

**County of San Diego**  
**Jacumba Community Sponsor Group (JCSG)**  
**Final Minutes for the JCSG Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 9th , 2026**  
**Jacumba Community Center, 44681 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934**

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**Meeting called to order 6:04pm**

**A. Call to order/Roll call:** Seat 1. Steve Perelman (Secretary) Seat 2. Greg Curran (Vice-Chair); Seat 3. Corbin Winters Seat 4. Jeffrey Osborne (Chair); Seat 5. Katrina Westley All present

**B. Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

Motion to approve: Curran/Osborne Motion Passes **Vote 4.0.1** Westley abstains

**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.)

Randall reported that he is ready to submit and asked about format for the submittal which is due April. If he gets it on the next agenda we can vote on it.

Rich followed up on his request to have the East end of Seeley paved.

Lana from Joel Anderson’s office informed us of an internet safety workshop held on March 14 and is still looking for more interns.

**E. Action items:**

**1. JVR Energy Park - Community Benefit Fund Proposal : Community Needs Assessment by Institute for Public Strategies, Brenda Simmons**

a. Presentation of work product samples by Brenda Simmons

She gave PowerPoint examples of work product in Lakeside and South Bay. Steve asked if it would include template forms to enable 3<sup>rd</sup> party scoring of proposed grants and she indicated that IPS could do so, and other services if they have continued involvement. Just having a summary of local demographics could be a valuable reference for future use.

Jeff asked if IPS could help identify grants that are available for any needs identified in the community and Brenda responded yes, they are experts on writing grant proposals for communities. The needs assessment could be complete in 6 to 8 weeks.

b. Sponsor Group option to recommend with the inclusion of town hall meeting and scoring.  
Motion to approve Curran/Westley **Vote 5.0.0** Motion Passes

**2. Jacumba Fire Station 43 - Presentation**

a. San Diego County and project architects presented an update

SDPDS project manager Jihad Sleiman introduced the architects Brandon and David who ran through the design and showed renderings. Project should start momentarily and finish Spring of 2027. The 4 10,000gal water tanks looked reflective. Corbin asked if they could have a patina applied, Brandon said that or even a wrap to neutralize the glare. 2 are for domestic firehouse supply, 2 are for fire suppression. The general design is mission revival. Corbin will look at samples of stucco for color and texture recommendations.

**3. PDS2024-MUP-24-016; Carrizo Major Use Permit – Verizon Tower at Gas Stations**

a. Provide feedback on new cellular tower project at Carrizo Gorge and 8 Freeway Exits, Chevron Parking lot.

We looked at the plan for the “water tower” design, found it better than the fake tree proposed previously. One concern was that it have an aged patina rather than shiny metal, another was that it should have a “Welcome to Jacumba” sign painted on in appropriate vintage script.

## F. Group Business

### 1. Announcements and Correspondence Received

- a. San Diego County - Form 700 Due April 1st, Ethics Training, Sponsor Group Training

### 2. Community interface reports.

- a. Jacumba Community Center

Tanya reported that the kids cooking class was a success and should continue every month, perhaps on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. It will be offered for ages 8-12 from 10 to noon.

## 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.
- c. 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, \$250,000 to JCSD, \$3,550,000 released to San Diego Foundation for 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 – update this meeting

Several questions were directed at the 4 CalFire representatives in attendance. We heard that CalFire has a plan in place to utilize regional assets in case of a Li-ion fire and that the Sheriff's office would be in charge of any evacuation. There has been no disclosure about BESS fire sensors, automatic alarms, sirens, or how data gets to decision makers. No Sheriff's representative was in attendance so we don't know if an evacuation plan will be in place before the BESS is put in service. This info should be disclosed so the community has some assurance if a Li-ion fire takes place during Santa Anna conditions. These type of fires release HF gas, CO, and cyanide. The "let it burn" strategy means that a toxic plume could run for an unknown duration. CalFire said that they don't have the protective equipment or haz-mat suits to fight these fires.

No-one in attendance knows who develops the plan. But we hope it takes into account the non-vehicle residents, non-ambulatory residents, the aged, infants, and infirm.

### 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. The Boulevard Chairman was at the meeting and requested any help that their community could get to evaluate fire risk and mitigation from any persons with knowledge of such things.

**G. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm

The next JCSG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 at 6 pm.

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Minutes approved at the 4-14-26 meeting.