

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, MEETING OF THE BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

*****MEETING AGENDA*****

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Please note revised time of 5:00 versus 4:30 for this one meeting.

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

Topic: Borrego Springs Community Sponsor

LINK FOR THE SPONSOR GROUP MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84263546601?pwd=wFnbFD26grkhGDaVxcQXvb6eUq7YiO.1>

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

Please note that discussion items might be arranged according to interest in public discussion and might not exactly follow the agenda as given below.

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of April 1, 2026, (Attached)

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (will be limited to 3 min): 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.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation on the SDG&E Golden Pacific Power line project, Bernadette Butkiewicz, Senior Project Affairs Manager and team presenting.
2. Borrego Service Award Program, Melissa Huston Presenting.

E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Potential resignation by Bruce Durbin, Seat #1
2. Should we consider decreasing the number of seats within our CSG to 7 from 9? Depending on discussion this would be added as an action item to our June 3, CSG meeting.

F: GROUP BUSINESS:

1. Status of required training for all members of the CSG.
2. Correspondence received: none

G. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026, at 4:30 at the Borrego Springs Library. (Remember that this is the last scheduled meeting of our CSG until October 7, 2026).

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, Anne O'Connor
- c) Association of Planning Groups, Jim Dax
- d) Landscaping at the La Casa Solar Panel Field, Bill Haneline/Jim Dax
- e) Report from the Infrastructure Committee, Bill Haneline.

Potential items for our next Sponsor Group meeting which is scheduled for June 3, 2026:

- a) Report from SDG&E regarding Borrego Microgrid upgrades.
- b) Presentation on Christmas Circle Non-profit organization, by Jeff Sloan.

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Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group Members: Chairperson: John Peterson; Vice-Chairperson: Jim Dax; Secretary: Nancy McRae Members: Bill Haneline, Melissa Huston, Anne O'Connor, Sondra Boddy, Bruce Durbin (?) seat #2 vacant
Standing Committees None

Only attachment to this agenda is the draft meeting minutes from the April 1, 2026 meeting. (No link provided here.)

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 | 4:35 PM

Borrego Springs Library (2850 Country Club Rd) & via Zoom

We represent the community in advising the County of San Diego on land use issues.

Meeting minutes recorded by Melissa Huston

A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

- Nancy McRae, Secretary

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 4, 2026)

Motion: Jim Dax

Second: Anne O'Connor

Discussion:

Bill Haneline requested revisions to correct typographical errors and formatting issues prior to distribution.

Vote: Approved unanimously

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

(Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

1. Lithium Valley Specific Plan (LVSP)

Courtney Coyle presented a handout regarding the regional impacts of lithium mining under the LVSP.

Public review period is open through April 17, 2026

Peterson noted that while this project is outside CSG jurisdiction, residents are encouraged to review materials and provide feedback using listed contacts

ACTION ITEMS

1. Welcome New Member – Seat #9

Sondra Boddy introduced herself, sharing her professional background and enthusiasm for joining the group.

2. Flood Control Study Update (County Public Works & FEMA)

Presenters:

- Sara Agahi, DPW Flood Control Manager
- Tyler Rodenbaugh, Planner II

Key Points:

- Flood mapping efforts began ~10 years ago
- Updated mapping may take 3–5 years pending FEMA approval
- Study conducted by the Army Corps is finalized; future studies would be County-led

Discussion Highlights:

- Public comment period will follow FEMA review
- Emergency responders and critical facilities are included in infrastructure considerations
- ALERT system sends data to the National Weather Service (not direct public alerts)

Community Questions & Responses:

- Flood designation terminology (100-year / 1000-year): clarification pending
- Rain & stream gauges: possible additions, subject to further study
- Mapping gaps (e.g., Rams Hill, Deep Well): may relate to alluvial fan boundaries; potential for future inclusion

3. Climate Action Plan Presentation

Presenter: American Aceves

Key Topics:

- Emissions reduction strategies
- EV infrastructure expansion opportunities
- Solar Equity Program (3–4 week eligibility review timeline)
 - Current availability: 19 units remaining

Discussion Highlights:

- No current policy to phase out wood-burning fireplaces in San Diego County
- Farming practices discussed in relation to soil health and carbon capture
- No Borrego Springs farms currently participating in related programs

4. Proposed Development – Palm Canyon Road

Presenter: Jan Stubbs

Proposal Overview:

- C36 zoning
- Transient habitation (short- and long-term rentals)
- Approx. 200 sq. ft. units on raised foundations

Status:

- Not yet submitted to the County

Discussion Highlights:

- Questions raised regarding design, density, and community impact
- Developer indicated plans are preliminary and may evolve based on demand
- Emphasis on maintaining aesthetic quality along Palm Canyon corridor

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Revitalization Committee Role Discussion

- Ongoing need to clarify communication and responsibilities between groups
- Emphasis on improved coordination

2. Borrego Spirit Award Update

- Transition planning

GROUP BUSINESS

1. Status of required member training (ongoing)
2. Dark Sky Liaison: Anne O'Connor volunteered and will assume the role
3. Correspondence: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Sondra Boddy

Second: Anne O'Connor

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM

NEXT MEETING

May 6, 2026 | 5:00 PM
Borrego Springs Library
POINTS OF CONTACT

- Road Maintenance: Bill Haneline
- Dark Sky Issues: Anne O'Connor
- Association of Planning Groups: Jim Dax
- La Casa Solar Field Landscaping: Bill Haneline
- Infrastructure Committee: Bill Haneline

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- SDG&E Microgrid & Power Shutoffs
- SDG&E Power Line Project
- Christmas Circle Non-Profit Presentation (Jeff Sloan)