

County of San Diego
Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group
6 p.m., Monday, June 29, 2020
Approved Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER Called to order at 6:12 p.m., via Zoom.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – waived

3. ROLL CALL:

1-Joe Carmody	4- vacant	7- Bob Shea
2- vacant	5- Rob Romero	
3- Billie Jo Jannen	6- Steve Biddle	

Carmody, Jannen, Romero, Biddle and Shea present. Seats 2 and 4 are vacant. Lisa Davis was removed on February 24 by a unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 24, 2020. Minutes approved at end of meeting to accommodate speakers.

Rob Romero motions to approve; second by Steve Biddle. All vote aye, with Bob Shea abstaining. Motion failed.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: At this time, the public is invited to speak on any item that does not appear on the agenda. Public speakers will be limited to 2 minutes.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. ATT cell tower battery update; modification to an existing Major Use Permit in favor of AT&T to add emergency backup generators to each site in California.

AT&T Telecom Facilities are the platform for the FirstNet infrastructure that will connect emergency responders from several different jurisdictions to one frequency. According to AT&T presenter Doug Munsen, the company is upgrading its towers to include generators because it now operates the FirstNet emergency communications network, which needs to stay on during power outages. This network is used by emergency responders and needs to stay on air all the time. The tower is located at 5124 Kimberly Way near Shockey Truck Trail. The diesel generator will be placed inside the cinder block enclosure, where the sound of the generator will be muffled by the wall. Munsen said the fuel supply is adequate for about 9 days of continuous operation. Joe Carmody made a motion to favor the project without changes, as presented; Rob Romero seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, no abstentions.

b. Cameron Corners microgrid, to be built, owned and operated by SDG&E. Intended to maintain vital services during power outages, the project is slated to go on a 25-acre property north of the new health clinic at Cameron Corners.

According to SDG&E presenter Joe Garibaldi, about 5 acres of that will be in solar panels and 5 acres in batteries housed in 40-foot cargo containers. The purpose of the project is to generate energy for the grid in normal circumstances, and in case of lengthy power outages,

to power nine businesses and services adjacent to Cameron Corners: the CalFire station, both convenience stores, the new Mountain Health/San Ysidro clinic, Subway Sandwiches, AT&T hub, county library and the old elementary school.

During power shutdowns, Cameron Corners would be isolated from the rest of the grid and these venues would be powered as vital commercial and emergency services. However, the project will not include services outside of that area, so the sheriff's substation, community center, primary grocery store, Border Patrol station, county yard, post office and VFW will remain dark during outages unless they are able to do their own onsite generation.

*The project is one of several planned in various communities, and is nearly 100 percent exempt from local permitting and CEQA regulations – including the community plan -- according to SDG&E. Permitting is by SDG&E itself, Garibaldi said. He said he is reaching out to the planning group to inform people about the project and see if there are any suggestions from the community. SDG&E will own and operate this facility and those proposed for other communities. Construction of the project should start about mid-August and wrap up by July 2021. **No vote was taken.***

c. Report on Camp Lockett, Camp Lockett Interest Group Chairman Larry Johnson. The project is nearing completion and further guidance from the planning group will be needed. Planners for the project will be on next month's agenda. **No vote was taken.**

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Standing subcommittee reports (no action): Groundwater, Rob Romero; Sewer and Septic, Joe Carmody; Community Economic Impacts, Steve Biddle; Traffic and Public Safety, Bob Shea. Rob Romero and Al Denalat reported successful Fire Safe Council activities.

Steve Biddle: Backcountry stores, gas stations and restaurants doing surprisingly well during covid because more people are shopping locally. Also, many residents have gone to work on the border project, putting more money into local households, and by extension, their communities.

Rob Romero: The Fire Safe Council chipping day was well-attended. Rob Romero reported that there were several new grows for CBD and cannabis. He is concerned about water use. He has visited several grow sites as Cannabis Subcommittee chairman, and found that people doing them don't understand the need to be thrifty with water. He wonders if the county shouldn't be setting some kinds of oversight for water use.

Joe Carmody reported on water quality in Lake Morena, which has been poor for almost a year. PPM limit for nitrates is 10, and they have been clocking over 26. The two water districts are in the process of merging and getting financing/grants to build better filtration/treatment equipment. Residents must go to local stores to buy drinking water for their families and pets.

b. Ad hoc subcommittee reports (no action): Solar Projects, Rob Romero; Cannabis, Rob Romero and Steve Biddle.

c. Chairman's Report, Billie Jo Jannen (no action): Nothing to report

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. The Star Ranch vesting and landscape architecture maps are available, both at meetings and by appointment with the CLMPG chairman. Staff has delayed release of the EIR until it can figure out what type of greenhouse gas analysis large projects should include. The ranch was offered for sale in an announcement sent out in late November 2018. **The proposed plan is still in play and is part of the property offering, but will be abandoned if purchased by conservation entities.**

b. We have the plans for Forefront Power's 17-acre industrial solar application at 1827 Lake Morena Drive. They are available, both at regular meetings and by appointment with the CLMPG chairman or Solar Subcommittee chairmen. Please contact Solar Subcommittee Chairman Rob Romero to participate in formulating community responses to the several phases of planning.

c. Notice of April 2 virtual town hall on COVID-19 with Sup. Dianne Jacob and Dr. Wilma Wooten, chief of public health. Forwarded to group.

d. Notice of April 3, 2020 Planning Commission hearing . Meeting was held virtually. Video archives here: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/PC/sop/PCHearing_stream.html. **Forwarded to group.**

e. Notice for Webex Workshops for the 2021-22 Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant application. Forwarded to group.

f. Notice of April 17 Otay Ranch Resort Village 13 Planning Commission hearing. Video archives here: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/PC/sop/PCHearing_stream.html. **Forwarded to group.**

g. Notice for District 2 virtual town hall on COVID-19 and support for businesses. Sup. Dianne Jacob, and James Sly, Vice President/COO, East County Economic Council and Director of the San Diego and Imperial Small Business Development Center. **Forwarded to group.**

h. Notice of May 6 webinar on components of Senate Bill 743, which changes how counties must evaluate transportation impacts of projects. Project webpage here: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/SB743.html>. **Forwarded to group.**

i. Notice of third (May 6) virtual town hall on COVID-19. District 2 Sup. Dianne Jacob, Poway Mayor Steve Vaus, El Cajon Mayor Bill Wells. **Forwarded to group.**

j. Notice of second (May 20) webinar on the new transportation bill, SB 743. **Forwarded to group.**

k. Notice from BPG Chairman Donna Tisdale that a Record of decision on the Campo Wind project was published May 12. The entire project – consisting of 60 4.2 MW turbines – was approved for placement on Campo Reservation. **Forwarded to group.**

l. Notice of Board of Supervisor’s June 3 hearing on Otay Ranch Village 14 and planning areas 16 and 19. The project is for 1,266 homes on lands divided between Jamul-Dulzura and Otay planning areas. Project page here: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/OtayRanchVillage14.html>. **Forwarded to group.**

m. Notice that San Diego County is seeking applicants to serve on the 2020 redistricting committee. Volunteers must be San Diego County residents who were registered to vote with the same political party, or no party preference, for the last 5 years. They must also have voted in at least 1 of the last 3 state elections. Application due by July 31, 2020. More information: www.sandiegocounty.gov/redistricting. **Forwarded to group.**

n. Notice of Board of Supervisor’s hearing on July 8 on decreasing the annual street lighting assessment. The rate is expected to decrease by 26 percent, from \$13.50 to \$10 per residential unit. **Forwarded to group.**

o. Login information for the county’s quarterly chairmen’s meeting, which all our CLMPG members were invited to. **Forwarded to group.**

p. Agenda for June 12 meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee. Nothing in our area. **Forwarded to group.**

q. Notice of Board of Supervisors hearing on compliance with the SB 743 transportation impact bill. **Forwarded to group.**

9. EXPENSES: Report any valid expenses for group approval. No expenses tendered.

10. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS: No action items requested.

11. REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDAS: All requests for placement of agenda items must be to the planning group chairman by the third Tuesday of each month.

Rob moves to adjourn; Bob Shea seconds; all vote aye, no abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next regular meeting, is July 27, 2020, at 6 p.m., and it will be held electronically.