

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**MEETING OF THE BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 4:35 p.m.**

**In-person at the Borrego Library, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs & also via Zoom**

**THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME TO OUR MEETINGS**

**WE REPRESENT YOU WHEN ADVISING THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ON LAND USE ISSUES A.**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

John Peterson, Chair	Present
Jim Dax, Vice-Chair	Present
Sondra Boddy	Present
Bruce Durbin	
Bill Haneline	Present
Melissa Huston	Present
Anne O'Connor	Present
Nancy McRae, Secretary	Absent

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of March 4, 2026,**

**MOTION: Jim Dax**

**SECOND: Anne O'Connor**

DISCUSSION: Bill Haneline iPad requested for a revised minutes because there were mistakes with letters, fix glitches prior to sending out.

**VOTE: APPROVED**

John Peterson, Chair	Approved
Jim Dax, Vice-Chair	Approved
Bruce Durbin	Approved
Bill Haneline	Approved
Melissa Huston	Approved
Anne O'Connor	Approved

**C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (limited to 3 min per person):** Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject within the Group's authority that is not on the posted agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Courtney Coyle Presented handout**

LVSP Regional Effect pertaining lithium mining, presented the lithium valley mining, review is out for public review until April 17<sup>th</sup>. Courtney reviewed her handout outlining the bullets in her handout. She encourages everyone to read the handout and reach out for more information.

This is out of our jurisdiction, but we can encourage Borrego Springs residents to reach out to contact information on the handout to learn more. 14 community members present.

1. Welcome Sondra Boddy to the Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group Seat #9.

Sandra introduced herself to the meeting attendees, outlining her professional background and excitement to join the CSG.

2. Report on flood control studies being conducted in the basin. Of specific note is the extent of the area of study. Presentation by the San Diego County Public Works Flood Control and Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). Power Point Presentation. (Four Attachments)

3. Report on Climate Action Plan presentation by America Aceves PDS Planner II presenting. PowerPoint attached in handout; Sara presented a PowerPoint outlining the new flood mapping that started 10 years ago. County of San Diego traveled to Borrego Springs outlining the new mapping several months ago with an hour presentation. Sara manages the flood control districts, Tyler Rodenbaugh will be giving the second half of the presentation. Updating the map will take 3-5 years if FEMA approves proposed.

Sandra Boddy asked a question about the flood plain and what action will San Diego be taking with the proposed flood map. Will there be a public comment and appeal period. Sara responded that they will be submitting this to FEMA and after review FEMA will initiate a community commenting forum. However, if the community would like San Diego County to come out for a forum they will. Question: The submitted paperwork says FINAL, Sandra asked for clarity "is this report final" Answer: The Army Corp is done with this study, and the document is listed as final, as their study is done. Any efforts for additional studies, it would be a county effort.

Question: The report that we have list measure that outline possible solutions, can you explain what critical infrastructures is and who would fall under that.

Answer: Emergency responders would fall under this, in the locations that they work in. Including care facilities and hospitals

Tyler Rodenbaugh is now presenting the second portion of Flood Warning System Alert System. Please refer to handout to review the details of ALERT.

Room is open to Q&A:

Bill Haneline how are the alerts' disseminated if there is a flood alert

Answer: They are not disseminated to the public they are alerted to the National Weather Service, but you can access the data on their website.

Q: in Sept 2004 they called it 100-year flood and 1000-year flood

A: Tyler was not sure on the names of that occurrences,

Sandra Boddy:

Rain Gauges Questions, you mentioned that there are 3, given the flood risks should we install a weather station here based on the flood presentations?

A: All of their sites are customizable there are a few other weather stations that are monitors by the National Weather Stations that San Diego County monitors

Q: Stream gauges, there are lots of water that crosses the roads that are major issues, can a stream gauge be installed?

A: Yes, we could potentially add a stream gauge, but they would need to do a study.

John Peterson added that there are 3 UCI's (University of Irvine) weather stations that are located in Borrego.

John is asking Sara to review her presentation to review the slide names Borrego flood risks. If you notice where the extent of the study is you will notice where LCDZ, Rams Hill and Deep Well are not on the map John is asking why they are not on the study map.

Dave Smith can speak to this questions, Part of the reason is part of the reason is not mapped because is not a part of the Aullilival fan shape. The contractor stated that they will be reviewing that area and possibly adding it to the study if added to the proposal

John is asking is we need a motion from the CSG, and she stated nothing is needed at the time.

Kathleen Lippitt asked about [Geological Shift Theory](#), she added link to messages Emails will be exchanges to further discuss

America Aceves is presenting Climate Action Plan, presentation available for review.

Open Questions:

Bruce Durbin: climate action plan emission reductions, what can communities such a Borrego Springs do to contribute to this as part of the climate action plan? Dedicated network for EV cars.

Answer: Yes, this is something that is being review now and Ariel Hamburger would like to connect with community members looking for further information

John Peterson is asking America to go back and review slide 5 for the Solar Equity Program. John points out that Pam Wiedenkeller applied for this program and asked Pam to share her experience. Her contract is in, and Pam is asking how long the application process takes.

Answer: Takes 3-4 weeks to determine eligibility.

John additional point out that Jessica Olson a contractor can also answer questions should you want to learn more, John stressed that this is not an endorsement to promote Jessica but more for an educational acknowledgment.

Jim asked them to confirm if they still have 20 available units, Ariel Hamburger confirmed that they have 19 units still based on eligibility.

Bruce Durbin Question: Climate action plan, one of LA county policies that they are phasing out wood burning fireplaces, is San Diego County following this, Ariel Hamburger said they are not.

Sandra Boddy: Asking how the farming practices reduce emissions and how does it help climate goals.

America Aceves: This program is more for soil organic matter in it pulls chemicals from the air. But this was not intended to reduce greenhouse gases. She also noted that there are no farms in Borrego Springs participating yet.

Pam Wiedenkeller asked when the pilot program decision will be expanded on and what that program would look like in Borrego.

Ariel Hamburger responded that because it is a TEST program that they do not have a definitive answer.

#### **4. Potential land development on Palm Canyon Road, Jan Stubbs presenting.**

Jan Stubbs presented a power point for his C36 zoning. He is proposing Transient Habitation both short term and long-term rentals, low-cost modern housing. Share with his vision to offer long terms rentals, states that he cannot find long term tenants. 200sq. ft. units

This has not been submitted to the County

Jim Dax asked if the homes are on a slab?

Jan responded that the county requires it to be raised and these will be on 3' pillars

William Haneline asked the names of his business, Jan stated there is not one  
Dr. Susun Hector asked if he would present to the neighbors before moving forward.  
Sandra Boddy asked if he has spoke with anyone in the county about his plans  
Jan answers yes but not in-depth, the country had some concerns with his plans.  
Sandra asked if he is planning on building more and he said that potentially would be adding them.  
Furthermore she asked about his previous plan on tiny homes on wheels, and Jan shared that it is a  
different property that is zone for C32 but not moving forward as of now.  
Sandra stated that Palm Canyon is the gateway through Borrego, how are you going to keep this  
property ascetically pleasing  
Jan said that he will be adding some interesting landscaping  
Sandra: How many units would you like to build  
Jan was not sure at this moment, it will be based on demand.

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

John noted that the next meeting on May the 6<sup>th</sup>, it will be starting at 5pm vs the 4:30pm typical start  
time. SDG&E will be presenting about the powerlines and their latest project.

1. Communication and discussions regarding the status and role of the Revitalization  
Committee regarding the CSG. John Peterson presenting. Bill Haneline shared that Jim  
Desmond stated that he will be working with CSG which hasn't been outlined in the past.

Jim Wermer mentioned that key communication is essential between the groups. Jim asked if we  
can consider defining what the Sponsor Group reviews and how groups works together.

2. Update on the Borrego Spirit award. John Peterson presented. We will be presenting this  
information to the next person in the term.

### **F: GROUP BUSINESS:**

1. Status of required training for all members of the CSG.
2. Need a point person for dark sky issues. Anne has volunteered to take on this role, she met with  
Rebecca and will be taking over as the point person,
3. Correspondence received: none

### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Sandra Boddy**

**Anne Oconnor 2**

**Called at 6:24 PM**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **MAY 6, 2026, AT 5:00 PM** at the Borrego Springs Library.

The Chair has appointed the following BSCSG Members to serve as points of contact for the following areas:

- a) Road Maintenance, Bill Haneline
- b) Dark Sky Ordinance and issues, open
- c) Association of Planning Groups, Jim Dax
- d) Landscaping at the La Casa Solar Panel Field, Bill Haneline. No updates by Bill
- e) Report from the Infrastructure Committee, Bill Haneline. Marsha Boring has been trying to work with Zito to get more information on consisting and more information to the community

Potential items for our next Sponsor Group meeting which is scheduled for May 6, 2026:

- a) Report from SDG&E regarding Microgrid and power shut offs.
- b) Report from SDG&E regarding new power line project.
- c) Presentation on Christmas Circle Non-profit organization, by Jeff Sloan. Emails sent to the Chair at [peterseenv@hotmail.com](mailto:peterseenv@hotmail.com) will be forwarded to the appropriate person.