

**County of San Diego  
Descanso Community Planning Group  
Minutes of Regular Meeting Agenda  
March 20, 2025 @ 6:00PM  
Descanso Town Hall, 24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916**

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**A. Roll Call**

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| 1. Kerry Forrest     | 4. John Elliott <b>Abs</b> | 7. Aubrey Taft |
| 2. Jo Ellen Quinting | 5. Mark Gassert            |                |
| 3. Riley Burrell     | 6. Camille O'Briant        |                |

**B. Pledge of Allegiance 6 p.m.**

C. **Approval of the Minutes** for the meeting of Feb 20, 2025 **Motion to approve: Quinting/Gassert 6-0-0-1**

D. **Public Communication:** Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. Group action is not permitted on items not on the agenda in accordance with the Brown Act.

**Community member and previous group member, Michael Stone, complimented group on last month's meeting.**

**Forrest informed group of new Proposed Code of Conduct for County of San Diego Boards, Commissions, Committees, Planning and Sponsor Groups.**

**Speed Limit Reductions Community Workshop online on March 27th.**

**E. Action Items**

1. DPW Road Improvement Project Priority List

**Taft and O'Briant added a 7th priority to the project priority list: road improvement/drainage affecting 3 properties along Oak Grove between Sycamore and Manzanita Dr. Motion to approve list for submission: Gassert/Burrell 6-0-0-1**

**F. Group Business**

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received
2. Discussion Items

- a. Update on Caltrans, placement of "No Parking" Signs on Hwy 79 at Junction. Speed limit changes to occur

**After the DCPG meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, the following met at Senator Brian Jones' office: Forrest, CalTrans, Jones' staff, and Hwy 79 property owners. Speed limit reduction was discussed at the meeting. There will be a CalTrans meeting in April for further discussion on the parking ban/permits. There has been more California Highway Patrol presence along the highway within the past month.**

- b. Crest CPG: Calling for increased fuel reduction, fire breaks, and controlled burns to mitigate wildfire risk in rural San Diego county **Group will wait on writing similar resolutions until Gassert has an update on getting a collaboration with the USFS Airburner. Burrell will talk to Fire Prevention and Forestry Programs Manager, Morgan Dioli, from Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County, for guidance on writing similar resolutions.**
  - c. Report on Descanso Fire Wise program, Riley **Community Chipping Event: Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, location TBD**
  - d. Report on Quarterly Chair meeting with PDS, Kerry **Discussed Regional Housing. Cannabis Program EIR currently being reviewed.**

e. Designation of member to run April meeting, create and post agenda: **Taft.**

3. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas

4. Meeting Updates, next meeting: April 17, 2025 @ 6:00PM.

**G. ADJOURNMENT 6:35 pm**

Any Questions or Comments; Please contact Kerry Forrest, Chair: [descansocpg@gmail.com](mailto:descansocpg@gmail.com)

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