

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Bonsall Community Sponsor Group

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 • 6:30 p.m. Pacific Time

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

A Call to order and establishment of quorum

Seat No 1 appointment status

At its August meeting, BCSG recommended Julie Johnson for Seat No. 1, vacated on June 27, 2026. Appointment by the Board of Supervisors is still pending.

Even numbered seat terms

The terms for even-numbered seats on all Community Sponsor Groups expire January 4, 2027. Thank you to all who sent applications renewing terms!

B Welcome to the audience and Pledge of Allegiance

C Approval of current agenda

D Approval of minutes

- Regular Meeting of May 12, 2026
- Regular Meeting of August 11, 2026
- Regular Meeting of September 8, 2026

E Action items

Presentation, discussion, and potential voting items.

E1 Ethereal Gardens Major Use Permit

- Project number: PDS2024-MUP-94-025W1
- Location: 8561 W. Lilac Road
- 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. [Ethereal Gardens project documents](#)

E2 Potenza Stable and Barn Administrative Permit

- Project number: PDS2026-AD-26-009
- Location: 30643 Via Maria Elena, near Via De La Reina
- Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation regarding a proposed horse stable for personal use with a hayloft. This is the Sponsor Group's first review of the project.

E3 Parks and Recreation

- Bonsall Community Park development update
- Bonsall Equestrian Staging Area update
- First community meeting: September 17, 2026, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Bonsall Community Center. Chair Anderson attended.
- 2026–27 Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) priorities: discussion and possible action on continuing or revising the current priorities.

E4 NoSkunkButts.org and Socially Equitable Cannabis Program Update

- Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation regarding the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program and the lawsuit filed September 18, 2026, challenging whether the program's Environmental Impact Report complies with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Board of Supervisors approved the program on September 2, 2026, by a 3–2 vote.
- Case: No Skunk Butts v. Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego
- San Diego County Superior Court Case No. 26CU49808C
- [San Dieguito October 8 agenda — related item 5B](#)

F BCSG board member reports

- I-15 Corridor Design Review Board
- Traffic Advisory Committee (meets every other month on the first Friday)
- Association of Planning Groups
- SANDAG
- Bonsall Unified School District
 - Facilities planning is ongoing. The next Facilities Workshop is November 12, 2026, at 5:00 PM at the Bonsall Community Center, prior to the BUSD Board meeting at 6:00 PM.

G Information items impacting the Bonsall region

G1 Golf Club Drive Green Street Project

Construction is expected to take approximately eight months. Improvements at Old River Road and Golf Club Drive will include four biofiltration basins, new sidewalk, a pedestrian crossing, and ADA-compliant curb ramps.

Traffic control measures will be in place throughout construction. Motorists and pedestrians should anticipate potential traffic delays, limited pedestrian access, and impacts to street parking near Basin No. 1 on Old River Road.

Questions may be directed to Resident Engineer Jacob Schaniel at (619) 929-9800 or Jacob.Schaniel@sdcounty.ca.gov

G2 Housing Unlocked Phase I Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Prior to the August 7, 2026, Planning Commission hearing, the BCSG 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.

[Housing Unlocked project information](#)

G3 SDG&E Golden Pacific Powerlink

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.

[Golden Pacific Powerlink project information](#)

G4 Streamlining Pathways for Housing and Agriculture

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.

[County Streamlining Pathways project information](#)

G5 Tiered Winery Rural Residential Expansion

BCSG submitted a letter expressing concerns. The proposed amendments expand eligibility for Wholesale Limited, Boutique, and Small Winery tiers in Rural Residential zones; expand allowable tasting and retail sales areas; revise standards for outdoor amplified music at Boutique Wineries; and include clarifications and operational refinements.

The update follows Board of Supervisors direction on February 28, 2024, and February 11, 2026. Staff's final-draft presentation will explain how public and interdepartmental feedback shaped the proposal and gather final comments. Residents, business owners, agritourism partners, and agricultural organizations are encouraged to participate.

- Planning Commission hearing: October 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Location: County Operations Center Hearing Room, 5520 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123

- Board of Supervisors adoption hearing: tentatively December 9, 2026; confirmation to follow

[Planning Commission hearing documents](#)

[Tiered Winery project information](#)

[Tiered Winery Rural Residential Expansion engagement pages](#)

G6 Battery Energy Storage Systems Ordinance Update

Discussion of the County's Draft BESS Zoning Ordinance Amendment, including proposed land-use classifications, siting, development standards, community impacts, and public-review opportunities.

[Battery Energy Storage Systems project information](#)

G7 Large Artificial Intelligence Data Centers County Report Back

Report evaluating the potential impacts of large 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 that 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.

[County AI Data Centers project information and report](#)

G8 County Climate Action Plan

The Electric Vehicle Charger Program deadline has been extended to October 23, 2026.

[Climate Action Plan annual report and incentive programs](#)

G9 Community roadway considerations

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.

G10 Innovative Energy Station

- Location: Interstate 15 and Old Highway 395; also known as H & T Land & Cattle
- Assessor's parcel numbers: 127-221-18-00 and 127-221-20-00
- Project numbers: PDS2025-REZ-25-001 / PDS2025-GPA-25-005 / PDS2025-STP-25-004
- 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.

H Public comment on non agenda items

Opportunity for members of the public to address matters within the Sponsor Group's jurisdiction that are not on this agenda.

I Future planning

- Next regular meeting: November 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- BCSG meets on the second Tuesday of each month and is dark in January and July unless otherwise noticed.

J Adjournment

Public participation and meeting access

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 may speak during general public comment. Speakers should address the Board from the podium.

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