

County of San Diego  
**Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group**  
7 p.m., Monday, March 29, 2021  
**Approved Minutes**

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the meetings of the Campo Lake Morena Planning Group, which is the county-sponsored link between the community and San Diego County dealing with planning and land use. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak regarding any item on the agenda. In addition, during public discussion, members of the community will be given the opportunity to address other matters pertaining to land use issues in our area. No action or vote may be taken on items not on the agenda. The final agenda will be posted 72 hours prior to the meeting and may be found at the Campo branch of the U.S. Post Office, the Campo branch of the San Diego County Library and the Lake Morena Market bulletin board. Community members may also contact the group chairman to regularly receive agendas by email: [campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com](mailto:campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com).

**1. CALL TO ORDER 7:06 p.m.**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – waived**

**3. ROLL CALL:** 1-vacant                      4- vacant                      7- Bob Shea - **P**  
2- vacant                                      5- Rob Romero - **P**  
3- Billie Jo Jannen - **P** 6- Steve Biddle - **P**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 25, 2021, February 22, 2021, March 1, 2021**  
*No minutes completed.*

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Star Ranch has been purchased by SDC for habitat conservation. The U.S. Navy contributed money to the purchase. The property is intended to go toward filling out the East County Multiple Species Conservation Program, should it ever be finished. County parks will manage the property. The housing development plan will be killed, but maps will remain available in CLMPG archives for historical purposes.

**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.

*Kathleen Lippett has been attending community meetings to discuss the cannabis ordinance, and has found many complaints about insufficient information on the project. People are complaining about the spray drift, allergies and odors.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Annual prioritization of county road maintenance projects in the Campo Planning Area.** I plan to devise community outreach to see what area residents are concerned

about. I will put it on the agenda for a vote next month. Anyone with a particular beef about a local road is invited to reach out to a PG member or share at this meeting. **Discussion only.**

*This item will be on the agenda next month. Bill Wells said that many of the roads the county is re-surfacing will be torn out in around two years to build new pipes for the local water systems in LMV.*

## **7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. New general plan element, Environmental Justice. County planner Audrey Hamilton will provide an update on the development of the new element.** The plan will endeavor to use land use regulation to resolve environmental injustice in four urban areas identified as disadvantaged. **“Disadvantaged Communities”** are defined by California State Law as (1) “an area identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety code;” or (2) “a low-income area that is disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation” The planning group is considering an advisory letter. **Discussion and vote.**

*Per PDS staffer Audrey Hamilton the draft element will go to the BOS sometime in June.*

*Kathleen Lippett said this process is flawed because it demands equality of outcome, rather than equal treatment.*

*Billie Jo Jannen showed some proposed language for a letter and emphasized that you can't create “justice” by discriminating against any party for the sake of gifting something to another, and that deliberately imposing unjust treatment of rural communities by failing to avoid harm in the first place (groundwater depletion, habitat destruction, sequestration destruction, destructive renewables policy), is hypocritical. She also cited failure to provide policies (job training, business facilitation, financial literacy, distributed solar generation) to lift up low income residents so they can permanently enjoy greater financial security.*

*Motion by Steve Biddle, second by Rob Romero to adopt the chairman's proposed language for a formal letter of recommendation. Motion passes 4,0,0.*

**b. Status and process of the proposed renewable energy streamlining and zoning overlay in Mountain Empire.** The county seeks to create easy development of industrial scale wind and solar on private properties in Campo, Boulevard, Ocotillo and Jacumba. The planning group has already done one advisory letter and will discuss doing another one. SDC planners Timothy Vertino and Donald Chase to present. **Discussion and vote.**

*The BOS heard this item earlier in the month, according to planner Donald Chase, and voted to set aside the renewable energy overlay (re-zone of large tracts of land) and pursue further study of streamlining options to make it easier to permit industrial wind and solar in the*

*backcountry. Staff will also study distributed energy options. They were instructed to come back to the BOS in 180 days (August 2021). He asked for our observations on the microgrid project at Cameron Corners.*

*Larry Johnson outlined the microgrid project and his concerns about the use of flow batteries – a newer technology that circulates a vanadium solution. Vanadium is toxic in air, soil and water so a spill could be catastrophic. He has been unable to discover who will be in charge of regulating and monitoring to ensure that spills don't make their way into the community's groundwater and air.*

*Billie Jo Jannen said the microgrid does not provide the community benefit that the state claims to be seeking, as it only powers a portion of the Cameron Corners area, while excluding most of our community services (such as deputies, grocery store, county maintenance, community center, post office) that the state intends to support in a power outage. SDGE has the benefit of cheaper generation all year around, while the community takes the hit for all the impacts to air, water, scenery and more, for minimal benefit.*

*Donald Chase said the BOS is now focusing more on appropriate distributed energy regulation, regional battery storage and permit streamlining. Future planning group comments that focus on these factors would be useful.*

*The planning group will consider formal comments after we receive draft language on the ordinance.*

**c. Standing subcommittee reports (no action):** Groundwater, Rob Romero; Sewer and Septic, vacant; Community Economic Impacts, Steve Biddle; Public Safety, Bob Shea.

**d. Chairman's report, Billie Jo Jannen (no action).** I am working to get information on the second and third SDG&E sites where they are doing earthmoving/site preparation. County planners purport to know nothing, but say they will ask around. My SDG&E contact ALSO claims to know nothing, but says he will try to find out. These sites are in addition to the microgrid at Cameron Corners.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:** Members of the public who wish to read the correspondence listed may request it by email at [campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com](mailto:campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com).

**a. SDC Traffic Advisory committee agenda for March 12, 2021.** Nothing in our area. **Forwarded to group.**

**b. Notification of seminars on Housing, Safety and Environmental Justice general plan updates.** **Forwarded to group.**

**c. Agenda for March 13 quarterly chairman's meeting with county staff.** **Forwarded to group.**

**d. Notice of document release on Safety and Environmental Justice elements. CEQA review documents here:**  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa\\_public\\_review.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa_public_review.html). **Forwarded to group.**

**e. Notice of public hearing, map modification TPM 20407 Parcel Map 18520.** This is a change of entry point for the SDG&E microgrid project near Cameron Corners. **Forwarded to group.**

**f. Letter from Deborah Mosley, SDC Department of Parks and Recreation answering our questions about Star Ranch. Forwarded to group.**

**g. DPW Annual Resurfacing Program - Prioritization Request 2021.** This is part of an ongoing process to repair local roads using state grants. **Forwarded to group.**

**h. Notice of Planning Commission Hearing April 16, 2021 - Housing and Safety Elements update and new Environmental Justice Element.** We are invited to speak. **Forwarded to group.**

**9. EXPENSES: Report any valid expenses for group approval. Discussion and vote.**

## **10. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

**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.

**Next regular meeting, April 26, 2021 at 7 p.m.** If you wish to appear on the agenda, please contact CLMPG Chairman Billie Jo Jannen, 28736 Highway 94, Unit 1, Campo, CA 91906, [campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com](mailto:campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com) or call 619-415-6298. Final agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to meeting.

*Motion to adjourn by Rob Romero, second by Steve Biddle. Motion passes 4,0,0.  
Adjournment at 9:42 p.m.*