

**County of San Diego**  
**Jacumba Community Sponsor Group (JCSG)**  
**Final Minutes for the JCSG Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 11, 2025**  
**Highland Senior Center, 44681 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934**

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**A. Call to order/Roll call:** The JCSG meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. Present: Seat 1. Steve Perelman(Secretary); Seat 2. Greg Curran (Vice-Chair); Seat 3. Corbin Winters; Seat 4. Jeffery Osborne (Chair); Seat 5. Katrina Westley  
~5 members of the public in attendance.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**C. Approval of the draft minutes for the JCSG meeting held on June 9, 2025.**

Motion to approve the Minutes of April 14, 2025, Perelman/Osborne. **Vote 4-0-1** Motion passes.

**D. Action items:**

**1. Review and approve Letter to San Diego County Planning and Development Services**

Starlight Solar and Cumulative Impact Study, Programmatic EIR, of all energy infrastructure projects, cumulative water investigation report that includes JVR Energy Park regarding concerns over cumulative impacts to the Jacumba Aquifer. Estimate for peak water usage for Starlight and each of the projects. Check on Conditional Use Permit requirements for these quantities of commercial water sales from JCSD, which seem to qualify as Water Intensive Use of over 20,000 gallons.

Discussion ensued about whether Nick Koutoufidis is still a County employee, or whether he is now a consultant.

Jeff went to the Boulevard meeting that discussed the Starlight Solar project Draft EIR. He realized that all these decarbonization projects have similar impacts and there is no cumulative accounting of those impacts. A Programmatic EIR would address this deficiency.

Steve thought that the JCSG is not the right agency to lead this effort, but that he would approve the letter to get it into the record.

Katrina explained that the JCSD will limit the water sales to these various projects by restricting the hours of use to 7am to 4pm. The East well to be used will contractually be restricted to access from Carrizo Gorge road so no water trucks will drive through town. Although the well has a specified capacity of 200K gal./day which would mean ~33 6Kgal. loads /day, the limited pumping rate and limited hours would probably reduce that to 16 trips/day. The JCSD needs a priority list to confirm that it can provide adequate water supply for these various projects. If all conditions are not met the option exists to “lock it down”.

Motion to approve the letter to SDCP and DS, Osborne/Perelman. **Vote 5-0-0** Motion passes

**E. Public Communication:** The public may comment on any subject within the JCSG’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.)

Robert Randall described the poor condition of Carrizo Creek road North of Hwy 8. The County “maintains” the first 1.5 miles and the DeAnza Resort the next .3 miles. DeAnza is not allowed to improve the County maintained portion due to liability concerns. There are weekly accidents and/or vehicle damage for the 120 residents and visitors due to the poor conditions. Jeff suggested that they document these incidents with photographs. It was suggested that the County’s Tell Us Now app does at least get a response and that requests are

forwarded to DPW or responsible department. The road is currently washboarded D.G. ideally the road would be upgraded to asphalt.

Tanya said that the La Posta dispensary is conveniently located just 20 minutes away from Jacumba and it avoids state taxes on it's products. All cannabis is grown on other reservations.

## **F. Group Business:**

### **1. Announcements and Correspondence Received**

a. Boutique Winery and Healthcare Trailer Regulations Update – Public comments open to stakeholders, comments are due September 15, 2025.

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/longrangeplanning/ProcessImprovements.html>

Concerning increasing the ability to host amplified music and also trailers for temporary living spaces for individuals needing healthcare.

## **G. Community interface reports.**

a. Highland Senior Center - Tanya informed us that Maureen got the big refrigerator installed and operational. The next goal is to initiate a fresh food market for the community. The Senior Center kitchen is now fitted out as a commercial kitchen and can be rented out to persons wanting to start a business producing prepared foodstuffs similar to the muffins Maureen prepares for sale. Prickly pear tuna or pomegranate puree could be procured from local sources. Mike is working on a T-shirt design for a senior center fundraiser.

b. Real East County Fire Safe Council – No updates

c. Jacumba Boulevard revitalization Alliance (JBRA) - No updates.

## **H. Updates**

### **1. JVR Energy Park 90MW Solar and Battery Facility in Jacumba Valley Approved by Board of Supervisors 8-18-21**

a. **Project: Construction not started. No Grading Permit Issued.** No final grading plan has been submitted to county although developer is in discussions over project requirements with PDS. JCSG has requested the current draft plan set to confirm proper setback as ordered by the Board of Supervisors. No Response has been received.

b. **Community Benefit Fund:** Awaiting response from county to comments regarding Community Benefit Fund sent on June 28, 2025.

2. **Jacumba Fire Station 43** – Project is in Value Engineering phase, awaiting redesign to align with budgets.

3. **Starlight Solar 100 MW Solar and Battery Facility in Boulevard off Jewel Valley Road EIR Released 7/31/25 PDS2022-MUP-22-010** Draft EIR is available online or in hardcopy at the Jacumba Library.

## **I. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm. The next JCSG meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6 pm.

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