

**County of San Diego
Descanso Community Planning Group
Minutes of Regular Meeting Agenda
April 17, 2025 @ 6:00PM**

Descanso Town Hall, 24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916

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A. Roll Call 6:00 pm

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of March 20, 2025 **Motion to approve: Gassert/Forrest 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.

E. Action Items

1. NONE

F. Group Business

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received: **Meeting at Congressman Darrell Issa's office on April 25 with Planning Group Chairs. Forrest and Elliott are to attend. Items to be shared include the "Fix Our Forest" House Bill, the use of Air Burners for Federal forest management projects and CARB permit process as well as other forest management needs. Meeting will be Chaired by Aubrey Taft.**

2. Discussion Items

- a. Update on Caltrans, placement of "No Parking" Signs on Hwy 79 at Junction.

Elliot: No response from Caltrans since last meeting in February. Caltrans waived the February deadline for the business parking permit required.

- b. Report on Descanso Fire Wise program, Riley Burrell talked to Crest CPG, who **reported no feedback on September 2024 Wildfire Resolutions. Crest CPG Chair will be meeting with Congressman Darrell Issa and Supervisor Joel Anderson this month about this. Descanso Chipping Event for May 3rd is still in planning phase.**

- c. County Fire Fee Increases **County Fire sent out an email regarding a new district fee schedule, to be published April 22nd and in effect July.**

- d. SDGE SUG Program Update **Senior Project Affairs Manager Jennifer Ramp contacted our planning group to notify there has been a reduction of scope and pause on future projects for Strategic Undergrounding Program. CPUC has limited the project to 140 miles. SDGE plans to finish projects in progress. Ramp offered to discuss this further at one of our future meetings.**

- e. SANDAG Board of Director Seat, Mark Gassert: **State Assemblymember Carl DeMaio has bill AB24 in various committees, and Senator Brian Jones has SB240 bill not yet in any committees. Both these bills regard unincorporated planning groups including ours becoming voting members of SANDAG.**

- f. Speed Limit Reductions Workshop **No recording available. No report because no members were able to attend.**

- g. Meeting with Supervisor Anderson: **April 28th at 11 am in the El Cajon District Office. Gassert and Elliot will attend with topics: fire issues, speed limit reductions along Old Hwy 80, SUG SDGE scope reduction.**

3. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas

4. Meeting Updates, next meeting: May 15, 2025 @ 6:00PM.

G. ADJOURNMENT 6:45 pm

Any Questions or Comments; Please contact Kerry Forrest, Chair: descansocpg@gmail.com

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