

County of San Diego

Jacumba Community Sponsor Group (JCSG)

Final Minutes for the JCSG Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 9th , 2026

Highland Senior Center, 44681 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934

A. Call to order/Roll call: Meeting called to order at 6:14pm. 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 Absent. ~5 members of the public were in attendance.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of the draft minutes for the JCSG meeting held on January 12th , 2025

Motion to Approve with 1 edit: Osborne/Curran. Vote 4-0-0 (Seats 1-4 -Aye)

D. 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.)

Greg sought clarification about CPSG training which should be available online. Members will follow up with Dawn Noble before April.

Randall wanted to know the deadline for submissions for road grading. Jeff thinks April. Last weekend a group of hikers parked along the road – maybe 30 cars.

Steve contacted Annaka Egan to request signage be put up to restrict vehicular traffic from JVR exiting West through town. February 2nd she reported that signs were up but he could only confirm 1 sign “Exit ←” on the North side of Old 80. Discussion ensued about whether the freeway exit may close for construction in the future – no official notifications have been made to the community.

Rich brought up paving the East end of Seeley which has 4 residents and poor quality dirt road. County says “County owned but resident maintained”.

Ben drove past the Starlight project and doesn’t see how it can be bigger than JVR

E. Action items:

1. JVR Energy Park - Community Benefit Fund Proposal : Community Needs Assessment by Institute for Public Strategies, David Shorey

- a. Presentation of work product samples by David Shorey. He could not attend ∴ any action will have to take place at the next meeting. Even if IPS does not do 3rd party scoring, they can help us establish the application process. Ben thought that the Sponsor Group should be able to do it

- themselves, but Jeff saw value in an outside agency judging long term benefit to the community.
- b. Sponsor Group Option to recommend delayed for one month.

2. JVR Energy Park - Community Benefit Fund Response to SDF re Account Type

- a. Discussion and Vote regarding San Diego Foundation Secondary Fund Type

General information about medium term investment was displayed. Past performance seemed to be in the 5 to 8% range which is excellent. No vote was taken at this time.

- b. Update on Endowment: SDF Drafting Final Agreements. They have agreed to lower the rate back to .75% from 1% - good news.

F. Group Business

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received

- a. We honor the memory of Mark Ostrander, a retired Cal Fire Battalion Chief and devoted Tzu Chi volunteer who served his Jacumba community and the wider community with quiet compassion and whose legacy of selfless service continues to inspire all who knew him. We know he left big boots to fill and others will have to step up. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

2. Community interface reports.

Highland Senior Center.

Maureen has a Saturday kids cooking class planned and wants to start up a veterans group. She plans on alternating meat courses and non-meat courses each week for Wednesday lunches. She wants the Senior Center to be more involved with the Boulevard JBRA activities which currently have a potluck scheduled at the Resource Center.

G. Updates

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

- b. Project Construction: Grading Permit Issued 11/5/25. Construction Started. Questions about water wells being drilled for the project came up but the only known well is for the future fire station. Katrina will be cognizant of this.
- c. Community Benefit Fund: \$4M Community Benefit Funds Released 10/22/25. \$125K to San Ysidro Health, \$75K to Imperial Valley Desert Museum, \$250K has been released to JCSD. So \$3.55M remains at the San Diego Foundation for the Endowment Fund for Jacumba. Final Agreement being Drafted Now by SDF.

Community exploring setting aside initial funds for Community Needs Assessment Survey.

2. **Jacumba Fire Station 43** – Project is in Value Engineering phase, awaiting redesign to align with budgets. We hope they get local input which may tilt towards desert style rather than modern.
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 Comment Period Closed. Awaiting Release of Final EIR. Jeff went to the last Boulevard meeting (first Thursday of each month) and the setbacks are slated to be 300' from roads, 400' from property lines, 500' from houses. The subject of a community benefit fund came up in that meeting and the demand was for \$7M and the developer representative claimed that residents would be offered reduced electricity rates equivalent to a \$10M benefit. His explanation about a special program for discounted rates 20% reduced for low income residents did not make a lot of sense. The JCSG would like to write a letter in opposition as soon as we can make a vote on it. We can accomplish that before the next B.O.S. meeting.

G. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm

The next JCSG meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th, 2026 at 6 pm.

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

Minutes approved at the 3-9-26 meeting