

County of San Diego
Jacumba Hot Springs Community Sponsor Group
FINAL Minutes of Special Meeting at 6:30pm on August 3, 2021
Highland Center, 44681 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934

A. Roll Call: Seat 1. Jacari Cousins--**absent**; Seat 2. Greg Curran; Seat 3. Cherry Diefenbach; Seat 4. Jeffery Osborne; Seat 5. Katrina Westley.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Motion to approve the draft minutes of the JCSG special meeting held on July 6, 2021. M/S Westley/Curran. Passed 4-0-0-1(Cousins).

D. Public Communication: There were no public speakers.

E. Action items: (Agenda items may be taken out of order upon request.)

1. Discussion on the status of the 604-acre Jacumba Valley Ranch (JVR) Energy Park solar project (PDS2018-MUP-18-022, PDS2018-ER-22-001) to include: additional proposed community benefit suggestions from BayWa representative, Geoff Fallon and sponsor group response; Board of Supervisors (BOS) JVR Hearing procedures and written sponsor group comments.

After previously offering a one-time lump sum cash payment of \$250K to the JCSD for community park improvements, and \$75K to the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, BayWa has suggested funding the following possible benefits:

a. 75 individual solar systems for residences. (There are about 250 homes-Would there be a lottery to determine who gets the free solar system?)

b. A skate park (Youth population may not warrant the need.)

c. A sheriff substation (A sheriff substation is not something the developer can provide. Jacumba's population does not warrant having their own substation; Jacumba shares the Boulevard sheriff's substation.)

d. Possible community trails/pathways. (This benefit has been requested under the Equity for Jacumba Alternative.)

Motion to authorize Chair to submit a sponsor group response to Geoff Fallon regarding additional possible community benefits indicating our primary focus is a smaller project footprint and the other elements in our Equity for Jacumba Alternative. M/S Osborne/Diefenbach. Passed: 4-0-0-1(Cousins)

Motion to authorize Chair to submit a letter requesting the BOS deny the proposed 604-acre JVR project and require the developer to compromise with the community on a smaller project footprint that addresses sponsor group concerns about project placement, impacts to airport operations, local wildlife, and future of Jacumba. M/S Westley/Curran. Passed: 4-0-0-1(Cousins)

2. Discussion on moving our regular Jacumba sponsor group meetings from the third Tuesday of the month to the second Monday of the month at 5:00 pm beginning in September 2021. This change will accommodate Cousins and Westley's work schedules. **Motion to move our meetings to the second Monday of the month at 5:00 pm. M/S Diefenbach/Westley. Passed: 4-0-0-1(Cousins)**

3. Discussion on the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (PDS2021-POD-21-001) Item 1, on the SD County Planning Commission (PC) August 5th agenda with regards to its potential impacts to our residents. **Motion to authorize Chair to send sponsor group comments on the Socially Equitable Cannabis program. M/S Westley/Curran. Passed: 4-0-0-1(Cousins)**

4. Discussion on the draft 2021 San Diego Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) regarding potential impacts to

our residents. **Motion to authorize Chair to submit sponsor group comments on the draft plan to rami.talleh@sdcounty.ca.gov.** (A copy of his July 16, 2021 email was previously forwarded to sponsor group members for review and comment.) *M/S Curran/Osborne*. **Passed: 4-0-0-1(Cousins)**

F. Group business and Project Updates-discussion only:

1. Announcements and correspondence.
 - a. JCSG email to Geoff Fallon (JVR Energy Park LLC rep) regarding language of the proposed community benefits agreement between the developer and Jacumba Community Services District (JCSD).
 - b. Vice-chair Curran’s emails to SD County Code Compliance regarding the illegal dumping site at 42748 Old Highway 80. Update: County will install no dumping signs along Highway 80 and they will develop a plan of action for debris removal with property owner.
 - c. Potential crosswalk at Carriso St. across Old Highway 80 (and other capital improvements) will be discussed at our next sponsor meeting.
2. Community interface and other reports. **There were no community interface reports.**
 - a. Fire Safe Council
 - b. Revitalization

G. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next Jacumba Sponsor Group meeting will be Monday, September 13, at 5:00 pm.

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.

APPROVED: September 13, 2021