

County of San Diego
Jacumba Hot Springs Sponsor Group
Final Agenda for Special Meeting at 4pm on October 29, 2020
Jacumba Hot Springs, CA. 91934

Attend via computer or smart phone:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82107130644?pwd=TzBWaXpNSUtuZHNyMm9CSGVacVIWdz09>

Attend via telephone: 1 (669) 900-6833 (San Jose) or 1 (253) 215-8782

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- A. **Roll call** (Determination of quorum): Seat 1. Lonna Marshall; Seat 2. VACANT; Seat 3. Cherry Diefenbach; Seat 4. Michele Wilkins; Seat 5. Helen Landman
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance.** (waived-due to virtual meeting format)
- C. **Approval of draft minutes for Jacumba Sponsor Group (JSG) meeting held on February 25, 2020:**
- D. **Public Communication:** The public may comment on any subject within the JSG's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. (Speakers are limited to 2 minutes and no action can be taken on non-agenda items.)
- E. **Action items:** (Agenda items may be taken out of order upon request)
1. Discuss/vote on three Jacumba Sponsor Group members in odd-numbered seats that expire on January 4, 2021. Those JSG members are: Lonna Marshall-Seat #1; Cherry Diefenbach-Seat#3; and Helen Landman-Seat #5.
 2. Discuss/vote on Kathryn Graze's application for Seat #2 (currently vacant).
 3. Discuss/vote on Jeffrey Osborne's application for Seat #4 (currently held by Michele Wilkins). This seat comes vacant on November 1, 2020.
 4. Discuss/vote on the **Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed 90 MW Jacumba Valley Ranch Energy Park (JVR solar) (PDS2018-MUP-18-022); (SCH No. 2019039044)**. The JVR DEIR and Major Use Permit (MUP) were released on October 8, 2020 for public review and comment. The Project involves the construction and operation of up to a 90 megawatt (MW) solar energy facility. The Project footprint is approximately 643 acres on a 1,356 acre property formerly known as Ketchum Ranch which is immediately east, north, and south of the community of Jacumba Hot Springs; north, south, and west of the Jacumba Airport, for about a mile along both sides of scenic Highway 80; and south of the I-8 corridor near the Jacumba exit. The project will include the following:
 - approximately 300,000 photovoltaic modules (12-feet high) mounted on single axis trackers which follow the sun from east to west
 - 75 battery storage containers-three containers at each site (55-feet long, 19-feet wide and 10-feet high)
 - 25 inverter/transformer metal platforms on skids (8-feet wide and 20-feet long) installed adjacent to the battery storage containers
 - 5,000-feet of underground electrical collection system
 - an on-site collector substation (152-feet by 180-feet) and a 200-foot-long 65-foot-high overhead Slack span transmission line that connects the collector substation to the switchyard
 - a 138kV switchyard (3.2-acres) (adjacent to the collector substation) with 1,860-feet of overhead transmission lines strung on (five) 70-115 feet steel poles to loop the switchyard into the existing SDG&E Boulevard-East County Transmission Line

The DEIR includes several alternatives to the original JVR project: 1. No project alternative; 2. Community buffer alternative; and 3. Reduced project Alternative. (See attached JVR project maps and DEIR visual simulation.)

The Planning & Development Services (PDS) project manager is Nicholas Koutoufidis nicholas.koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov or 858-495-5329. JVR Project documents can be downloaded at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/cequa/MUP-18-022/JVRAdminRecord.html>. A copy of the DEIR is also available for review at the Jacumba Library. **Members of the public who wish to submit written comments on the DEIR outside of this meeting, should send them to: Susan Harris, Planning & Development Services, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123 or by email to: Susan.Harris@sdcounty.ca.gov. All comments must be received at PDS no later than November 23, 2020.**

F. Group business and Project Updates-discussion only:

1. Announcements and correspondence
2. Community interface and other reports
 - a. Border Patrol
 - b. Sheriff
 - c. Fire Council
 - d. Revitalization reports

G. Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6pm.

Purpose of Planning and Sponsor Groups:

Advise the County on discretionary projects as well as on planning and land use matters that are proposed within their respective community planning or sponsor group area.