

**County of San Diego**  
Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group  
Campo Community Center  
7 p.m., Monday, August 28, 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](mailto:campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com).

1. CALL TO ORDER at 7 p.m. by Chairman Billie Jo Jannen

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

1-Wellman Sriamorn (A)

4- Cory Gautereaux (P)

7- Bob Shea (A)

2- Vacant

5- Rob Romero (P)

3- Billie Jo Jannen (P)

6- Steve Biddle (P)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 26, 2023 Rob makes the motion to approve minutes, Steve Biddle seconds the motion. Motion passes, 4,0,0.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS Richard Blaisdell is not yet formally appointed to Seat 2, due to slow action by the Clerk of the Board in getting his appointment on the BOS agenda. He will sit with the group and participate in group discussions, but will not vote until he is formally appointed by the BOS.

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. Rett Lawrence comments that water should be of utmost priority for us. He explains that in the 1940's and 1950's the farmers had an area near Tierra Del Sol where they buried their animals and says the water is now unusable. He also mentions that SDGE should be able to put their lines under the road and not on people's property via eminent domain.

Nick Ewing-Pistelak: Here to discuss staging yard off of Kitchen Creek and does not like the blue strobe flashing 24/7. He also mentions using local vendors and not national accounts. He recommends sourcing subcontractors locally.

Rupert Pedrin: Explains about his battle regarding the lithium battery storage in Boulevard by SDGE. He also provided the planning group information regarding how much money was set aside for each area.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Declaration of vacancy in Seat 7. The Seat 7 member has missed three consecutive meetings and says he is unlikely to be able to attend in future for health reasons. Shall the planning group declare a vacancy in Seat 7, per Policy I-1 and our standing rules, and advertise for new applicants? Discussion and vote.

Billie Jo Jannen and Steve Biddle discuss what an impact Bob Shea had on the community and planning group, but must, per the I-1 policy, remove him from the group due to missed meetings. Steve Biddle makes the motion to vacate Seat 7 and advertise the open seat and Rob Romero seconds the motion. Motion passes 4,0,0

b. Dallin Young of San Diego Gas & Electric. We will hear an update on the most recent unplanned outage (July 16), and clarification on the capabilities, limitations and deployment policies of the company's microgrid management. Mr. Young will return in September to share specifics on interoperability issues with the new flow batteries. Discussion only.

Discussing the unplanned outage on July 17. The cause of the outage was thought to be related to electric system hardening operations.

In explaining why the Cameron Corners microgrid was not engaged during that outage, Dallin Young said the microgrid couldn't be engaged quickly enough to support businesses connected in an unanticipated emergency. It will only be used for planned outages and public safety power shut-offs, going forward. Mr. Young also gave an overview of the microgrid projects it has in unincorporated San Diego County, including Campo, Boulevard, Butterfield Ranch, Shelter Valley, Ramona and Borrego Springs, which includes hydrogen fuel cell storage.

Rupert Pedrin: Discusses how the lithium ion battery plant in Boulevard is dangerous and toxic to his community.

Nick Ewing-Pistelak: Where do you get the water for the hydrogen batteries in Borrego Springs?

SDGE: The water will come from a well.

Steve Biddle: Thought that the underground and above ground circuits were separate so if one goes down in an emergency than the other one would still work.

Cory Gautereaux: Asks a question regarding unmarked vehicles entering private property without contacting the owners first.

Dallin Young: SDGE is a large company and that is a separate part of the company but I will bring it back to the company

Larry Johnson: Discusses how the switches are used and if they are used correctly, the power should never go out. When it was first presented to us, the lucky few would be able to have power if the above ground power went out.

Dallin Young: He will look into how the switches work and believes that a human must hit the switches rather than them being automatic.

Billie Jo Jannen: Expresses how SDGE invited community acceptance of the microgrid by continually claiming it would be an asset in an emergency, but it is not working in the way that was presented to the public. In fact, it is now just the opposite and this seems like a bait-and-switch.

Nick Ewing-Pistelak: Thank you for the advance notice on the power outages. Who will own and operate the SDGE microgrid?

Dallin Young: We own and operate it

Ben Good: Thank you for clarifying that we are “not essential customers”

Dallin Young: These are terms used by the PUC

Larry: When they first came out to talk about the microgrid some local people recommended flow batteries. Are they functioning?

Dallin Young: Two are here and one is on Mt Miguel but we are still trying to scale. Cameron corners uses the iron-salt flow batteries.

Rupert: What is the ultimate goal of the projects in the backcountry.

SDGE: To mitigate as much fire damage as possible

Billie Jo: Is one of the hallmarks of the microgrid concept that it will stay in town?

SDGE: It is connected to the transmission lines and it goes both ways.

Cory Gautereaux: Water contamination is a very important topic for the backcountry. As is electricity. I don't want to speak for the room but it seems as if SDGE has pulled the wool over the eyes of people in the backcountry. They moved out here to get away from the city life and not deal with hidden agendas. What can you do next month to be more transparent?

SDGE: I will be prepared with more information at our next meeting.

#### 8. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Consider an advice letter based on last month's presentation of the new court-ordered revision of the Climate Action Plan. The project includes an updated greenhouse gas emissions inventory and proposed CAP measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from County operations and activities within the unincorporated area.

Discussion and vote. Project info:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sustainability/climateactionplan/>

Steve Biddle makes a motion to accept the letter with the addition of expanded comments regarding geothermal heating and cooling. Rob Romero seconds the motion. The motion passes, 4,0,0.

b. PDS2023-MUP-23-008, Crescentwood Cemetery. The county has issued its scoping letter on the cemetery application. Discussion only.

Billie Jo: The county scoping document is produced as part of the CEQA process, and details what county staff has identified as the environmental work that must be done. The required studies will likely take over a year, after which the public has an opportunity to comment on the adequacy of the CEQA studies.

Richard Blaisdell: Explains what it took to beat the dump and it took money and attorneys to fight the dump. Donna Tisdale actually started a non-profit to fight the backcountry dump. One of the ways Donna got money is by sticking her neck out to save the backcountry.

Billie Jo: The required water testing is much improved over what we originally saw them considering. However, testing the water now will not show what happens down the line when the water is contaminated. She believes that more should be done to identify and extrapolate what the effects of graveyard effluent will be on local groundwater potability.

Ben Good: A lot of questions were asked about the project during the initial meeting, has anyone responded to our questions?

The Board: No

Ben Good: When you read the scope, it reads that the project, "must be in harmony with the neighbors." What does that mean?

Billie Jo: The specific community plan in the planning areas actually addresses the issue

Cory Gautereaux: You can find the community plan online and it is very in-depth. The planning group before my time did a great job putting together the community plan. It is an interesting read.

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

Rob Romero, Renewable Projects, discusses the push to install industrial batteries in the backcountry. Also talks about the net-metering 3 solar credit which makes it almost impossible for property owners to make money off of their solar installations.

Steve Biddle: Economic Impacts, Local stores had to close due to power outage last month. They were shut down for 4 hours. They were also disrupted in the morning from loss of power.

ALSO, he was disturbed because, while traveling on Buckman Springs Road, the traffic was spontaneously stopped. Apparently, EDCO does not have a place to pull over in many areas and were stopped in the middle of the road to pick up a customer's trash. Would signage help improve safety when this happens?

d. Chairman's report (no action), Billie Jo Jannen: The Association of Planning Groups will meet this Wednesday to finalize its governing documents. The group will be a public body and will comply with Brown Act, but will not be subject to policy I-1. The primary purpose of this body is to choose an advisory member to sit on SANDAG and represent the interests of 515,000 residents of the unincorporated region of San Diego County.

Billie Jo: This allows the CPGs to choose a planning group member to serve on the SANDAG board as an advisory member. Bylaws should be approved this Wednesday night and our group's membership question should be on our next agenda.

9. 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). You may also request electronic versions of letters sent by the planning group.

a. Scoping letter for cemetery application PDS2023-MUP-23-008. This project is on this month's agenda for discussion. Forwarded to group.

b. PLDO letter requesting our priority parks funding list for 2023-24. This item will be on the Sept. 25 agenda for presentation by SCD Parks and Recreation. Forwarded to group. PLDO presentation will be next month

c. Ninth Circuit opinion rejecting FAA approval of the proposed Terra-Gen wind turbine project on the Campo Reservation. The lawsuit was filed by Backcountry Against Dumps and Terra Gen is expected to try again. Forwarded to group.

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.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Next regular meeting is Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7 p.m. If you wish to appear on the agenda, or to apply for a vacant seat, please contact CLMPG Chairman Billie Jo Jannen, at [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. Steve makes the motion to adjourn and Rob seconds the motion. Motion passes 4,0,0. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.