

County of San Diego
Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group
Mountain Empire Community Center
976 Sheridan Road, Campo, CA 91906
7 p.m., Monday, September 25, 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: 7:07 p.m. by Vice Chairman Steve Biddle

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

1-Wellman Sriamorn- A	4- Cory Gautereaux- P	7- vacant
2- Richard Blaisdell- P	5- Rob Romero- P	
3- Billie Jo Jannen- P	6- Steve Biddle- P	

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 28, 2023: *Rob makes a motion to accept minutes as written and Richard seconds the motion. Motion passes 5-0-0.*

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS Richard Blaisdell is now formally appointed by the BOS to Seat 2. Welcome aboard, Richard! No votes were taken at the July 24 meeting, as the group failed to achieve a quorum. All business items were moved forward to this agenda except item 7b, which was deferred at the request of Camp Lockett Equestrian and Event Facility. The SDG&E presentation on the preliminary agenda has been canceled, at the request of the speaker; he will try to make.

Nick Ewing-Pistelac- SDGE was a good neighbor and did de-activate the blue light that was asked to be removed. He is also the coordinator for the Campo Pumpkin Patch Railroad and asked for volunteers. People can reach him via the railroad museum.

Larry Johnson: The BOS has approved the request by Mountaine Empire Historical Society for 4 backcountry bridges to be named for local historical figures, including the Hook bridge on Buckman Springs Road. In early December, there will be a formal presentation, but the signs will be up much sooner.

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. *Steve Biddle: Welcomes Richard Blaisdell to the group*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Parks Department presentation on PLDO funding and PLDO Priority list. Senior Park Project Manager Annette Saul will brief the community on how the collected parks fees are managed and how local organizations can apply for matching funds. Discussion and vote.

Planners Annette Saul and Marco Mares spoke about the Park Land Dedication Ordinance. A handout was given to community members and the planning group members explaining what the PLDO-fund eligible recreational uses consist of.

- *Billie Jo Jannen: Can you tell us a little more about the process for the applicant?*
- *Larry: Aren't the funds shared between other planning groups? The \$350,000?*
- *Annette: It is all of Mountain Empire*
- *Ray Fleury: Would bleachers be part of this program?*
- *Annette: Yes that would be part of the program*
- *Marco (park operations): Star Ranch surveys are being delayed because co-purchaser U.S. Navy has not yet approved what it will pay for. County is in negotiations with the Navy to determine how to receive the money, which is supposed to be for management/maintenance.*
- *Cory: Can you give us an example of something on the list that is under \$53,333.33 that we can build which would include all of the environmental costs?*
- *Annette (Parks and Rec): That's the challenge*
- *Larry: Some of the examples are the ballfields and playgrounds*
- *Michelle: Where does the money come from?*
- *The money comes from development fees*
- *Clint: So this money is not earning any interest?*
- *Annette (Parks and Rec): I'm not sure*
- *Clint: That is poor management*
- *Michelle: How does Pine Valley have such a large park compared to ours?*
- *Annette: They have funding through the County*
- *Billie Jo Jannen: Are you expecting any fish kill from the algae incident at Lake Morena?*
- *Marco (park operations): We do not foresee that happening*
- *Larry: The historical society has been engaged with Marco on the Star Ranch property and there is an original road that went from our area to Yuma.*
- *Billie Jo Jannen: The surveys at surveys have not been started correct?*
- *Marco (park operations): No, the studies have not started because they are waiting on naval funding. He predicts that the studies will begin in approximately one year.*
- *Nick: Why would the government spend millions of dollars on a hiking trail?*
- *Steve Biddle: When the County bought the land to turn it into a preserve for the management part of it. The County didn't have the money so the Navy stepped in to help the County in order to keep the Ranch from being developed because the Naval training center is nearby.*
- *Nick: Are the projects exempt from fees?*
- *Annette: Fees have to cover all costs*

Ray: CLEEF would like to look into funding for ADA compliant bleachers for Camp Lockett

Cory makes motion to allow CLEEF to put a plan together for next agenda, Richard seconds the motion. 5-0-0

- *Steve Biddle: Will the County give funds to a non-profit?*
- *Annette: It could be done under the joint powers use agreement*
- *Rob: The County should have to pay and do the legal stuff, if the property is not being maintained to what the County required it should be handed back to the require*
- *Steve: Chaffee Park should be maintained, and San Ysidro should be part of it.*

Cory Gautereaux makes the motion to place CLEEF's bleacher plan on the parks projects priority list. Richard Blaisdell seconds the motion. Motion passes 5-0-0. CLEEF will bring its project description to us at a later date for a support vote.

b. Declaration of vacancy in Seat 1. The Seat 1 member has missed three consecutive meetings. Shall the planning group declare a vacancy in Seat 1, per Policy I-1 and our standing rules, and advertise for new applicants? Discussion and vote.

Billie Jo makes the motion to vacate the seat and Cory Gautereaux seconds the motion. Motion passes 5-0-0.

c. Proposed new language for standing rules to govern media interactions and create and maintain a formal online presence. Chairman Jannen has provided proposed language, loosely based on Fallbrook's adopted policy. Discussion and vote.

Rob Romero makes a motion to accept the proposed policy as written, and Cory Gautereaux seconds the motion. Motion passes 5-0-0

d. Shall the group become a full member of the San Diego County Association of Planning Groups? The group of chairmen who petitioned SANDAG and the County of San Diego for an advisory seat on SANDAG is poised to become a formalized body under the county. 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. It is not governed by the I-1, but all members (one rep from each group) will be drawn from I-1-compliant elected planning groups. The new body will choose one of its number and an alternate to attend SANDAG meetings and promote the perspectives of rural residents to voting members of SANDAG. Each planning group is eligible to become a voting member of the APG and to nominate and vote on the SANDAG representatives and other issuers that may come up. Discussion and vote.

Larry Johnson: This topic was about to have a group to have a voice at SANDAG. If we can speak up and have a voice, that is what we need in order to have the backcountry involved in large decisions.

Cory Gautereaux makes motion to join the San Diego County Association of Planning Groups, Robert Romero seconds the motion. Motion passes 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, Cory Gautereaux; Cannabis, Rob Romero; Renewable Projects, Rob Romero. Discussion only.

Rob Romero, Renewable Projects: There is a government program to help pay for batteries for homes and businesses to try and harden up the electrical system. The new Tesla battery would basically allow three appliances to work during a power outage. You are also able to pull off these batteries during peak power time, thus reducing the load on the grid during peak times. Hopefully, this program will spread more to rural areas in the future. These batteries can also be used to help feed the grid during peak usage times if you are not using the power. It looks like there are a lot of changes coming with battery technology soon. There are a lot of power stations being decommissioned, ie: San Onofre and the cost to decommission them is astronomical. The PUC wants to tear down the Morro Bay power facility and turn it into the largest battery containment area.

Cory Gautereaux, Public Safety: I spoke with the PIO of the Border Patrol regarding the rural marijuana dispensaries and the legalities in the backcountry. He explained that although the County is discussing allowing dispensaries to operate in the County, marijuana is still illegal at the Federal level and will be confiscated at the checkpoints.

Steve Biddle, Economic Impacts: Inflation is up, people aren't buying as much, insurance is going up, it is difficult for the little guys out here to live with this inflation. Steve interviewed a plumber (Jeremy Plumbing). Steve has used him a couple times and recommends him. He allows you to purchase your own parts.

b. Chairman's report (no action), Billie Jo Jannen: I viewed the SANDAG meeting Friday morning, but not the Planning Commission meeting, as it was at the same time. There was a lively discussion of the mileage tax, which has not entirely gone away. Board members mostly seem to recognize that the road user charge would be just the opposite of equitable. The board ultimately voted 15-4 to direct staff to bring a concept for the 2025 Regional Plan that does not include the regional road user charge and directing both staff and board members to not pursue any state legislation that would require SANDAG to do so. Meeting video here: <https://www.youtube.com/SANDAGmeetings> I left an e-comment on the planning commission CAP review and sent our CAP letter in full to the commission clerk to distribute to members. I could not find a video site for the planning commission.

Billie Jo ceded her report time to a representative from Joel Andersons office, who explained some of the different accomplishments that Joel's office has completed and goals for the legislative program.

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. Plans for PDS2023-IC-23-012, addition of a fiber-optic utility building to an existing site. This project will be on a future agenda after the remainder of the project documents are available. Forwarded to group.

b. Sample media policy from Fallbrook chairman Eileen Delaney. Forwarded to group.

c. Agenda for the Sept. 8, 2023 Traffic Advisory Committee meeting. Nothing in our area. Forwarded to group.

d. Update from PDS on the Decorative Community Sign Program. This program is applicant-funded and involves large ground-mounted or street-spanning decorative signs that require planning, permitting, design, installation, and maintenance by communities. Applicants fund and complete all project planning, site plan permitting, implementation, and ongoing maintenance tasks. Program information is found here:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/transportation/Signs_Banners.html. Forwarded to group.

e. Notice from county that the ADU Fee Waiver program is scheduled to end January 9, 2024. Projects that are submitted for onsite wastewater treatment system (septic) layout review and septic installation permits obtained prior to January 9, 2024, will have fees waived. Septic layouts and permits that expire after January 9, 2024, or are submitted/obtained after this date will not meet the requirements of the fee waiver program. Forwarded to group.

f. Socially Equitable Cannabis Program Notice of Preparation and public comment review. The county is seeking public and agency input on the scope and content of the environmental information to be contained in the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) being prepared for the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (Cannabis Program). Comments are due by: October 31, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. Please email your comments to PDS.LongRangePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov. Project website here:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Cannabis.html>. 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 TBA. 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 or call 619-415-6298. Final agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to meeting.

*Rob Romero makes the motion to adjourn, and Richard Blaisdell seconds the motion.
Motion passes 5-0-0.*