

**County of San Diego**  
**Jacumba Hot Springs Sponsor Group**  
**Final Agenda for Regular Meeting at 5pm on Dec. 22, 2020**  
**Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934**

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**To attend via computer or smart phone:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81800030760?pwd=cHdQRFPYzhLMEJObDcyT1VWVXZldz09>

**To 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. Kerry Graze; Seat 3. Cherry Diefenbach; Seat 4. Jeffery Osborne; Seat 5. Helen Landman
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance.** (waived-due to virtual meeting format)
- C. **Approval of draft minutes for Jacumba Sponsor Group (JSG) virtual meeting held on October 29, 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 Jacari Cousins' application for Seat #1** (currently held by Lonna Marshall). This seat becomes vacant on January 1, 2021.
  2. **Discuss/vote on Paula Whisenant's application for Seat #2** (currently held by Kerry Graze). This seat becomes vacant on January 1, 2021.
  3. **Discuss/vote on Greg Curran's application for Seat #5** (currently held by Helen Landman). This seat becomes vacant on January 1, 2021.
  4. **Nominate/vote on a Jacumba Sponsor Group Chair.** (Nominations/selection for other positions: Vice-Chair and Secretary will be held after three new members have been seated).
  5. **Discuss/vote on date for regular sponsor group meeting.** Currently, the meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.
  6. **Discuss the status of the proposed Jacumba Valley Ranch Energy Park project.** The comment period for the review of 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)** ended on Dec.7, 2020. 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-foot 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 alternatives to the original JVR project: 1. No project alternative; 2. Community buffer alternative; and 3. Reduced project Alternative.**

The Planning & Development Services (PDS) project manager is Nicholas Koutoufidis [nicholas.koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:nicholas.koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 858-495-5329. JVR Project documents are available at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/cequa/MUP-18-022/JVRAdminRecord.html>. A copy of the DEIR is located at the Jacumba Library.

**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 in January, date and time to be determined.

**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.