONS FOR VISUAL IMPACTS IN THE RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL AREAS, AND LESS IN ALREADY IMPACTED AREAS SUCH AS COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL, WOULD HELP IN ESTABLISHING A SUITABLE CRITERIA.**

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 9-0-0-0-6**, with Chad Anderson, Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Dennis Sprong and Paul Stykel absent.

**F. Consideration of Approving Letter Sent 6-28-12 to Support HSIP Grant Funding Request for Signalization at Intersection of Tenth Street and H Street**

The Chair said the County requested the RCPG to write a letter of support for a grant the County is writing to fund a traffic signal at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> and H Street. This intersection has a long history of collisions. The Fire Department and the School District have both expressed concerns for this intersection. The Fire Station is right there, and so are several schools. If awarded, the grant would fund the traffic signal and also synchronize stoplights along San Vicente Road.

Mr. Hickman said the intersection has the most collisions in the County of any intersection on the Traffic Signal Priority List. It has moved steadily up on the Traffic Signal Priority List since 2004, when it was placed on the list by the Board of Supervisors. It is currently #2. Every year HSIP projects compete statewide. The County applied for 3 HSIP grants this year.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE SENDING THE HSIP LETTER.**

Upon motion made by Richard Tomlinson and seconded by Bob Hailey, the motion **failed 7-0-2-0-6**, with Carl Hickman and Kevin Wallace abstaining, and Chad Anderson, Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Eb Hogervorst, Dennis Sprong and Paul Stykel absent.

- G. Ramona Community Planning Area – 8 Seats (Odd Numbered Seats) Up for Reelection. Filing Period for Candidates is 7-16-12 To 8-10-12 for General Election 11-6-12**

The Chair announced the filing period for candidates running in the General Election was July 16 through August 10. Eight seats on the RCPG will be up for election.

**ITEM 14: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Chair)**

- A. Ethics Training Reminder**

The Chair reminded everyone to complete the ethics training.

- B. Names Submitted for New Subcommittee Members (Action) – *None***
- C. Concerns of Members – *None***
- D. Agenda Requests – *None***

**ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT – 8:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf