

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 11 August 2014, at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, CA 92019.

**A. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL.** Planning Group members Slagill, Carroll, Walls, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning and Hertel were present, forming a quorum of 8. Members Bowen, Ulm and Underwood were absent, but excused. Members Harris was absent, but not excused. Seat 10, Seat 12 and Seat 15 are vacant.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Member Karla Carroll mentioned that her name was misspelled in Item B, line 1 of the July 14 meeting minutes, and that “Caroll” should be changed to “Carroll.” (She also said that her name has also been misspelled on the meeting agendas, at the bottom where the Planning Group members are listed by their community and seat number.) Lorraine Walls moved that the Group approves the minutes of the meeting on 14 July 2014, with correction of Karla Carroll’s name. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** No one requested to speak.

**F. ACTION ITEMS.**

**F1. PDF2014-MUP14-034, Application for Cell Site Permit by Verizon at 515 Alta Lane, El Cajon (Crest).** Chairman Wally Riggs introduced Ted Marioncelli, representing Verizon. Mr. Marioncelli distributed a handout of detailed construction drawings, and paired photographs of existing conditions and photosimulated images of the proposed project, and he proceeded to describe Verizon’s proposal to establish 12 cellular telephone antennas and associated support equipment at the Padre Dam Crest Reservoir at 515 Alta Lane in Crest. The antennas will be hidden behind fencing/screens on pads at ground level, and will not be visible from below by the nearest neighbors or others. Verizon has secured easements from all 7 property owners who control access to Alta Lane, which is a private road. A public hearing for the Conditional Use Permit will be scheduled in December or January, and perhaps the project can be completed by March 2015.

Planning Group members asked questions about the location and dimensions of the equipment enclosure, and the potential for noise impacts from the generator. Phil Hertel moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of the Verizon antenna project at 515 Alta Lane as proposed. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 abstain; 0 no).

**F2. Request for input in reference to San Diego National Wildlife Refuge.** Chairman Riggs asked Lory Walls inform the Group about the public meeting that was held on 15 July at Steele Canyon High School, concerning the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan it is preparing for the San Diego National Wildlife

Refuge. Lory reported that the general, composite view of all speakers at the meeting amounted to opposition to all of the alternatives put forward by USFWS in its draft plan. She also described the Jamul Planning Group's letter of comments, expressing concerns and unhappiness about the USFWS's methods and procedures used for developing the draft plan, without developing community involvement, and not considering all of the previous work done by the County to create a comprehensive public trails network through much of the National Wildlife Refuge area.

Riggs reported that the USFWS has announced it will extend the public comment period for its draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan for 30 days, until 18 September; and that there may be additional public meetings scheduled before then to take additional public input concerning trail closure issues.

Several residents from Model A Ford Road expressed their opposition to the potential hunting area considered for the mesa area at the north end of McGinty Mountain, and to the concept of establishing a trailhead staging area at the corner of the Refuge on Sloane Canyon Road near Model A Ford Road.

Lory Walls moved that the Planning Group send a letter of comments to USFWS modeled after the Jamul Planning Group letter concerning the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**F3. Pending tree removal at 5775 Dehesa Road.** Chairman Riggs informed the Group that County Department of Public Works sent correspondence describing its plan to remove a couple of dying or already dead trees in the County's right-of-way at 5775 Dehesa Road. A replacement tree for each removed tree will be offered to the adjacent property owner. The Group consensus was that Chairman Riggs will email a response to DPW that there is no opposition to its planned tree removal project.

## **G. GROUP BUSINESS.**

**G1. Announcements and correspondence.** Chairman Riggs announced that the even numbered seats on the Planning Group are scheduled for election in November, and that incumbents Pat Ulm (Seat 2), Karla Carroll (Seat 4) and Bill Bretz (Seat 8) have filed for election; Herb Krickhahn (Seat 6) is not filing for election; Seat 10 and Seat 12 are vacant; he does not know if Bryan Underwood (Seat 14) has filed for election.

**G1a. Presentation by Padre Dam Water District.** The Padre Dam Water District presentation on water reclamation and reuse is postponed until the September meeting.

**G2. Expense reimbursement requests.** There were no expense reimbursement requests.

**G3. Subcommittee reports.** There was no PLDO list activity to discuss or act upon.

**G4. Meeting updates.** The September 8 meeting of the Planning Group will be at Old Ironside Park, 326 Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon.

**H. ADJOURNMENT.** Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 8:15 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)