

County of San Diego
Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group
Campo Cafe meeting room, 1247 Sheridan Road, Campo, CA 91906
7 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2022
Approved Minutes

This meeting was held remotely, per Item 7-a below.

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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL: 1-Wellman Sriamorn - P 4- vacant 6- Steve Biddle - P
 2- Keith Crowl – P (arrived after roll call) 7- Bob Shea - P
 3- Billie Jo Jannen - P 5- Rob Romero - P

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 25, 2022

Motion to approve as written by Rob Romero, seconded by Wellman Sriamorn.
Approved 5,0,0

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS *Chairman shared the letter of opposition from Joel Anderson on Jacumba placement of SVP William Stafford. She said the letter made important points and suggested the community go and sign his petition asking that this practice be stopped.*

6. 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 talked about the county's ballot measure for a marijuana tax. Says the language is deceitful and cedes control of the marijuana industry TO the marijuana industry.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Motion and vote to hold this meeting remotely, per state and county guidelines.
We may also make a motion for next month if the group desires. **Discussion and vote.**

Motion by Bob, second by Wellman to approve this meeting, and the next one (Oct. 24), to be held remotely. Approved 5,0,0

b. Program Coordinator Eric Wolff of Solid Waste Planning and Recycling will discuss and answer questions about the problems (ie; illegal dumping and unaffordable trash service) that have worsened with the county's new recycling ordinance. He plans to try to include spokesmen from the major local trash haulers. Discussion only.

Keith Crowl arrived during this discussion.

Mr. Wolff pasted the latest price list for dumpster service in the backcountry. Billie Jo Jannen showed her research on various dumpster companies and the conflicting stories and confusion of dumpster providers over the recycling law.

EDCO spokeswoman Margo Cobian said the refusal to switch people to smaller dumpsters is due to a shortage of 1-yard dumpsters. Says people can get on a waiting list for 1-yard dumpsters (the smallest one). She said the state will not allow every-other-week-service (proposed to save money for customers) due public health restrictions.

Chairman asked Wolff if the state law can be made better at the county ordinance level to improve fairness and affordability of rural trash service. He said the BOS has the ability to do that.

Campo Fire Safe Council President Al Denelat spoke at some length on efforts and challenges to clean up trash in the community. Billie Jo Jannen showed local illegal dumping photos while he spoke. Among the most egregious is an accumulation of clandestine dumping that has been growing for years on Hauser Creek Road near Lake Morena Village. Wind and rain carry pollutants from these often-toxic dumped materials into the community groundwater and air. The county's only solution for such properties is to force the property owner (already a victim of the dumping) to pay thousands to clean up the mess, only to have the dumpers, who are neither cited nor prosecuted, even when neighbors identify the dumpers. Deputies say they can do nothing.

The Fire Safe Council holds monthly clean-up days in conjunction with the county, including special days for toxic chemicals and electronics. Al said the council is seeking a permanent site to hold these events.

Deborah __, of Backcountry Trading Post, reported trying to work with deputies on a load of trash dumped in front of her store at Cameron Corners and other areas. She has directly witnessed multiple instances of dumping in the Live Oak Springs neighborhood. People who pay for dumpster service are also victimized, as dumpers will leave more trash than the dumpster can hold and the owner must also clean THAT up.

Wolff said people can take pictures and call code enforcement on the owner or call deputies when dumpers are spotted. Al and Deborah both said deputies could never get there in time to do anything, as most illegal dumping takes place at night.

Keith Crawl said the drastic increase in the price of trash service, due to the new recycling law, is propelling much of the increase in illegal dumping which he has also witnessed directly. He specifically asked Mr. Wolff what could be done to lower costs and get trash cleaned up.

Mr. Wolff offered the following:

- Team up with a neighbor to share costs*
- His department will try to help Fire Safe council to get a bin site*
- Get a self-haul permit for recycling*

Billie Jo Jannen asked Ms. Cobian how misinformation can be eliminated from trash companies' customer interactions.

She responded that EDCO is willing to work with local interests to see if a permanent site can be found for community bins.

Steve Biddle said Republic has notified customers that it will add recycling barrels soon and prices will go up.

c. Proposed letter to BOS and DPW proposing and/or requesting updates to policy and the solid waste ordinance to address problems created by the first version of the recycling ordinance. Among these should be consumer protections from price-gouging and a program to protect local properties from illegal dumpers. **Discussion and vote.**

This item was moved to last on the agenda in order to accommodate speakers for the Dollar General beer and wine license.

The county and EDCO have not offered usable solutions and we need to request policy and policing changes from the county. Enforcement has been lacking and is aimed at the victims. This is mainly due to the relative jurisdictions and emphasis of the sheriff's department and county code enforcement.

Keith Crawl suggested the letter emphasize that bin sites are the only viable long term solution to affordable waste disposal. The old bin site in Campo is already capable of operating as it used to.

Motion by Keith Crawl to approve the proposed letter with additional emphasis on exploring bin sites, seconded by Rob Romero. Approved 6,0,0.

d. Shall the group vote to forward names of current members in expired seats for re-appointment by board of supervisors? This is the back-up process if there are no candidates

for expiring seats. This year, the expiring seats are Seat 2 (Keith Crawl) and Seat 6 (Steve Biddle). Seat 4 remains vacant until a volunteer from the community applies to fill it.

Discussion and vote.

Keith Crawl and Steve Biddle both consented to stay on the group. Motion by Wellman Sriamorn, seconded by Rob Romero, to forward the request to retain both members for another 4-year term. Motion approved 6,0,0.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Review of beer and wine license application for Dollar General, PDS2022-ABC-22-003, at 31576 SR 94 in Campo. This was placed on our agenda earlier in the year, but the contact person listed said they had no one to send to the meeting to present. Sans a presenter, the group discussed the request based on the documents in hand, with two members of the public present and speaking against it. The members present were evenly divided between yes and no, so no recommendation was sent. The proponents requested a re-hearing based on new information (a recommendation letter from the Office of the Sheriff), but said they were unable to attend the July 25 meeting. They also didn't show up for the Aug. 22 meeting. **This will be the fourth and last time we place this item on our agenda. Discussion and vote.**

This item was heard second, after the agenda was re-ordered to accommodate presenters.

Steve Rawlings of Dollar General said they've followed all the required postings and no one protested.

Billie Jo Jannen shared the citizen protest letter and impact map that the planning group and county staff received. Mr. Rawlings said the county had not shared that letter with him.

Larry Johnson, who created the impact map, pointed out that the community already has 8 licenses, while the census tract should have 3, according to ABC rules. He noted, as well, that two stores that sell alcohol are within 1000 feet of the new Dollar General and that a substance abuse recovery facility is also within that circle. Alcohol Anonymous meets there at least weekly. Even the Sheriff's Dept. letter on the project says the hours of operation might be a problem. The application fails to take note of any of this.

Deborah ___ said this would only increase the chances of accidents on the roads and seems completely unnecessary. Dollar General does have great prices, but she said she has talked with three other storekeepers in the area and they are being negatively affected by Dollar General already.

Billie Jo Jannen asked if alcohol would be used as a loss leader to compete with other stores in the area. Mr. Rawlings didn't think so, but was not sure.

Keith Crawl commented that we already have abundant alcohol for sale in the community and the store would better serve the community with more fruits and vegetables.

Steve Biddle and Rob Romero spoke in favor of the license.

Motion by Wellman Sriamorn, seconded by Rob Romero, to approve the license. Motion approved, 5,1,0, with Keith Crowl opposed.

b. Proposed letter to supervisors about public safety/traffic problems on Buckman Springs Road. Bob Shea to provide a draft. **Discussion and vote.**

Bob Shea noted that Cameron Corners village center is approached from three directions – two on SR-94 and one where Buckman Springs Road tees into SR-94. All of these approaches lack traffic calming measures to ensure safe navigation in and around the growing number of businesses and community services in the village center. We also should have a pedestrian crosswalk parallel to SR-94 on the southern terminus of BSR to promote safe pedestrian access to businesses/services. SR-94 is in state jurisdiction and BSR belongs to the county.

Keith Crowl said we should also include the full distance from Forrest Gate to Cameron Corners.

Steve Biddle asked if requests for heightened law enforcement could be included in the letter.

Motion by Rob Romero to send a letter to appropriate departments in the state and county, seconded by Wellman Sriamorn. Approved 6,0,0.

c. Standing subcommittee reports (no action): Groundwater, Sewer and Septic, Wellman Sriamorn; Community Economic Impacts, Steve Biddle; Public Safety, Bob Shea, Cannabis, Rob Romero; Solar Projects, Rob Romero.

Rob Romero reported that several hundred cannabis greenhouses are proposed in a central california county. Community is fighting it on concerns about groundwater, but claim they will get permits due to corruption in government.

Steve Biddle said inflation is a heavy local impact, worsened by distance from town, and predicts that inflation will soon be worse.

d. Chairman's report (no action), Billie Jo Jannen: The next chairman meeting is being held remotely on Sept. 17. Are any members interested in attending? After a deep dive on the BOS intent and vote on the boards and commissions ethics update, I have found that the ONLY policy recommended for revision was the A-74. The introduction to the agenda item mentions planning groups (which are governed by the I-1 policy) as among the BOS appointed county bodies, but the motion made covered only the A-74. I remain baffled as to why PDS staff thinks this is also a I-1 revision, and it very well may be, if not now, then later. I'll try to keep my finger on the pulse. Link to relevant BOS statement of proceedings:
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/bos/agenda/sop/05242022%20SOP.pdf>

9. CORRESPONDENCE: Members of the public who wish to read the correspondence listed may request it by email at *campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com*.

a. Draft of the Cameron Corners water consolidation feasibility study. Forwarded to group.

b. Email correspondence between CLMPG Chairman and District 2 office regarding I-1 revisions arising from the ethics statement that may be added to the policy. Forwarded to group.

c. Sept. 9 agenda for Traffic Advisory Committee. Nothing in our area. Forwarded to group.

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

None tendered.

11. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

Deborah __ raised the issue of forming a formal neighborhood watch to help quell locally-rising petty crime in and around Lake Morena Village. Billie Jo Jannen told her the planning group often issues letters of support or time on the agenda to present to the community. She gave Deborah the local sheriff's substation number to find a neighborhood watch coordinator.

12. 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, October 24, 2022. If you wish to appear on the agenda, please contact CLMPG Chairman Billie Jo Jannen, at *campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com* or call 619-415-6298. Final agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Wellman Sriamorn, seconded by Rob Romero. Motion approved 6,0,0 at 9:52 p.m.