

County of San Diego
Jacumba Community Sponsor Group (JCSG)
Final Minutes for the JCSG Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 18th , 2026
Jacumba Community Center, 44681 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934

A. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Roll call: Seat 1. Present Steve Perelman (Secretary) Seat 2. Present Greg Curran (Vice-Chair); Seat 3. Excused Absence - Corbin Winters Seat 4. Present Jeffrey Osborne (Chair); Seat 5. Present Katrina Westley

~12 members of the public were in attendance

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of the draft minutes for the JCSG meeting held on April 14th , 2026

Curran/Westley **Vote 4.0.0** Motion Passes

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 was disappointed that DPW was a no show at the meeting with Andrew Hayes after the Boulevard town Hall. He forwarded photos of the wash-boarding that re-occurred 2 weeks after the Carrizo Gorge road was graded, watered and rolled to Ashley in Joel Anderson's office. His new strategy is to contact SDAPCD when fugitive dust is a problem which could be an argument in favor of asphalt paving.

Elliot from the La Posta reservation hopes that the Starlight DEIR comment period is not yet closed because he has concerns about the use of glyphosates around the solar panels getting into the water table.

Gabriela commented that dust from the JVR project routinely flies down towards Ocotillo. Also that the Food Bank distribution in Jacumba has 200 recipients, needs more helpers.

Tanya noted that Cal-Fresh will be requiring non-disabled recipients work 20 hours/week, 80 hours/month starting June 1st and that anyone desiring volunteer hours contact her to work in the park or the senior center kitchen.

E. Action items:

1. Response to County Re: Community Benefit Fund Agreement – San Diego County has Forwarded the Sponsor Group a Draft of the Endowment Agreement with San Diego Foundation for Review and Approval

This is a large document so we commented mostly on new modifications. \$25,000 was released to IPS for the community needs assessment leaving \$3,525,000 for future projects.

The JCC is Local Administrator/Advisor and will be governed by a board of directors a majority of whom are residents of Jacumba. It is likely that the board will be expanded so a quorum is easier to be achieved.

In the event that the JCC is impaired the JCSG may act as interim Advisor.

We agreed that an annual distribution in March is preferable to other options.

By previous agreement we are eligible for the .75% fee rate from SDF

Perelman/Westley **Vote 4.0.0** Motion Passes

2. Vote on Letter of Support for Amendments to the Charter of San Diego County Proposed by Joel Anderson

Joel's letter offers 5 amendments to the initial County charter which we went through one by one.

#1 modifies the term limit extension of 2 → 3 terms only to future Board members. We agree that current officeholders should not just vote to keep themselves in office.

#2 eliminates BOS being able to reverse the County Chief Administrative Officer's personnel appointments. Steve didn't even know who she is, or if her performance is acceptable. It would require some research to form an opinion. She was appointed by BOS so she is probably influenced by them.

#3 ensures that the independent program auditor is elected by voters, which seems like a good thing.

#4 prohibits BOS from interfering in purchasing decisions by staff who have that responsibility. We just don't know much about that department.

#5 deletes provisions establishing term limits for elected County offices if it required changes in State law to establish. Conflicts between State and County would require some reading to understand.

We compromised by supporting #1 and #3 in a letter to the BOS.

Osborne/Perelman **Vote 4.0.0** Motion Passes

F. Group Business

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received

2. Community interface reports.

a. Jacumba Community Center.

Tanya announced the kid's program July 1st to August 2nd, Wed.-Fri., 10am -1pm for 8-13 year olds, meals will be served so parents can enjoy a 3 hour break during the summer.

\$200 has been raised for the kid's program.

SYH has been unresponsive to starting a health care program in Jacumba so Maureen has set up a meeting with the Indian Health Council.

b. JBRA/FireSafe Council

Greg reported that the Council has submitted a grant for free address signs, awards will be announced 6-22-26

The latest chipping event had 11 chipping loads.

Free tire collection will be held 6-13-26

G. 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. \$250,000 to the JCS D for park improvements, \$125,000 to San Ysidro Health for Mountain Empire nutrition program, \$75,000 to Imperial Valley Desert Museum for a new exhibit, \$3,525,000 released to San Diego Foundation for Endowment Fund for Jacumba. SDF Agreement 1st draft Presented this meeting(see E.1.). Community Needs Assessment Survey requested on March 9th, 2026. \$25,000 released to IPS.

2. **Jacumba Fire Station 43** – site preparation has started. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for June 2nd presumably with Joel Anderson and CalFire.

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. Projected to be Voted on by County Planning Commission - June 7th, 9AM.

4. **Golden Pacific Powerlink – New 500kV Transmission Line that has a possible route through Jacumba. Map is out: <https://goldenpacificpowerlink.com/>**

The proposed route goes through Temecula and next to Pechanga which are both pushing back. Discussion ensued about whether these power-links are even necessary since California power demand is actually down over the last 20 years. A recent article in the LA Times pointed out negative impacts to the A.B. State Park.

H. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

The next JCSG meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8th, 2026 at 6 pm.

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

Minutes approved at the 6-8-26 meeting