

CREST/DEHESA/GRANITE HILLS/HARBISON CANYON

SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting - 11 August 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 6:32 PM. Roll call was conducted. Planning Group members Rich, Nehring, Griffin, Branch, Becker, Healy, Manning, Lutz-Partain, Morgan, and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 10. Member Geiger arrived after Approval of Minutes. Members Ulm was excused. 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 Lutz-Partain to approve June 9, 2025 minutes. Motion passed (10 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 Branch asked if there was a map showing the SPG map lines.
2. Lynn Hyman (Harbison Canyon) and Candy Owen (Harbison Canyon) spoke regarding the Harbison Canyon Creek that is overgrown and was scheduled to be cleaned in March and has been postponed. They are especially concerned regarding the area by Collier Bridge and if it is raining overflows on to the road and has been several accidents in that area. They also mentioned there are campsites popping up – not sure if they are regulated. In addition to homeless encampments and residents dumping into the creek.
3. Candy Owen also stated that it will cost over \$80,000 to replace her septic in order to sell her house and wanted to know if we knew sewer system would be installed in the future. Member Manning will get with her after the meeting.
4. Bill Woke (Harbison Canyon) also mentioned his concern regarding the overgrowth of the creek. Concerned that the County is not doing their job.
5. Ashkon Jones, Field Representative for Assemblymember *Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins, 79th Assembly District*, had her first bill signed into law – AB 927 - The deadline for annual school inspections will be extended to the 8th week of the school year, recognizing the increased workload on schools following the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, hosted the annual back to school health resources fair on 8/2/25, very good turn-out, distributed backpacks. Assemblymember Sharp-Collins is also looking for constituents to provide input on the priorities for the budget.
6. Member Manning requested to agendize the Harbison Canyon Creek issues and Chair Nehring will bring to the attention of the County to get the right person to attend a future meeting.
7. Member Lucas recommended to send pictures to Chair Nehring of the creek issues/concerns so we can send to the County as documentation.

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

1. None

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

1. Announcements, including upcoming events, and Correspondence Received.
 - a. Permit application was withdrawn.
2. Discussion
 - a. Community plan, fire resolutions and related actions update. Nothing new to report.
 - b. Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 8, 13 and 14. Application by Tim Scherer for Seat 8 (was not present at the meeting). Can not act on it tonight, and now to vote on applicants it need to be under E. Action Items on the agenda. Chair Nehring welcomes Joanne Branch, Seat 5.

- c. Issues of concern to the Dehesa community – Chair Nehring mentioned that it would be good to have a map showing the delineation of the Subregional Planning Group areas.

Member Becker is looking for opportunities to get more interest from Dehesa residents to attend SPG meetings.

There are more land, homes and property converted and being built on the tribal lands along the road between Singing Hills golf course to Sycuan. Sycuan Fire is very responsive to all calls from the community. Chair Nehring inquired about meeting at Sycuan, but we cannot since it is outside the subregion as being on the Reservation. All the construction at Dehesa School is complete. There have been many properties adding ADU's and additions that never come to our planning group for approval. California Senate Bill allows for this, but maybe county staff share for the community the basics of what is allowed now for ourselves and the community.

There has been promises for trails through Dehesa and environmental studies were in process about 5-10 years ago and the county staff have gone dark. Funds from the County, Sycuan and the disbanded Dehesa Community Council from a settlement were being used. Where is the county on this?

The expansion of the Sharp/SD Football soccer event center at Sycuan Golf at Singing Hills Resort has changed the corner of Dehesa Road and Willow Glen intersection. Member Becker would like to strengthen SPG relationship with Sycuan – requesting a presentation from Sharp, County or Tribe of the project for the community? Member Branch asked how did SPG not know about the changes to the road. Chair Nehring responded that SPG is only informed about what the County informs us of. If they are not obligated to inform SPG they do not.

Chair Nehring synopsized Member Becker's concerns – How does the ADU process works, what is the status of the trails plan, and he will communicate with Sycuan to send someone to brief SPG, although it is on tribal land – it has an impact in our AOR.

Member Manning mentioned her concern that the group that was involved in the trails has disbanded and now feels SPG should take up the charge. Chair Nehring mentioned to speak with Mr. Jones after the meeting to take up as an action item.

- d. Meeting locations and dates for remainder of 2025, 2026 – Since October meeting is on 13 October – Federal Holiday – after discussion, SPG decided to meet on 20 October at Dehesa School.

3. Meeting updates.

- a. Reports on and upcoming BOS, PC and other Hearings/Meetings. Nothing to add
- b. Member reports

Member Geiger spoke to the proposed SDGE Sycamore Canyon 230kV Loop-in to Suncrest Project that will bisect our entire region. Work to start in 2027 with a proposed budget of \$300M. Member Geiger has tried to get additional detailed information other than the brochure posted on their website. He has currently been unsuccessful but is still pursuing and add as an agenda item to formally request info from SDGE.

Member Lucas asked if Member Geiger's concern is fire safety and he replied yes, as well as his concern to disincentivize residents on solar, along with their statement regarding imminent domain.

Member Manning said she has a POC to pass to Member Geiger. Member Manning also mentioned the rate structure change whereby residents now have to pay a \$24 fee that is not included in the net metering.

Member Becker wanted to know why SDGE needs to run more lines. Sunrise Powerlink was supposed to be the solution for clean energy/reliability.

Member Griffin reported on Stoneridge Preserve – CalFire is taking the lead on submitted grants to FEMA for fuel mitigation. If successful, work will begin on July 2026. Crest FSC submitted a grant to CalFire for curbside chipping for 2026-2028. Building materials for SMFR Station #18 will be transported on 8/25-26 from 8-12 – might cause traffic delays. Crest Clean-up day will be 4 October from 8-12 at Crest school in addition to curbside chipping in September – funded by Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grant. Member Griffin requested support to contact Dehesa School to assist Inland Rural FSC to perform their chipping event in September. Member Becker will assist in making contact with Dehesa School.

c. Next meeting date **Monday, September 8, 2025, 6:30 PM at Dehesa School.**

G. ADJOURNMENT. Member Lutz-Partain moved to adjournment at 7:27 PM. The motion passed unanimously (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

Respectfully submitted, Diana M Griffin (Secretary)