

CREST/DEHESA/GRANITE HILLS/HARBISON CANYON

SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP (SPG)

Minutes of the meeting – 10 November 2025 at Dehesa School (Cafeteria/Auditorium) 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon CA 92029

A. ROLL CALL. Chair Nehring called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Roll call was conducted. Planning Group members Rich, Ulm, Nehring, Griffin, Healy, Manning, Lutz-Partain, Morgan, Geiger, and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 10. Members Branch and Becker 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 Branch to approve October 20, 2025 minutes. Motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 1 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.

Cameron Perez from Sup Joel Anderson's office presented info on the Holiday Open House on 12/1/25 @ Lakeside Rodeo grounds from 6-8pm. Presented info on the 10/21 Board of Supervisors mtg, discussed comprehensive documentation on the County's critical infrastructure to ensure they have the proper documentation to apply for State and Federal FEMA funding in case of catastrophic disaster; funding for a new Firehawk helicopter to increase the County ability to fight fires, esp at night, this is the second helicopter to be purchased. Currently Sup Anderson office has 2 grants programs that will be reviewed/awarded on a quarterly basis – Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Reinvestment grants. The Intern Program for Sup Anderson office is available for anyone to apply on his website. Member Manning announced that her dirt road has speed bumps where Padre Dam put in new valves/risers.

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

1. Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Priority List Actions. Discussion regarding South Lane Park. Chair Nehring asked for a motion. Mary Manning made a motion include in the PLDO Priority List to perform the current designs for South Lake Park. Motion passed 9/0/1. Additional discussion - DPR responded to Member Manning/Griffin question regarding the funding of the different phases. DPR will come back to SPG on how much PLDO funding.
Member Geiger made a motion to add regular maintenance of Old Ironside Park, Chair Nehring said he didn't think that was within the scope, but will add to the Action List. Motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain)
No motions were made to add Recreation Programming Priority List
2. Nomination of Nominating Committee for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Dave Geiger and Paul Healy will be the nominating committee and present their report on 8 December
3. Harbison Creek Clean-up. Based on public comment from September SPG mtg. Member Manning distributed pictures from Harbison Canyon resident Lynn Hyman to show the overgrowth from what is suppose to be a running waterway. The overgrowth changes the water flow and fire hazard. Member Manning will contact Sup Anderson's office. Chair Nehring offered to draft a letter to DPR and Sup Anderson capsulating the concerns regarding this issue. Member Manning will send Chair Nehring a list of agencies that the letter should be sent to that will include maintenance of the Creek along 110-850 Harbison Canyon Road
4. Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 13 and 14. No action. Vice Chair Lucas addressed why Tim Scherer (Seat 8 appointment) was delayed.

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

1. Briefing by representative of Sycuan on projects and plans. Cody Martinez, Chairman of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation (for last 10 years) presented history of Sycuan lands that was originally established in 1875 by Executive Order along with additional acquired property for the benefit for the tribe. Sycuan was one of the first tribes in the Country to adopt a Natural Resources Management Plan. Chairman Martinez has been instrumental in creating a master development plan for the Tribe, including the expansion of the hotel, along with building the economy and connecting the lands that are developable. Most recently there were 25 housing units just completed on ½ acre lots. Since that was completed, a capital improvement project was adopted with 3 main projects – housing, medical/dental center (next to the gas station and opened to the public) and education/rec center and adopted a utility/infrastructure corridor project along the lake. Medical/Dental/Pharmacy center will have ribbon cutting on 12/19/25. Identified the old golf hotel to be developed as the training (living) center for the San Diego Football Club. Finished enclosing the driving range. No plans to develop the old olive grove.
Smith Ranch – utilities upgraded and put underground. Chairman Martinez’s goal is for the tribe to be self sufficient with all utilities, and import water from Padre. Long term plan to connect all tribe lands and expected to take 2 years. They are also pursuing funding to develop their own microgrid – have already procured 3 natural gas generators. Phase 1 is to cover casino and government buildings. Envisioning a park gathering/multi-use trails along Sloane Canyon. In addition to research a plan at the lake.
Chair Nehring asked what is long term vision/plan for the undeveloped areas and the old hotel. Chairman Martinez felt there could be further refinement of those areas, but no plans.
Member Lucas asked if the museum is accessible to the public – Chairman Martinez replied it is open M-F from 10-4 and also do community events at that location.
2. Announcements, including upcoming events, and Correspondence Received. Chair Nehring distributed the road paving schedule. Only 4 street in Crest were on the list from SPG AOR.
3. Meeting updates.
 - a. Reports on and upcoming BOS, PC and other Hearings/Meetings. Chair Nehring will attend SMFR mtg to for public input for our vision
 - b. Member reports.
Chair Nehring commented regarding a third issue – Fire Insurance - with regards to our Fire-related resolutions. Residents have seen a substantial increase in the premiums or cancellations. Something to possibly address in 2026.
Member Griffin reported that Bonnie Burchill will present information the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grant on 1/14/26 @ CCA Clubhouse. In addition, briefed on the presentation from BLM and CalFire on 11/16
Member Lucas requested that we should obtain all the phone numbers for all the members.
Member Geiger discussed Suncrest Powerline extension – wants to create a subcommittee. Chair Nehring said that he doesn’t need to have a subcommittee if there were less than 7 members.
Member Lucas recommended an ad hoc working group.
Chair Nehring distributed the 2026 meeting schedule.
 - c. Next meeting date **December 8, 2025 at Dehesa School**

G. ADJOURNMENT. Member Lutz-Partain moved to adjournment at 7:43 PM. The motion passed unanimously (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

Respectfully submitted, Diana M Griffin (Secretary)