County of San Diego
Jacumba Community Sponsor Group (JCSG)
Final Minutes for the JCSG Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 21st, 2026 Jacumba Community Center, 44681 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934

A. Call to order at 6:03

B. Roll call: Seat 1. Steve Perelman (Secretary) present; Seat 2. Greg Curran (Vice-Chair) present; Seat 3. Corbin Winters present; Seat 4. Jeffrey Osborne (Chair) present; Seat 5. Katrina Westley excused absence

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of the draft minutes for the JCSG meeting held on August 10th , 2026

Curran/Perelman **Vote** 4.0.0 **Motion Passes** with 1 edit

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 3 minutes and no action can be taken on non-agenda items.)

Randal announced that the vehicle count this month is ~6,000 in 20 days so the estimate will be 10K/month. Andrew Hayes will look into possible surface treatment which will be short of actual paving. This # of vehicles makes it worth dragging every Thursday.

Airport porta-potties are being removed and there is no identified replacement. Chamber of Commerce from Ramona is considering opening a chapter here and somehow that may help acquire new potties.

Steve gave a PSA about ticks on dogs. Do not use needle-nosed pliers which can cause secondary infections.

He also noted that SYH has finally helped Jacumba with the mobile clinic at the Jacumba branch Library.

Naomi Shedd explained her fundraising onewheel trip across the USA

F. Action items: None

G. Group Business

1. **Presentation by Mountain Empire Unified School District Superintendent – Pat Keeley on Measure L**

   He explained MEUSD is the largest by area in SD County(660 sq miles) and how that creates transportation issues and added expenses for bus routes, ~1,000 miles every school day.

Other hardships are double the average poverty rate and only 22% college attainment. Personnel recruitment is difficult because of the commute for city dwelling teachers, subsidized housing is one solution, but then the district would become a landlord with all the attendant challenges.

Measure L authorizes a $23M bond which must be used for capital improvements. The current budget will cover all the operating expenses like salaries and well maintenance. We viewed many photos of crumbling concrete and leaky roofs.

The scheme will put the school district past 60% indebtedness which triggers facilities hardship matching funds from the State Allocation Board in Sacramento. Measure JJ($12M) back in 2018 was used for the junior high school. Measure L will mostly be for the high school

Greg asked if there was an alternative to bond issuance because of the associated tax increase. No one expressed any confidence that SDGE or other corporations would step in with donations to cover the new constructions.

2. **Announcements and Correspondence Received**

a. San Diego County Tiered Winery Rural Residential Draft Zoning Ordinance Available for Comment https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/tiered-winery-rural-expansion

b. Volunteer – Foodbank on Mondays gabrielleschultz02@gmail.com

c. Volunteer – Jacumba Community Center – Needs all types of volunteers, food service, groundskeeping, cleaning, other. Come to the Center on Sundays 11am or Wednesdays 2pm

3. **Community interface reports.**

a. Jacumba Community Center

b. JBRA/Firesafe Council

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**: Grading Permit Issued 11/5/25. Construction Started.

b. **Community Benefit Fund:** $4,000,000 Community Benefit Funds Released 10/22/25. $125,000 to San Ysidro Health, $75,000 to Imperial Valley Desert Museum, $3,550,000 released to San Diego Foundation for Endowment Fund for Jacumba. Endowment Agreement Approved for San Diego Foundation Funding. Awaiting release of funds to Public Strategies for initiation of Community Needs Assessment Survey.

2. **Jacumba Fire Station 43 – S**ite construction has started. Estimated completion April 2027

3. **Starlight Solar 100 MW Solar and Battery Facility in Boulevard off Jewel Valley Road PDS2022-MUP-22-010** – Project Approved by San Diego County Board of Supervisors on 9/16/26. With conditions: Dust Mitigation, Toxic Runoff Retention Basins, $8,000,000+ Community Impact Fund, split with $1,000,000 in Phase I of the Project.

4. **Golden Pacific Powerlink – New 500kV Transmission Line that has a possible route through Jacumba if rerouted at a later point. Map is out: https://goldenpacificpowerlink.com/**

5. **Seat 2 of the Jacumba Community Sponsor Group will be vacant 1/4/27**

Applicants can nominate themselves at the next meeting, or contact the Chairman.

G. Adjournment: At 7:24

The next JCSG meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12th, 2026 at 6 pm.

For more information, contact the JCSG Chair at jacumbacsg@outlook.com

Minutes approved at the 11-09-2026 Meeting