



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BONSALL COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP (BCSG)
MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, August 11, 2026**

Time: **6:30 PM Pacific Time**

Location: Bonsall Community Center, 31505 Old River Road, Bonsall, CA 92003

A. CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. During the May 2026 meeting, BCSG voted to recommend Neva Day for Seat #2 pending formal Board of Supervisors approval at August 18 BOS meeting
2. Seat #1 vacated June 27. BCSG will evaluate candidates during 8/11 meeting
3. Assignment of Meeting Secretary to record August minutes
 - a. Consideration of tools such as Plaud or Otter.ai

B. WELCOME TO AUDIENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF CURRENT AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of May 12, 2026
2. Regular Meeting of June 9, 2026

E. ACTION ITEMS: (Potential Voting Items)

1. Parks & Recreation

a. Bonsall Community Park

b. Bonsall Equestrian Staging Area

- Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the proposed Bonsall Equestrian Staging Area project, including an overview of the project, community outreach, and next steps.

2. Ethereal Gardens Major Use Permit (PDS2024-MUP-94-025W1) – 8561 W. Lilac Road

- a. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation regarding a request to modify an existing Major Use Permit for a retreat facility to allow a Community Recreation facility accommodating religious and non-religious wedding services, receptions, and other community events with up to 275 guests per event. The proposal includes use of existing facilities on approximately 28.67 acres and associated parking, operational, and site improvements.



3. Bonsall Oaks Development – Maps and Project Update

- a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a proposed map modification for the Bonsall Oaks development, including associated Gopher Canyon Road improvements.

4. Liquor Nation Wine & More Minor Deviation (PDS2026-MUP-78-120W2M1) – 5527 Mission Road

- a. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation regarding a Minor Deviation request for three illuminated wall signs for the existing Liquor Nation Wine & More business located within the Bonsall Village Center.

5. Community Sponsor Group Vacancy – Seat #1

- a. Presentation, discussion, applicant interviews, and possible recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors regarding the appointment of Robert Jones or Julie Johnson to BCSG Seat #1

6. Community Roadway Considerations

- a. Traffic calming, roadway character, operating speeds and preservation of Bonsall's rural, agricultural, and equestrian character, including discussion of community priorities for future transportation planning and improvements.
- b. 2 Palm Trees removed at 2124 Warmlands Ave, Vista CA 92084 Date: After 7/21/2026

7. Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (SECP)

- a. County Board of Supervisors hearings previously anticipated for June have been rescheduled to August 19 and September 2, 2026 - PUBLIC COMMENT**
- b. Project information:
<https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/hub-page/cannabis-program>
- c. Approximate County cost to date: ~\$5 million

8. Streamlining Pathways for Housing & Agriculture

- a. County initiative evaluating grading ordinance updates, housing streamlining concepts, and agricultural land use regulations in unincorporated San Diego County. Discussion of potential impacts to rural communities and upcoming opportunities for public review and participation as the project advances.
- b. Project information:
<https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/streamlining-pathways>

9. Innovative Energy Station – Interstate 15 & Old Highway 395 (aka "H & T Land & Cattle")

- a. APNs: 127-221-18-00 & 127-221-20-00
Project Nos.: PDS2025-REZ-25-001 / PDS2025-GPA-25-005 / PDS2025-STP-25-004
- b. Status update regarding the proposed Innovative Energy Station project at Interstate 15 and Old Highway 395. The County published a Scoping Letter and Project Issue Checklist on July 11, 2025. No additional project activity is currently known to BCSG. Continued monitoring for future public review opportunities.

F. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

1. WatchDuty App Presentation request for September agenda

2. SDG&E Golden Pacific Powerlink

- a. Proposed 500-kV regional electric transmission project intended to strengthen California's electrical grid and improve regional transmission capacity. Preliminary routing concepts have generated public interest regarding potential impacts to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and surrounding communities. The project remains in the early planning and public outreach phase, with environmental review, route evaluation, and permitting still to come. Opportunities for public participation will continue throughout the planning process. Project information: <https://goldenpacificpowerlink.com/>

3. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Ordinance Update

- a. Information regarding the County's forthcoming Draft Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Zoning Ordinance Amendment. The draft ordinance is anticipated for public release in mid-August, followed by a 45-day public review period ending in late September. The ordinance will establish land use classifications, identify where battery energy storage systems may be located, and propose development standards intended to reduce impacts on surrounding communities. County staff are available to present to Community Sponsor Groups during the review period upon request. Additional information: <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/battery-energy-storage-systems>

4. Large Artificial Intelligence (AI) Data Centers – County Report Back

- a. Report evaluating the potential impacts of large artificial intelligence (AI) data centers in the unincorporated county, including electricity and water demand, infrastructure, noise, fire protection, land use compatibility, workforce impacts, and potential future zoning and policy options. The report notes there are currently no approved or

pending large AI data center applications in the unincorporated county but recommends clarifying permitting requirements while evaluating potential future regulations.

5. County Climate Action Plan – Annual Report and Incentive Program Updates

- a. Upcoming virtual public meetings, and extended application deadlines for two incentive programs. Virtual meetings will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Zero-Emission Equipment Voucher Program deadline has been extended to September 4, 2026, and the Electric Vehicle Charger Program deadline has been extended to October 23, 2026. Information and participation opportunities: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sustainability/climateactionplan.html>

6. Housing Unlocked – Phase I Zoning Ordinance Amendment

- a. Prior to the August 7, 2026, Planning Commission hearing, the Bonsall Community Sponsor Group Chair submitted correspondence for inclusion in the administrative record expressing concerns regarding General Plan implementation, cumulative impacts, infrastructure, and preservation of rural community character. Discussion may include the project's current status, anticipated Board of Supervisors consideration, and future opportunities for public participation. Project information: <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/housing-unlocked>

7. Tiered Winery – Rural Residential (RR) Expansion Update

- a. Project Information: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/Winery.html>
- b. Letter sent expressing BCSG concerns

8. Golf Club Drive Green Street Project – Construction Update

- a. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2026. The project includes stormwater quality improvements, four biofiltration basins, sidewalk and pedestrian safety improvements, a striped crosswalk at Golf Club Drive and Old River Road, and educational signage. Information item.

G. BCSG BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board
2. Traffic Advisory Committee (meets every other month on the first Friday)
 - a. Report on August 7 including Olive Hill speed limit consideration
3. Association of Planning Groups
4. SANDAG
5. Bonsall Unified School District

- a. Facilities Planning is Ongoing, next Board Workshop is August 20, 4pm at Community Center prior to BUSD Board Meeting at 6pm

H. PUBLIC COMMENT: For any other item not on the agenda

I. FUTURE PLANNING

1. Next Regular BCSG Meeting: August, August 11, 2026, 6:30 PM
 - b. *The BCSG meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, dark January/July unless otherwise noticed*

J. ADJOURNMENT

Public Communication

Members of the audience wishing to speak concerning items on the current agenda shall address the Board when the item is announced. For non-agenda items, members of the audience can speak during general public comment. Speakers should address the Board from the podium.

Individual speakers shall be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. The board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the Chair may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. The Chair may take a poll of speakers for or against a particular issue and may ask that additional persons speak only if they have something new to add.

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