



CREST/DEHESA/GRANITE HILLS/HARBISON CANYON

SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP (SPG)

Minutes of the Meeting – July 13, 2026

[Old Ironsides County Park](#), 326 Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon, CA 92019

A. ROLL CALL

Chair Nehring called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was established with 9 members present: Rich, Nehring, Griffin, Branch, Becker, Manning, Morgan, Geiger (arrived @ 6:35), and Lucas. Member Ulm, Healy, Scherer, Lutz-Partain were excused. Seats 13 and 14 were vacant.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. **Motion (Griffin)** to approve the June 08, 2026 minutes. **Vote:** 9-0-0. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Member Manning requested to agendaize Department of Park and Recreation (DPR) to brief SPG to put the trailer/host @ Old Ironsides County Park. Bill Wooke requested DPR provide details on septic at the trailer.

E. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Update from San Diego County Department of Public Works concerning La Cresta Road safety.** Chair Nehring introduced the subject and Barra Manaseer from DPW Traffic Division to provide status/update. DPW is researching and collecting data for enforceable speed limit (45mph) on La Cresta Road. In addition, without changing the road looking at a plan to resurface and change the striping and currently researching other similar roads and how they mitigated to allow passing going both ways. Reviewing “all stop” at La Cresta Road and Mountain View (at the top of the hill), increase the raised reflective markers, reflective markers on the guardrails. Planned October mtg for proposed speed limit change with CHP. La Cresta Road is now been designated as a safety corridor (established for the County in June 2024) which allows DPW to reduce the speed limit by an additional 5mph. Chair Nehring asks about emergency

turnouts/shoulders – DPW responded it will be considered during the restriping. Member Griffin brought up delivery trucks at the gas station are parked in the uphill traffic lane – DPW requested that we just take pictures and report to Code Enforcement. Member Morgan asked about the bollards to separate the road, DPW replied they will look at it when they create the striping plan. Member Branch asked about having the public to participate the traffic meetings, DPW replied the Traffic Advisory meetings are open to the public and voice their concerns, however it will not change the outcome/decision. Speed limit is based on the 85 percentile, so whatever the collected data shows, the speed limit will be set at what 85% of drivers speed. Member Lucas asked about the 85%, the safety corridor and speed feedback signs – DPW replied that maybe a temporary speed feedback signs may work. Member Rich asked about restricting bicycles and increasing guardrails and DPW said that is not doable and will look at additional guardrails. Residents were concerned about the possible restriping that may be alternating 2 lanes up/down and DPW replied they are still reviewing the data so nothing has been finalized – possible mid-summer 2027.

2. **Suncrest 230kV Loop-in Project.** Chair Nehring provided the Proposed Suncrest 230 kV Loop-In Project, Long-Term Wildfire Risk, Emergency Access, and Construction Impacts Resolution. Chair Nehring introduced the topic, mentioned that this topic is outside the jurisdiction of the County, therefore outside the jurisdiction of SPG, concerns regarding the Brown Act that if this item continued to be agendized would limit the SPG members to engage on this topic, then read the draft resolution. **Motion (Branch)** to approve resolution as written. Vote: 9-0-0. Motion carried. Will be posted at the crestplanninggroup.com website.
 3. **Review of project PDS2026-TPM-21501 – Applicant Victoria Tran.** No action
 4. **Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 13 and 14.** None
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F. GROUP BUSINESS

1. **Reports from County PDS, Elected Officials and Representatives.** None
2. **Announcements, including upcoming events, and Correspondence Received.** The Filing period is open for the SPG even number seats and closes Aug 7.
3. **Meeting Updates**
 - a. Reports on Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, or other hearings. None.
 - b. Member Reports – Member Griffin provided status of SMFR Station 18, personnel are now in the new building, phase 2 has started and open house planned for end of 2026. She also reported that the Water Conservation Garden @ Cuyamaca College has new Firewise exhibit and she was interviewed by Channel 10 news at that location regarding the additional of SMFR being included in the Fire Risk Reduction program (which provides additional discounts on your homeowners insurance). Member Becker announced she will not be reapplying for her position on SPG.
 - c. Next meeting - **Monday, August 10, 2026 at Old Ironside County Park, Harbison Canyon.**

G. ADJOURNMENT - Motion (Becker) to adjourn at 7:34 PM. **Vote:** 9-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana M. Griffin, Secretary