

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY**

**March 6, 2012 7:00PM**

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station 4900 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902

**Administrative Items**

Co-Chair Sheri Todus brought the meeting to order at 7:00

Roll: Harriet Taylor, Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Rick Blacklock, Mark Kukuchek, Sheri Todus, and Andrew Valencia, Doc Stokos, Alan Sachrison, Don and Georjean Jensen, Don Scovel, and Uwe Werner.

Excused: Karen Henry and John Taylor

Item #1: Minutes: Corrections, The **lodge** pole pine fencing, **replaced**. **Mark raised a question about the DPLO status for us. Items four and five from the Department of Parks and Recreation response letter have had some work accomplished but have remaining work that can be done that qualifies for PLDO funding. Item four is for additional trail user amenities at Morrison Pond. Item five is for a challenge course for hikers, horses, and mountain bikers at the Red Hill area.**

**Item #5: POD 11-1011 Draft Tiered Equine Ordinance-Action Item.** **Mark gave a short summary of the real point of this ordinance, which is to put actual limits on the number of horses a 'small stable' can have on its property and the procedure of management that will be used for it. This is intended to be a more simplified method of gaining county approval instead of getting a major use permit.** Item #9 motion was made by Mark Kukuchek. The last correction, made by Harriet Taylor was that instead of DPLO the initials be PLDO.

Move to approve as corrected Rick. Seconded Andrew. Approved unanimously.

Item #2: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject within Planning Group's purview but not on the agenda. Presentations are limited to three minutes and no action can be taken.

No speakers.

Item #3: Michael De La Rosa shares from Supervisor Greg Cox's office:

There are still issues with the Water Authority. Brian Albright has agreed to restrict the trail to the "top of the mesa" to hikers and bikers, no equestrians. The Water Authority has said that the County did not put correct signage up for this.

Uwe made the following motion: to put this discussion on the agenda next month as an action item. Mark seconded. Unanimous.

Michael further stated that nothing has been done as yet about the lodge-pole fencing that Michael Long came to talk to us about.

Sheri asked about the San Miguel Pathway. Apparently there were a lot of weeds growing along it.

Michael agreed to discuss topic 10a. Out of sequence: The 'Red-Tape Task Force' reported their concerns to the Board of Supervisors. They took back an action to review the report and make it more clearly to everyone. What came out of this is: If an item is noted on the bottom and if it is appropriately noticed, the Board can take action on it immediately.

The same items that were referred to Staff were so again: Planning Groups, Audit committee, and the Resource Protection Ordinance. The same statements were made about Planning Groups; that they be removed from the County umbrella, that they be overseen by County advisors, or that they be modified.

Harriet asked when the Task Force was going to meet again.

Answer: March 28th.

In answer to a question about the toll road, Michael said there is no time line to toll road restructuring. While Cal-Trans owns the road, Sandag controls it. They are the ones who will set the tolls.

Item #4: Community right of Way Development Standards for grant. Action item.

A letter is needed to agree to standardize the document for the rights of way. This is being done throughout the County.

Doc's motion: To authorize sending a letter. Liz Seconded.  
Discussion: County workshops get the money to decide fence height, Improvements such as the San Miguel Road pathway, and to decide standards for trails.

12 Aye, Rick Blacklock opposed. Motion carried.

Item #5: Ruis Site Plan 3500-10-006 previously tabled. Expand Child Care Facility at 5202 Bonita Road. Action Item.

The presenters were once again not present. Liz made a motion to remove the item from the agenda. Uwe seconded. Unanimous.

Item #6: State Mandated Ethics Training: (AB 1234) [ca-ilg.org/ab1234compliance](http://ca-ilg.org/ab1234compliance). Required training every two years.

Training done.

Item #7: Reminder to file form 700. Reminder that these are due by the end of March. Please send them in.

Item #8: AICP Design Review Compliance Check List Workshop. Action Item. Rick moved to table for future. Harriet seconded. Unanimous.

Item #9: Review Bullet Points February 2nd CPG/CSG Chair Meeting Action item.

The report is in it's entirety below:

## Draft Bullet Points: CPG/CSG Chair RTRTF Report Responses

- 1) Eliminating planning and sponsor groups does nothing to reduce red tape as the county process is not dependent upon a response from them as well as does away with organized public information dissemination and much of any organized community input.
- 2) Each planning group can effectively determine the number of members it needs to be reflective of its local community perspectives.
- 3) PPP single public meeting is problematic in that scheduling and notification may not be aligned with community needs for effective attendance and needs to be in addition to and not replace the need for planning/sponsor group input.
- 4) Self-certification of documents: Not acceptable as DPLU provides independent review for their primary customer: the Public.
- 5) Elimination of the RPO is not really possible as it is an ordinance while CEQA is a process for disclosure. (*waiting on Planning Commissioner Beck's wording*)
- 6) Term limits are not appropriate as members are all volunteers who are not paid and have detailed community knowledge gained over their years of service.
- 7) Planning and Sponsor Group costs and legal liability to the county are not red tape issues. That being said, any information used as the basis for a recommendation needs to be factual, accurate, and complete.
- 8) Reducing EIR requirements may not be possible. Is it legal for the county to delegate its lead agency status with regards to CEQA?
- 9) *Single bite at the apple: Concept needs to be modified to allow additional review focusing on changes made or new information received since planning or sponsor group review and prior to completion of the EIR and approvals by the Planning Commission and BOS.*
- 10) Loss of free appeal rights significantly affects CSG/CPG ability to effectively represent our community position.
- 11) Planning and sponsor group chairs enthusiastically support timely creation of a new task force having representation from all stakeholders. It would focus on reducing delays and other true red tape in project processing by clearly and accurately defining issues and then recommending appropriate changes based on that information.

Motion to accept, Doc. Second: Mark. Rick opposed. 12 voted aye.  
Motion carried.

Item #10: Announcements and Updates:

- a. Already covered.
- b. Tolls already covered.
- c. No new action on Otay Water Pipeline.
- d. Trails report and POD 11-011 Tiered Equine Ordinance-  
Action Item.

There has been ongoing discussion about the trails connecting in Sweetwater. The trail from Degan to Briarwood is being looked at. Future trails and/or agenda items include trails linking Bay shore; a bridge across the storm drain by the golf course; and a pathway through the parking lot of the golf course. Possible trails in the future include Acacia, Frisbie Street, Central Ave. and San Miguel Road.

Harriet requested handicapped ramps on the Fire Station where the stepping stones are now and a Handicapped parking space closer to the Meeting Room as we have several members who would benefit from these actions.

The new sign shop near the Bonita Liquor Store has signs plastered all over that area. Harriet contacted the Chula Vista mayor's personal assistant to get an answer about this but has not heard back.

Georjean stated that Chula Vista took the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance from the table. But the licensing will cost what it costs in the County.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

Next meeting April 3, 2012 Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Stonehouse, Secretary.

