

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 14 May 2012.

Item 1. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1900 hours, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Planning Group members Bowen, Ulm, Darsey, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Vandover, Myrick, Hertel and Gabler were present, forming a quorum of 10.
- Members Slagill, Walls, Manning and Harris were absent, but excused. Seat 14 is vacant.
- The minutes of the meeting on 9 April were not available for review and approval.
- There were no expense reimbursement requests.

Item 2. Announcements. Chairman Wally Riggs announced that:

- Mary Manning's father is in Intensive Care with kidney problems;
- U.S. Border Patrol (24 hour telephone: 619-498-9900) reports that ultra-light aircraft are being used to smuggle drugs from Mexico, and asks residents to report hearing or seeing ultra-light aircraft flying over the Subregion;
- In eighteen months (November 2013) the Ordinance for closing Camino Monte Sombre at Suncrest Truck Trail will expire, and it will not be renewed for a 7th time;
- The Board of Supervisors will conduct a hearing at 10 AM, Wednesday, May 16, to review the State Responsibility Area fire prevention \$150 assessment fee, which Supervisor Jacob opposes as a "triple fire tax."

Judy Bowen announced that Fire Chief Augie Ghio was injured in a motorcycle accident, and he will be unable to participate in immediate negotiations and planning for the Suncrest Truck Trail emergency evacuation route.

Item 3. Open Forum followed by Group Forum. No one requested to speak.

Item 4. Committee Reports. None.

Item 5. Private Project Proposals. None.

Item 6. Public Project Proposals. None.

Item 7. Unfinished Business. Evacuation route to the west of Crest, utilizing Suncrest Truck Trail. David Richardson, Crest resident, reported that at the recent meeting sponsored by Supervisor Jacob concerning the Suncrest Truck Trail emergency evacuation route, Fire Chief Augie Ghio volunteered to correspond with the property owner who controls a gate where the truck trail crosses his property, and that Ghio did send a letter about this. David also reported that the County Trails Coordinator, Mary Anne ????, considers all County trails to be de facto fire breaks, and part of the Strategic Access Plans for all regions; and that the County may possibly be able to use State Responsibility Area assessment funds to help with maintenance of County trails.

Judy Bowen reported that the Crest Community Association meeting to discuss the Suncrest Truck Trail issue was cancelled.

There is no new information about the potential sale of the City of El Cajon property, where part of Suncrest Truck Trail is located, to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy.

Item 8. New Business. Presentation of issues and potential impact on east county communities created by proposed Quail Brush Genco Power Plant west of Santee. Chairman Wally Riggs introduced David Richardson, Crest, who presented to the Planning Group information concerning the proposed Quail Brush Genco Power Plant that would be located at the west edge of Santee near the intersection of Mast Blvd. and Highway 52, and stated that Supervisor Dianne Jacob will support opposition to the project if she receives urging and support to do so from the Planning Group. He provided a handout of a letter from Supervisor Jacob in which she encourages public input and testimony concerning the project to be submitted to the San Diego Air Pollution Control District and the California Energy Commission. David requested the Planning Group to discuss the project, and if it finds reasons for opposition to the project, to write a letter to that effect to Supervisor Jacob, asking her to be proactive in assuring that all relevant laws, ordinances, standards (i.e., for air quality, for open space protection, for flight operations at Gillespie Field, etc.) are rigorously applied. He also requested that the Group submits a copy of this letter to the California Energy Commission docket.

Planning Group discussion focused primarily on the fact that the proposed project would have a serious negative impact on the air quality, and on human health, for residents of the Crest-Dehesa- Granite Hills- Harbison Canyon Subregion. The proposed power plant would increase the air pollution load in air that already often exceeds acceptable limits. The Group also was concerned about the potential impact of degraded visibility from smog increases caused by the project on the flight operations at Gillespie Field; and about the loss of City of San Diego Open Space adjacent to the Mission Trails Regional Park.

Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group writes a letter to Supervisor Dianne Jacob, listing its reasons for opposition to the proposed Quail Brush Genco Power Plant project (i.e., project will increase regional air pollution; project will negatively impact human health of Subregion's residents; project is too close to schools; project will sacrifice regional open space for industrial expansion; project will increase smog and decrease visibility, affecting operations at Gillespie Field); and requesting Supervisor Jacob and the Board of Supervisors to direct all County departments to be proactive in requiring the project to adhere to all existing laws, ordinances, standards and regulations that apply to the project as proposed, and to oppose any changes to these laws, ordinances, standards and regulations that may be proposed to facilitate and implement the proposed project. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Myrick)

The intent of the motion includes 1) submitting a separate letter to the San Diego City Planning Commission (with a copy to the California Energy Commission) that emphasizes the Group's opposition to the proposed rezoning of Open Space land to Industrial land; 2) submitting a separate letter to the California Energy Commission expressing all of the reasons for the Planning Group's opposition to the project; and 3) submitting a separate letter to Supervisor Jacob.

Item 9. Adjournment. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 2006 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)