

**County of San Diego  
Descanso Community Planning Group  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2026 @ 6:00PM  
Descanso Town Hall, 24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916**

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**A. Roll Call 6:04 pm**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

C. **Approval of the Minutes** for the meeting of December 18, 2025 **Gassert/O'Briant 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

- a. Emiliana Martínez, Legislative intern with Joel Anderson's Office **Emiliana Martinez presented County Board of Supervisor Joel Anderson's accomplishments during his current term. Focus areas were: homelessness, economic development, affordable housing. Martinez shared information on the office's Community Enhancement Program and Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grants. Lastly, Martinez promoted the office's internship program, for all ages.**

2. Discussion Items

- a. AB 888 California Grant Safe Homes grant program **This bill would allow individuals, cities, and counties to apply for funding for home hardening, vegetation management, and community action, to reduce local and statewide wildfire losses. This bill has not passed yet.**

- b. Association of Planning Groups update **Gassert reported on the Association of Planning Groups (APG) meeting from Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>: new officers were elected. APG aims to tackle short term rentals and the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program with their seat on SANDAG Board of Directors. Discussion topics included changes to the Brown Act from SB 707 signed by Governor Gavin Newsom, to go into effect July 2026. Gassert going to suggest at next meeting that the backcountry County Board of Supervisors (Joel Anderson, Jim Desmond) should have liaisons that attend the APG meetings.**

- c. Planning Group Training Mandates for 2026 **Forrest sent out annual planning group training for January and February 2026 via email. As all board members have completed live training before, training can be done live via Zoom or reviewed individually on own time. Training completion form must be sent to PDS.**

- d. Group Position Nominations and Election for 2026 **Taft elected as new Chair for 2026. Burrell to continue as Secretary for 2026. Forrest/Gassert 6-0-0-1**
3. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas
4. Meeting Updates, next meeting: February 19, 2026 @ 6:00PM.

G. **ADJOURNMENT 6:41 pm**

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

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