

Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group

Mountain Empire Community Center

976 Sheridan Road

Campo, CA 91906

Monday, February 23, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Final Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Biddle called the meeting to order 7:01

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

3. ROLL CALL

Lindsey Bonner - Present

Steve Biddle - Present

Richard Blaisdell - Absent Excused

Rob Romero - Absent Excused

Jason Albright - Present

Vacant - Two Seats

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 2026

Approval of the January 2026 minutes was postponed due to lack of quorum.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Biddle reported that his email account had been hacked, resulting in fraudulent messages being sent to contacts. He stated he would change his email and notify members once updated. Due to the email issue, some recipients did not receive the agenda.

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No formal public discussion was recorded.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. CAL FIRE Presentation - Fire Investigations and Reporting

Representatives from CAL FIRE provided an overview of how wildfire investigations are handled, including jurisdiction between state, federal, and local agencies. They explained that investigations may take significant time when criminal review, cost recovery, or interagency coordination is involved.

CAL FIRE advised that public information and reports may be requested through the Public Records Request process, with records subject to legal review and redaction requirements. In some non-criminal cases, the cause of a fire may also be released publicly through media channels or social media.

The representatives also discussed current fire season expectations, noting that conditions are presently closer to normal due to green vegetation and higher fuel moisture, but that warming weather could elevate fire behavior as the season progresses. They further explained that CAL FIRE designates Fire Hazard Severity Zones, while insurance companies use separate fire-risk models.

Burn permit procedures were briefly discussed. Members were advised that permits are now handled online, although local fire stations may still assist residents as needed.

b. Fire Investigation Letter

The group discussed a drafted letter regarding recent wildfire incidents. Lindsey Bonner read the letter.

c. Short Term Rental Support Letter

The group discussed a drafted letter regarding support for Julian short-term rental regulations. Lindsey Bonner read the letter.

d. Planning Group Web Page / Social Media Page

The group discussed creating an online page, potentially through Facebook, to post agendas, meeting notices, and community announcements. Members noted that any online page would supplement, not replace, required physical posting locations. Discussion also included limiting or disabling comments to avoid public back-and-forth discussion on agenda items. Lindsey Bonner and other members will continue developing ideas for review at a future meeting.

e. Boulevard Solar Project Support Letter

The group discussed the possibility of preparing a support letter related to concerns over solar development projects in Boulevard, particularly large facilities and battery storage in high fire-risk areas. Members expressed interest in hearing from the County regarding its position on such projects before taking further action.

8. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was formally acted upon.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

No additional correspondence was formally reported beyond the draft letters discussed under new business.

10. EXPENSES

No expenses were reported.

11. REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS - UPCOMING MEETINGS

Fire investigation follow-up letter, short term rental support letter, planning group web page / social media page, and Boulevard solar project concerns.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and no quorum for action items, the meeting was adjourned.