

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY**

**February 4, 2014 7:00PM**

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

**Administrative Items**

Co-Chair Mark Kukuchek brought the meeting to order at 7:00

Item #1: Roll call and introduction: Members and guests introduced themselves with the following attendees:

Planning Group members: Mark Kukuchek, co-chair, Harriet Taylor, co-chair, Liz Stonehouse, secretary, Uwe Werner, James Stokos, Steve Stonehouse, Michael Garrod, John Taylor, Rick Blacklock, Irene Blacklock, Sheri Todus, Judy Tieber, Don Scovel, Diane Carter(Absent)

Guests: Daryl Hern, Candidate for vacant seat, Michael De La Rosa, representative for Supervisor Greg Cox. Jim Smythe, General Manager from Sweetwater Authority. Amy Harbert, Deputy Director SD County Parks. Andrea Goyette, member of Bonita Valley Horsemen

Mark went on to state that all the meetings would be held to Robert's Rules of Order, Whose main principals are: 1. Everyone has the right to speak once if they wish, before anyone may speak a second time 2. Everyone has the right to know what is going on at all times. 3. Only urgent matters may interrupt the speaker 4. The members only discuss one thing at a time. 5. If a motion is made from the floor, it's a good idea to write it down so the secretary can get it right.

A note on the training and the Form 700 due soon. Please send these things to Lisa Fitzgerald and she will forward them to the Clerk of the Board.

Item #2: last Month's Minutes. Corrections to last month's minutes are as follows;

1. In public comment a citizen was concerned about pedestrian safety along Sweetwater Road next to Bonita Golf Course.

2. PLDO list not DLPO. Patrick also mentioned that PLDO funding must be for active recreation items.
3. Mt. Miguel Equestrian Center is grandfathered for 50 horses on the East 2.5 acre side of the property. The permit request to the County is for 25 horses to be housed on the West side of the property at the County approved rate of 10 horses/acre on 2.5 acres.
4. The lights in the arena are out by eight at night.
5. Michael Garrod mentioned that there was a public comment period open for a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Sweetwater Reservoir Wetlands Habitat Recovery project that will be on next month's agenda.

Motion to accept with corrections: Don S. Second Doc S. Approved unanimously with 12 voting.

One Vacant seat.

Item #3: No Public comment.

### Action Items

Item #4: Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this community update: There will be a person from County Roads at Civic Association next month to discuss the state of the roads in Bonita.

Item #5: Selection of candidate for vacant seat number 4 of the Sweetwater Community Planning Group. Action Item

Daryl Hern described her background and desire to serve.

Motion: To accept Daryl Hern as candidate for vacant seat #4. Liz Second Irene.

There was Discussion as to the length of her term. The vacant seat requires reelection or reappointment in 2016. Vote: 12 Aye no Noes. Unanimous.

Item #6: Sweetwater Reservoir Wetlands Habitat Recovery Project.

Request for public comment for Mitigated Negative Declaration (NMD) by Sweetwater Authority. Action Item.

Jim Smythe explained how Sweetwater Authority plans to replant or replace nesting habitat for the Least Bell's Vireo, an endangered species of bird in their area. Along with this Sweetwater Authority will be able to increase the size of the reservoir so it will hold more water. The Sweetwater authority plans to apply for a grant for 1.5 million of the 2 million dollar budget.

Motion: To provide comments to the MND similar to a San Diego County letter regarding trail protections during habitat construction: Sheri T. Second Doc. 11 Aye, 1 abstention.

Item #7: Updates:

Jim Smyth also spoke to the Low effect Habitat Conservation Permit needed for reopening the South Side Trail. Sweetwater Authority has signed the permit and has submitted the paperwork to the Fish and Wildlife Service. The permit will allow temporary measures to be taken to reopen the trail and will last for five years until a permanent solution can be found. Fish and Wildlife as well as the County of San Diego are committed to work on the temporary and final solution. Once the permit is finally approved the trail will be reopen. Please tell everyone to stay off the trail until it is reopened. Michael De La Rosa made a statement about how everyone was really cooperating on the South Side Trail project.

The good news is that \$361K has been allocated by the Board of Supervisors to improve the switch-back trail on the North Side of the Valley in front of the dam to avoid the service road and have a true multi-use trail.

Planning Group Member Comments:

The Jonel Way/Bonita Meadows road sign on Proctor Valley Road is to close to Uwe Werner's driveway so people are now using his driveway to try to find Jonel Way. Michael De La Rosa said he'd take it up with San Diego County Traffic department

Harriet had another issue for the San Diego County Traffic department; someone has stolen the Sweetwater Road sign from the sign post at Malito.

Liz Stonehouse mentioned that Dave Gillespie was upset about the handrail across the street from Acacia. The handicapped rail that leads to the trail has been struck by a car and is damaged.

Rick Blacklock noted that there were two potholes east of the 805 on Bonita Road. One had been repaired, but not fully and the other one still is unrepaired. Michael De La Rosa said he'd take it for action.

Doc Stokos wanted to know why there were only two Planning Group training meetings. They are primarily for new members and not for sitting members. Planning group Training and ethics training can still be done online.

Sheri Todus had a discussion about Nursery signs on Procter Valley Road. Michael De La Rosa said he'd get Code Enforcement to look into it.

Judy still has trouble seeing around the corner of San Miguel Rd and Procter Valley Road. It seems that San Diego County Traffic department wants to get citizens to go out while the County does a line of sight survey. The corner does not meet the warrants for a stop sign at this time. Don Scovel will take action and respond with a date for people to attend the survey.

Don Scovel had two issues:

1. The County should do another speed survey on Procter Valley Road.
2. 7/11 Right hand turn only was causing people to go around in circles. Liz mentioned that the right turn only sign on 7/11 property had been removed some time ago. The only one remaining was for Bonita Road.

Harriet closed with this information from the Port of San Diego: There will be two community workshops where you can go to voice what you want to see done to San Diego Bay. One will be at the B Street Cruise Ship Terminal on 2/18 from 6 to 8 pm the other in Chula Vista at Norman Park Center 2/19 also from 6 to 8.

Move to adjourn Rick, second Doc. Adjourned 8:30

Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

Next meeting March 4, 2014 Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

