# County of San Diego

## Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group 976 Sheridan Road, Campo, CA 91906

7 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2023 **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.

- **1. CALL TO ORDER** Called to order by the chairman at 7:01.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**3. ROLL CALL:** 1-Wellman Sriamorn-P 4- vacant 7- Bob Shea-P

2- Keith Crowl-A U 5- Rob Romero-P 3- Billie Jo Jannen-P 6- Steve Biddle-P

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 23, 2023

On motion by Steve Biddle, seconded by Bob Shea, the minutes were approved as written 5,0,0

- **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS** Appointment of new member Cory Gautereaux is up for approval February 8. He is invited to sit with the group and interact as a member, but cannot vote until appointment and completion of all required documents.
- **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.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Get all your questions answered about the opt-out notice you received this month from San Diego Community Power. SDCP is a public not-for-profit community choice aggregator that serves electricity customers in the cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, La Mesa, Encinitas and Imperial Beach. This is the company that bought 100 percent of the generation for the giant solar farm in Jacumba. SDCP spokesman Jen Lebron will discuss how community choice aggregation works, the enrollment process, their rates, and support for net

energy metered customers. Questions from the public are encouraged. **Discussion only.** More information here: *https://sdcommunitypower.org/about/energy-sources/* 

Jen Lebron said the company buys renewable energy and sells it to customers at competitive rates. She said its primary mission is to create competition in electricity sales and so keep prices down. Billing will still come from SDG&E, but one line will say "CCA adjustment." Service reliability and peak hour billing will still be the purview of SDG&E, along with the non-generation fees, such as distribution. She said their net energy metering reimbursement for solar customers is higher. Rates are set by the board of directors. All directors on the SDCP board are urban city and county officials. In addition to opting out altogether, residents may also "opt up" to a higher-priced program that is guaranteed to be all renewable energy. She said SDCP is always looking for local solar generation to buy, and prefers that it come from distributed/infill generation. The company's rates are currently set at 3% under SDG&E rates.

Ms. Lebron responded to questions as follows. The company does not currently build industrial renewables. She did not remember the exact prices for net energy metering customers, but said she would send that information to the chairman after the meeting. She said solar and small-wind NEM customers would get the same energy credits they get now. Meetings are both live and Zoom connected for public participation. Agendas are posted on the SDCP website. SDCP views its power as "clean," despite the associated problems of waste and end-of-life impacts on landfills; she said SDCP is counting on new recycling technologies (yet to be realized) being developed over time. She said she did not know how SDCP would handle analog meters, but would email that information after the meeting. Solar customers would not be "opted in" to SDCP until their true-up dates, unlike the non-NEM customers.

Cherry Diefenbach (chairman, Jacumba CPG) said she had already opted out because the company has knowingly supported the destruction of her whole town by making the project commercially viable. She said the rural communities are unrepresented by the all-urban SDCP board of directors.

Chairman Jannen said the company would be more likely to get public participation if it had a mailing list people could sign up for to receive the SDCP board of directors agenda.

**b. Organizational for 2023:** Please propose any revisions you would like to make to the group's adopted standing rules. **Discussion and vote.** 

Motion by Wellman Sriamorn, seconded by Steve Biddle, to change our official meeting time from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Vote was split 3,2,0. Due to uncertainty over voting rules for standing rules, the motion was tabled until the chairman has a chance to look it up in Policy I-1.

**c. Organizational for 2023:** Nominations and votes to fill the positions of chairman, vice chairman, secretary and parliamentarian. **Discussion and vote.** 

On motion by Rob Romero, seconded by Wellman Sriamorn, Billie Jo Jannen was elected chairman, 5,0,0

On motion by Rob Romero, seconded by Steve Biddle, Steve Biddle was elected vice chairman, 5.0.0

On motion by Steve Biddle, seconded by Wellman Sriamorn, Cory Gautereaux Was elected group secretary, 5,0,0

On motion by Rob Romero, seconded by Steve Biddle, Rob Romero was elected Parliamentarian, 5,0,0

#### **8. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. 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.

Steve Biddle, economic impacts subcommittee, announced the opening of Campo's first Veteran's Service Center, located in the strip mall next to the real estate office. Operated by Herbert and Jodi Herbert, the storefront operation connects veterans with a variety of resources to solve/facilitate access to disability, healthcare, discharge upgrades and transportation. The Herberts reported that they are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and have 24-hour emergency access via telephone at 619-975-9024.

Rob Romero, cannabis subcommittee, reported that the CBD/industrial hemp farm in Potrero is closing its doors and selling the property for \$22 million. The company has improved the property to turnkey quality for growing hemp. He said that other hemp farms are experiencing similar economic challenges.

**b.** Chairman's report (no action), Billie Jo Jannen: Around 10 chairmen had an inperson meeting with Joel Anderson at his district office in El Cajon on Feb. 9, and we found him startlingly enthusiastic about supporting a seat on the SANDAG board. His staff is preparing an op-ed in support, which Supe Anderson and several of us (me included) are cosigning. I don't know yet if it has been sent out.

Problems with the January 30 Decarbonization Framework meeting were legion and seriously impaired the public's opportunity to understand and comment on the framework. It failed to follow ANY accepted protocols for public meetings on county projects and IMO will not pass muster with state open meeting laws. Descanso, Campo and Jacumba all wrote blistering critiques the next day, and cced just about everyone on them. We don't know if any changes were made to the process.

Chairman Jannen expanded on the decarbonization framework discussion, adding that much of the project focuses on police powers at all levels of government to force the changes it advocates.

Chairmen meeting on the SANDAG seat project are focusing on a mission statement and a real name. Most members seem inclined to keep the focus narrow.

The county has started three new affordable housing projects. Chairman Jannen sent planners the advisory letter the group wrote in 2018 for a prior affordable housing project.

- **9. CORRESPONDENCE:** Members of the public who wish to read the correspondence listed may request it by email at *campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com*. You may also request electronic versions of letters sent by the planning group.
- **a.** Form 700 filing reminder. Form 700 is a required annual filing for all elected officials. **Forwarded to group.**
- b. Agenda and login information for the February 16 Cameron Corners Stakeholder meeting. Forwarded to group.
- c. Notification from county that all meetings after February 28 are to be in person. The public emergency declaration expires on March 1. Forwarded to group.
- d. Link to Inclusionary Housing Study and ordinance development info. This ordinance is aimed at high density communities down in town and staff claims it will have no impact on Campo. Forwarded to group.
- e. Links to online and in-person annual required planning/sponsor group training. RSVP is requested for in-person sessions. Forwarded to group.

Online Training:

 $\frac{https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/Groups/Chair\_Resources/CPSGAnnualTraining2023.pdf$ 

Training Completion Form:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/Groups/Chair\_Resources/CompletionForm.pdf

- f. Letter from Chairman Cherry Diefenbach/Jacumba CSG to the county detailing deficiencies in the decarbonization framework. Forwarded to group.
- **g.** Updated list of 2023-24 Capital Improvement Needs Assessment projects. The Lake Morena Dock Rehabilitation and Boat Launch Ramp Extension (\$300,000) and Lake Morena Playground (\$150,000) have been removed from CINA and funded under the Major Maintenance Improvement Plan. **Forwarded to group.**
- h. Notice from SDC Clerk of the Board reminding all members to take the state-required ethics training for local officials. The completion forms are to be emailed directly to the COB at bcc@sdcounty.ca.gov. Alternatively, give them to Chairman Jannen to be scanned and forwarded to the COB. Forwarded to group.
- i. Letters from Campo and Jacumba chairmen to the decarbonization framework team on the failures of the January 30 public meeting. Problems with this meeting were legion and seriously impaired the public's opportunity to understand and comment on the framework. Forwarded to group.

- j. Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills and Harbison Canyon CPG letter on decarbonization. Forwarded to group.
- k. Notice from the county that decarbonization framework comment period has been extended to March 31. The BOS hearing of the project has been postponed to April 5. Forwarded to group. See documents and comment here:

https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/rdf

- 10. EXPENSES: Report any valid expenses for group approval. Discussion and vote.
- 11. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS
- **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, Monday, March 27, 2023.** 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 Steve Biddle. Motion passed 5,0,0 at 8:49 p.m.