

County of San Diego
Jacumba Community Sponsor Group (JCSG)
Final Minutes for the JCSG Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 10th, 2026
Jacumba Community Center, 44681 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA
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A. Call to order at 6:06pm

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of the draft minutes for the JCSG meeting held on June 8th , 2026

Osborne/Perelman **Vote 3.0.1** Motion Passes(Westley Abstains)

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.)

Jeff told of the Blvd Planning Group starting a 4H group in Blvd which would invite any Jacumba youth to join and participate in. Activities will likely be held at Camp Lockett.

Randal still does not have any response for his request for a cost estimate for road improvements on Carrizo Gorge road. They did grade and water the road twice. He installed a vehicle counter which logged 1,600 vehicles Mon-Fri and 600 Sat-Sun for a total of 2,200 for the week.

Greg shared the existence of the Shallow Rental Subsidy which is designed to help low income seniors with a subsidy of up to \$500/mo for rent.

F. Action items:

1. Approve Letter to CPUC Regarding SDGE Planning Power Outages in Dangerous Summer Heat

Katrina desires to draft a letter and file a complaint about the poor timing of the ongoing outages during the current heatwave. They have chosen the middle of the day when people are sheltering at home to shut off power. The news tells us to avoid outdoor activities but it is dangerous to stay indoors with temperatures above 100 degrees outdoors. The cool zone refuges at the library and Senior Center were poorly attended because few people were able to navigate the distance from their homes to the refuges in the heat.

Osborne/Curran **Vote 4.0.0** Motion Passes

2. Approve Letter to San Diego County Planning and Development Services regarding Community Concerns around Impacts of Golden Pacific Powerlink to be included in any Interjurisdictional Notice

Jeff drafted a letter to PDS and the County BOS that expressed concern about the MO of past projects that released information only to communities affected by the original plan, but when plans changed, no notice was given to newly affected communities. It makes many valid points and no dissent was evident.

Westley/Curran **Vote 4.0.0** Motion Passes

G. Group Business

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received

- a. Volunteer – Foodbank on Mondays gabrielleschultz02@gmail.com

Gabriella was not at this meeting, but volunteers are likely still needed.

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

Community interface reports.

a. Jacumba Community Center

Tanya pointed out the new refrigerator, full of foodstuffs next to the counter. It enables the Senior Center to give out chilled produce, like broccoli and lettuce, during the Sunday breakfasts.

b. JBRA/Firesafe Council

Steve pointed out that it would be good to have a Jacumbian join JBRA and then pointed elsewhere. Randal says he is very busy, Rich looked very busy, Jay said he would consider it after his power-pole issue is sorted.

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. The IPS report is important because it will ID how many residents are without transport in the event of an evacuation. Someone needs to figure out how many busses to order.

2. Jacumba Fire Station 43 – site construction has started. Estimated completion April 2027

The wood frame is being raised – making progress.

3. Starlight Solar 100 MW Solar and Battery Facility in Boulevard off Jewel Valley Road EIR Released 7/31/25 PDS2022-MUP-22-010 Final EIR released – see county website. Project was approved by San Diego County Planning Commission with Conditions. Move Phase II Batteries to South End of Project, Dust Mitigation, Toxic Runoff Retention Basins, \$7,000,000 Community Impact Fund.

In general appearance it is a better spelled out plan than the JVR plan for Jacumba. If it has an attached evacuation plan it is superior. The vote is scheduled for Sept 16 and you can go in person to support Blvd.

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/>

Ramifications for us were discussed above(see F.2)

A last minute update concerns the next meeting. The Superintendent of Mountain Empire School District will come to educate us on bond measure L to benefit MEUSD. The \$23M bond will be paid off with a property tax increase averaging \$110/homeowner.

G. Adjournment at 6:51

Minutes approved at the 9-21-26 meeting

The next JCSG meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21st, 2026 at 6 pm.

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