CREST – DEHESA
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PLANNING GROUP

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SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP (SPG)
Minutes of the Meeting – September 14, 2026
Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon CA 92019

A. ROLL CALL

Chair Nehring called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. A quorum was established with 9 members present: Rich, Nehring, Griffin, Healy, Scherer, Morgan, Geiger, Lucas. Member Ulm, Branch, Becker, Manning, 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 July 13, 2026 minutes. **Vote:** 9-0-0. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.

Dave Geiger updated status on the Suncrest Powerlink Project – scoping mtg will be held on 15 September. Appears there are deficiencies in notifying residents near the path of the powerline. Written comments are being accepted until 9/21/26.

Cynthia White wanted to share her appreciation for SPG

Kristen Everheart, speaking for her sister who lives in Crest wanted a community character statement to help her file for an administrative permit 3115 to have animals on her property.

E. ACTION ITEMS

Before introducing the action items below, Chair Nehring, made a statement – the County's Community Planning or Sponsor Group Review Form PDS 534 contains conflicting instructions regarding the requirements for hearing, therefore the items are for information only and will vote on items 1 and 2 at the October mtg.

1. **PDS2026-VAR-26-053 – Hernandez Residence Variance, 570 Silverbrook Drive** No representatives for this project were in attendance.

2. **Euclid Tentative Parcel Map (PDS2025-TPM-21476)** – Requesting 5 acre lot split into 4 parcels. Member Lucas concern, after meeting with the neighbors near this lot, was the appropriate drainage with the increased concrete and roads will increase water runoff into neighbors' property. Requested the engineer attend the meeting in October to assure these concerns have been addressed.

3. **Eucalyptus Drive and South Lane STOP Sign Request** – Member Griffin, per County Public Works Traffic Advisory Council, requested SPG to approve this request. **Motion (Griffin) request installation of 2 STOP signs on Eucalyptus/South Lane corners**. **Vote:** 9-0-0. Motion carried.

4. **Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 13 and 14.** None

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F. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Dehesa 7 Fire Review – CALFIRE – was moved up in the agenda before Action Items. Assistant Chief **David Pietrczak** (Incident Commander for Dehesa 7 fire) provided chronology of the fire reported on 8/19/26 @ 3:19. About 3:30 fire was at 10 acres, they added in 1 helicopter and 2 tankers because of the movement of the fire. Large Air Tanker (LAT, similar to DC10 – 1,000 gallons/drop) and Very Large Air Tanker (VLAT – C130, 10,000 gallons/drop). 4:00 created a temporary evacuation point @ Syucan. 5:00 stopped the forward rate of spread Explained that 100% containment takes so long to report after the fire because CalFire. New process for 2026 for CalFire to go back to the area for the next 48 hours to ensure no hot spots.
   Chair Nehring asked - source of ignition, lessons learned, threats for residents to be aware of and be mitigated. Pietrczak mentioned Zone 0 is helpful for residents to mitigate fire, machine strikes during hot days hits dry brush/grass can ignite easily esp with winds, if you are doing that he recommended to have a hose nearby. Dehesa 7 Fire is still under investigation.
   Member Griffin asked if there are regs on using machinery during hot weather. Pietrczak replied there were none, but there are burn and no burn days.

2. La Cresta Road Safety Update. Chair Nehring reviewed what the SPG has already done to support this initiative and reminded everyone there is a specific page on the crestplanninggroup.com website for information and feedback already received from residents, and SPG provided a formal resolution with our recommendations to the County including a comprehensive safety review and reminded the residents that SPG is only an advisory committee and we have done everything we can do to bring attention to this matter.
   Member Griffin mentioned that she invited Andrew Hayes, Taxpayer Advocate from Joel Anderson's office to host a community meeting to address this and other topics for the Crest community on 10/7 @ 6pm.
   Member Morgan asked what feedback on next steps we have received from DPW, nothing has come back yet.
   Carley Eaton asked what steps/action have been taken and Chair Nehring replied there were a variety of initiatives being looked at, but we have not received a final outline of their plan. Also asked what the community can do to move things forward and Chair Nehring mentioned attending the Crest meeting on 10/7.

3. Reports from County PDS, Elected Officials and Representatives.

4. Announcements, including upcoming events, and Correspondence Received.
   Any correspondence has been forwarded to SPG members. Attending the quarterly meeting of the Chairs of SPG, but nothing from our

5. Meeting updates.
   a. Reports on and upcoming BOS, PC and other Hearings/Meetings. None
   b. Member reports. Member Griffin mentioned that Crest is having their final clean up day funded by Sunrise Powerlink Community Grant. Member Griffin also mentioned she is working with Canyonlands and Resource Conservation District on grant proposals for wildfire risk reduction.
   c. Next meeting date **Monday, October 12, 2026 at Dehesa School. December 14 meeting will be @ Crest.**

G. ADJOURNMENT - Motion (Lucas) to adjourn at 7:37 PM. **Vote:** 9-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana M. Griffin, Secretary