

**CREST/DEHESA/GRANITE HILLS/HARBISON CANYON
SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP**

Minutes of the meeting – 9 June 2025 at Old Ironsides County Park 326 Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon CA 92020

A. ROLL CALL. Chair Ron Nehring called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. Roll call was conducted. Planning Group members Rich, Nehring, Griffin, Healy, Manning, Lutz-Partain, Morgan, Geiger were present, forming a quorum of 8. Members Ulm, Becker, Branch were excused. Member Lucas arrived after Public Communication. Seats 8, 13 and 14 are vacant.

B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion made by Member Rich to approve April 14, 2025 minutes. Motion passed (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - An opportunity for members of the public and Planning Group to speak on items within the jurisdiction of the Planning Group and not on the agenda. Time limit 3 minutes. No group discussion, action, or vote.

1. Member Griffin provided statement from Crest resident regarding concerns and the many meetings over the past 15 years regarding Suncrest Truck Trail as an evacuation route and still further no progress.

2. Member Manning asked if this was legal and if members could read statements from our constituents. Chair Nehring replied, yes.

3. Nathan Schwatzman from Supervisor Anderson's office provided updates/handout of accomplishments from his office. Requested input regarding the \$138M county deficit. Presented info regarding wildfire updates and actions. Supervisor Anderson's office supports residents to attend Board of Supervisor meetings and made it available to get earlier access to agendas. Provided information on the 2 grants from Supervisor's office opening on 1 July – Neighborhood Reinvestment and Community Enhancement. Intern recruitment or volunteering applications are available.

4. Member Healy reported on recent court case - Chaparral Institute vs. CalFire. Chaparral Institute prevailed.

5. Member Geiger reported on the Sycamore Canyon 230kV Loop into Suncrest Project. He is trying to get additional information from SDGE, to no avail, but hopes to have enough information to discuss further for the August meeting. Main concern is the fire risk with the installation of this project. Member Manning will provide Member Geiger additional maps to review.

ACTION ITEMS - *Discretionary projects, tasks, motions, proposals requiring a decision or vote*

1. None

GROUP BUSINESS - *Reports, updates, announcements, administrative discussions*

1. Welcome new members Joanne Branch (Seat 5) was excused and Nathan Morgan (Seat 11). Member Morgan, has lived in Harbison Canyon for 10 years and is looking forward to representing his community
2. Matt Stockton from Assemblyperson Carl DeMaio's office spoke about the upcoming fire summit meeting on 20 June @ the Poway Library from 1-2:30. Main topic - evacuation preparedness – he distributed all the QR codes (Genasys, Watch Duty, AlertSD, PulsePoint, etc). Asking for community concerns regarding brush clearing, also discussed helipads – fresh water so helicopters don't have to go back to base to reload (Board of Supervisor is looking at possible sites), CalFire may have some grants and his office will provide letter of recommendation.
Member Griffin mentioned to Assemblyperson has someone to attend the San Diego County Fire Safe Council to show support and get info from other FSC.
Member Geiger also brought up the SDGE Suncrest Project and if/how Assemblyperson got involved and that in the research Member Geiger has done to date, there is no mention of wildfire risk for this project. Appears there has not been any public comment stage. His office is also tracking a bill to help cap insurance but has stalled. Also, a possible tax rebate is being looked at. Member Griffin asked about the assessment to make CalFair whole again and reply was possibly a one-time assessment of \$15-\$20.

3. Crest Fire Safe Council – Member Griffin – Crest is having Firewise expansion info meetings on 6/14 and 6/25 from 3-4 pm, along with fire extinguisher training by San Miguel Fire & Rescue. Presented info from the May San Diego County FSC mtg regarding Team Rubicon (TR). TR is a 5013c comprised of military veteran that provide disaster relief clean-up support. In their downtime they also provide defensible space assistance (DSA) to local communities. Member Griffin spoke with Kelly Beckhelm to see how their team could support DSA for Stoneridge Preserve. Member Griffin has a tentative meeting with TR and DPR on 6/25. Member Griffin reported that Crest FSC received the SAFE grant from San Diego River Conservancy to provide Crest residents another 200 reflective signs, in addition to funding for various administrative costs (will be creating a new CrestFSC.com website to include info regarding Crest Firewise expansion). Member Griffin reported that Crest FSC also received the Sup Joel Anderson Neighborhood Reinvestment grant to provide installation of missing/non-compliant street signs for non-county maintained roads, in addition to funds for additional chairs/tables for the CCA clubhouse. Crest FSC has also received the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation grant and has provided chipping/debris clean up in March, in addition to residential curbside chipping in May/June, and another chipping/debris clean up in October. Chipping is being contracted to East County Transitional Living Center in El Cajon – they have done a great job – 5 stars. Member Griffin is also in discussions with the San Diego River Conservancy regarding a grant to provide a feasibility study to secure a third evacuation route in South Crest. Member Griffin will be contacting local legislators and first responders to endorse this high priority project.
4. Announcements, including upcoming events, and Correspondence Received.
 - East County Regional Plan learning session on 6/11
 - County of San Diego Housing and Community Development Services 26-27 Annual Plan Community Engagement – closest one - 6/17 from 4-5pm Alpine Library
 - SDGE Wildfire Safety Plans – 8/9 @ Joan McQueen Middle School
 - 25-26 Road Maintenance – no action – Member Louis Partain commented nothing in there for Harbison Canyon
 - Insurance Commissioners Insurance and CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps updated
5. Discussion
 - a. Community plan, fire resolutions and related actions update. Chair Nehring reported that he has not heard any updates regarding the out of date Community Plan.
 - b. Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 8, 13 and 14. Chair Nehring provided info regarding the applicant for Seat 8 – Tim Scherer. Discussion regarding how to get applicants for Seat 13/14 (Granite Hills). Member Lucas felt it was because there are no projects in that area. We can discuss at future meeting on possible solutions.
6. Meeting updates.
 - a. Reports on and upcoming BOS, PC and other Hearings/Meetings. Received a report from the County Board of Supervisors
 - b. Chairman's/Vice Chairman's Report – Chair Nehring attended a meeting @ Sup Anderson's office. One topic was incorporating the unincorporated areas – this was primarily due to discriminatory policies that disproportionately impacting the unincorporated areas. Member Griffin attended the Association of Planning Groups for Chair Nehring on 5/31. Main takeaways – assigning POCs for the SANDAG committees. Reported on the May retreat – Robin Maxson presented a letter she read at the retreat regarding the unincorporated areas lack of representation. Also created an ad hoc committee to look at additional meetings and collaborate regarding concerns to bring forward. Next APG meeting planned for 10 January 2026.
 - c. Member reports - None
 - d. Next meeting date **Monday, August 11, 6:30 PM at Olde Ironsides County Park, Harbison Canyon. NO JULY MEETING.**

G. ADJOURNMENT. Member Lutz-Partain moved to adjournment at 7:44 PM. The motion passed unanimously (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

Respectfully submitted, Diana M Griffin (Secretary)