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**JAMUL DULZURA  
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
FINAL MINUTES**

**APPROVED August 10, 2021**

**Tuesday July 27, 2021**

\*\*\*\*\*VIRTUAL MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

CALL IN BEGINS AT 7:15 p.m.

**7:30 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair, Dan Neirinckx, called the meeting to order at 7:53. The meeting =started a wee bit late due to technical difficulties with Dan's computer.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Dan Neirinckx, Janet Mulder, Ed Mollen, Eve Nasby, Preston Brown, Michael Casinelli, Steve Wragg, Rachel Vedder.

**Excused:** Streeter Parker, Paul Romero, Summer Piper.

**Absent:** Amber Recklau, Kevin May.

**Guests:** Jill Terp, Audrey Hamilton, Lynnette Tessitore, Judi Strang, Scott Christman,

3. **APPROVAL** of the Agenda for July 27, 2021, and Final Minutes for July 13, 2021. Motion to approve made by Michael Casinelli. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **OPEN FORUM:**

A. **Preston Brown** read a message from **Sgt Rich George** as follows: *Greetings, my name is Sergeant Rich George. I am currently assigned to the San Diego Sheriff Department's Emergency Planning Detail. Our goal is to work closely with our allied agencies, fire*

departments, and our communities to build partnerships and provide public safety education on emergency evacuations during critical incidents such as wildland fires. The Emergency Planning Detail had the pleasure of meeting with your Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group last week. The command staff from the Rancho San Diego Sheriff's Patrol Station also attended the meeting. We discussed evacuation notifications, road closures, and provided resources for the fire season. The Emergency Planning Detail also stressed the importance in evacuation preparedness and available resources. We understand the stress and the challenges when residents are evacuated from their homes. We sympathize your hardships and will work diligently to make your communities safe before returning you home. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The sub-committee then gave a summary of the possible emergency notifications as follows: **Emergency Evacuation Notifications:**

**Evacuation Order:** Immediately leave the area due to an imminent threat to life.

**Evacuation Warning:** Alerting the resident of an effected area of potential threat to life and property. Be prepared for a potential evacuation order. Residents with access and mobility challenges such as medical disabilities, mobility hinderances, or owners of large or multiple animals should leave now.

**Shelter in Place:** Only used when the escape routes have been compromised.

Road Closures

**Hard Road Closure:** Closed to all traffic except Fire and Law Enforcement.

**Soft Road Closure:** Closed to all traffic except Fire and Law Enforcement; and critical incident resources such as utility companies, CAL Trans, County Roads, etc.

**Residence Only Closure:** Soft closure with additional allowance of residents with identification and local government agencies assisting with response and recovery.

**Preparation- Ready, Set, Go**

1. Create a Wildfire Action Plan that includes evacuation planning for your home, family and pets.
2. Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit for each person in your household.
3. Fill-out a Family Communication Plan that includes important evacuation and contact information.

**Resources Available:**

Alert San Diego- <https://www.readysandiego.org/content/oesready/en-us/alertsandiego.html>

Updates of wildland fires- <https://www.sdcountyemergency.com/>

Prepare - <https://www.readysandiego.org/>

Be Aware - <https://www.sdcountyemergency.com/>

Recover - <https://www.sdcountyrecovery.com/>

**Preston Brown reviewed the Tips and resources from the FSC Workshop on "Home and Life Survivability in the Wildland Urban Interface"**

1. READY, SET, GO ReadySanDiego.org
2. American Red Cross: PrepareSanDiego.org
3. For free smoke alarm installation: SoundTheAlarm.org/SoCal
4. Great Phone APPS:
  - a. SDEmergency
  - b. CalFire; Ready,Set Go
  - c. PulsePoint

**Preston Brown reported that he delivered our recommendations regarding the Safety Element to the Board of Supervisors on July 14, 2021.** He was unable to

complete his total presentation to the Board and therefore did not include all of the actual recommendation from our Group which is as follows:

“1. Ensure that all backcountry communities have internet or cellular access in order to receive emergency notifications. The OES currently has a new app that is connected to all sources and agencies and is updating in real time and through the Sheriff Department can send emergency notifications immediately out to residents via texts or emails. This issue overlaps with the intent of the Environmental Justice Element.

2. There should be sources of funding dedicated to specific community needs. Training, education and logistics can be targeted for specific communities. In particular, funds for consulting with Emergency Evacuation Specialists and Planners. The Fehr & Peers Study of 2012 dealt only with physical improvement of roads for alternative evacuation routes. The Jamul Dulzura Sub Area Region is very complex and spread out over a number of valleys and mountain ranges that all share one lifeline, highway 94. The numerous clusters of communities based in country cul-de-sac’s have unique challenges in responding to wildfire events.

3. Lastly, Item #3 is for a recommendation for a language change in S-3.5 Residents’ Access Roads. We object to replacing the language “when necessary” with “when feasible”. The language when feasible considers more factors than that of a necessity. During wildfires people’s lives are at stake and the county should do everything in its power to protect that life, this is a necessity not a feasibility. Access roads should also take into account the current traffic conditions on each of the main roads that may be used for evacuations. In Jamul, the main access corridor is Highway 94 which has previously been graded an F when it comes to traffic and congestion, such access roads cannot be considered efficient or effective in a wildfire evacuation strategy. Compounding already congested roadways with panicked residents trying to evacuate in smoky conditions is dangerous, unacceptable, and setting our community up for failure.

#### Closing Statement

We recognize the substantial work that PDS has accomplished to help the County and communities to further implement the Safety Element Update and we strongly urge you to support staff’s recommendation on this important process which will have significant positive impact on the safety of our rural area.”

**Preston Brown** then reported that previously he had attended the Planning Commission re this same topic. He pointed out that Districts 2 and 5 have two commissioners and Districts 1, 3, and 4 have one. The Planning Commission voted against the safety element, the housing element and the environmental justice proposal which is difficult to understand. When it came before the Board of Supervisors they approved the safety element and the other two with **Supervisor Desmond** voting against the housing element and **Supervisor Anderson** voting yes for all of them, for which we are very grateful.

- B. Judi Strang, County PTA Public Health**, shared at the last meeting, and wanted us to know that there are two large groups speaking at the BOS meeting – one represents the growers and sellers and the other represents to people who live in the areas. **Valley Center Planning Group** testified that they were concerned regarding an extension of marijuana consumption lounges as well as the additional growing area being considered. She is concerned about the increased consumption lounges Where for the first time in

SD, folks would come to smoke, vape, and eat marijuana products, and then drive home drug impaired, on windy back country roads. These proposed regulations set back smoke free workplace laws by allowing smoking and vaping at workplaces; these were hard fought outcomes to create workplaces where workers would not be effected by secondhand smoke and vapor.

**C. Becky Rapp, parent and mentor, stated:** I appreciate this opportunity to speak to you tonight. I've been coming speaking directly to the county marijuana ordinance and tonight I would like to share with you a recent article from CNN titled Schizophrenia linked to marijuana use disorder is on the rise. As a mother and youth group mentor I find this deeply troubling as our young people today are suffering greatly from mental health issues. The fallacy they believe is that marijuana will help them with anxiety and depression as this is the message the industry has led them to believe.

The CNN article points out that schizophrenia linked with marijuana use is up 8% from previous years. Schizophrenia is a chronic, severe and disabling mental disorder. Its symptoms include delusions, thought disorder and hallucinations. There is no cure. Other negative effects of marijuana use are Poorer cognitive function, suicidal thoughts and plans and attempts of suicide.

The industry is praying on our young people. Hoping to create lifetime users without considering the effects this drug will have on them. The industry has a surreptitious way of marketing and advertising their product, portraying a message of health.

When I ask my youth regarding their perception of marijuana, they answer without hesitation that it's safe and that our government wouldn't legalize something for recreational use without it being safe. So, we have to ask the question as to why the county is moving forward at such a rapid rate. I ask you as planning group members to please speak out to our county supervisors and staff. I spoke to staff after another planning group meeting last week and she highly recommended planning group and community members speak out. She reassured me that they are listening and appreciate all the feedback and asked that her email address be shared. Her name is Aleena Benedito [Aleena.benedito@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Aleena.benedito@sdcounty.ca.gov). Thank you!

**D. Eve Nasby** wanted to thank both **Becky Rapp and Judi Strang** for coming to our Planning Group to educate us on the problems involved with this proposal to allow greater numbers of consumption lounges and needle exchange sites as well as greater number of growers and encouraging us to "get involved" and make our concerns known at the BOS meetings in August.

**5. IVANHOE RANCH SUBDIVISION, Ivanhoe Ranch Road and Jamul Dr. Dan Neirinckx** put this back on the Agenda for this meeting because we had a technical problem at the last meeting, which meant that one of the guests from our last meeting was unable to make her comments during the meeting. However, they were included in the minutes, noting her concern on the trails and how they would be impacted by this development. **Dan Neirinckx** suggested that we need to include our concerns regarding the trails in this development in our comments, and point out they must be part of the plan. **Michael Casinelli moved that we include our concerns regarding the trails in this development and point out they must be part of the plan. Motion carried unanimously. Dan Neirinckx will add that concern to our letter from the last meeting. Preston Brown** did some research on the Williamson Act and suggested as we consider Ivanhoe Ranch, we remember the history in our Planning Area regarding ramifications of previous projects that tried unsuccessfully to void the Williamson Act and not to give up!

6. **ROAD GUARDRAIL IMPROVEMENTS: Michael Casinelli reported that he and Rachel Vedder met together and will make recommendations to our Group at the next meeting. Any suggested guardrail needs need to be to them before then.**
7. **SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT. Dan Neirinckx suggested that agenda items 7 & 8 be considered together as they seem to work together. Representing PDS, Lynette Tessitore, reported that the Safety Element and Environmental Justice are inter-related and they take a combined general approach and they do work on them together. Preston Brown reminded us that it was our recommendation that all residents need to have cellar access for emergency purposes and PDS Lynette Tessitore pointed out that the recommendation is now a part of the Safety Element listed as “community input” and they will deal with it. Preston Brown pointed out that the implementation plan will come before the Planning Groups for input and Audrey Hamilton, from PDS, told us our input will be included especially in the Safety element and that the Environmental Justice Element will also reflect our opinions and we will have more opportunity for future engagement. Steve Wragg asked if we are voting on either the Safety and/or the Environmental Justice items? If so, he would have to recuse himself due to his company’s involvement as a consultant to the County Staff. However, he can comment on the Cool Zones recommendations. Michael Casinelli asked the County Staff if the problem with the importance of having two ingress and egress in a large new proposed development (over 30 homes) would be considered. Lynette Tessitore said it will be considered and there is language to help us check on this. Steve Wragg pointed out that multiple access points are reviewed as part of the Fire Department’s policies as well as the County. Older subdivisions are being encouraged to create a secondary access by the County and Fire Department and that stems from AB2911.**
8. **“COOL ZONES”, RECOMMENDATIONS and PDS Staff “Environmental Justice” Comments. Dan Neirinckx was asked by Supervisor Anderson’s office whether our area would feel it important to have more Cool Zone areas for older residents in the area. They tend to be held in Libraries, but in our area the only possible area could be Dulzura Community Center. Dan Neirinckx was concerned that cool zones facilities would need to have some financial help through non-governmental help for expenses. Audrey Hamilton pointed out that there are two environmental actions that are aimed at increasing cool zones. It will take two to seven years to work on this project and the County will work with Health and Human Services to be able to use facilities other than public libraries. It will take a team effort to be able to provide these cool zones. Dan Neirinckx asked what timeline Environmental Justice is proposing and Michael Casinelli asked when we could expect to be able to comment on this plan. Audrey Hamilton said it could be 2 to 7 years, but Preston Brown pointed out that it does not stop us from making suggestions for locations in our area. He suggested that the County could take our suggestions today. Dan Neirinckx said that today we could encourage “cool zone” support and should not be the instigator of finding the locations. Preston pointed out that we could make suggestions. Lynette Tessitore said our input is welcomed. Eve Nasby pointed out that it would be great for the County to keep our Planning Area in the loop as we have a definite need. Dan Neirinckx suggested that we just inform Supervisor Anderson’s office that we are soliciting suggested locations from our community which Eve Nasby will include on our Facebook page. Lynette Tessitore suggested that they will get back to us after they have a conversation with District 2 and let us know if we can be of any assistance. Dan Neirinckx thanked both Lynette Tessitore and Audrey Hamilton for their input.**
9. **SANDAG DRAFT 2021 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) Dan Neirinckx told us that this is a thirty-year plan and it is setup to consider several items**

including automobiles, trains, trolleys, walkers, bicycles and will decide whether it is possible to reduce the greenhouse effects by reducing the number of motorized vehicles. 25,000 people pedestrians were killed nation-wide in a 3-year period, but **Dan** suggested we look at the County problem rather than national. They are looking at focusing in the more heavily populated in the first chapter and the second chapter looked at the problems for the community's to accomplish the goal. Chapter three dealt with paying for the plan as it is estimated to cost \$163 billion dollars over the thirty years from 2020 to 2050. It would be funded by raising all the fees for transportation as well as assistance from the State and Federal government. **Preston Brown** pointed out that it would take into consideration how the VMT (Vehicle Miles Travelled tax determination) would impact the rural areas. He suggested that we would hope to be grandfathered in so as not to be so heavily impacted by the VMT. **Dan Neirinckx** summarized that the report also said that it is still quite preliminary as it proposes goals and possible ways to achieve them. When we receive the EIR we will be able to make comments and see how the VMT tax will be important to our area.

- 10. JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: Dan Neirinckx** received a communication from the **Jacumba Hot Springs Sponsor Group** asking for our support in regards to the huge project of solar panels (solar farms) being proposed in their area, as their Planning Group is very concerned about the proximity to their community and feel that the location of the proposed solar panels would seriously negatively impact their community. Their concern is primarily the size of the project that is proposed having negative impacts on the community. **Michael Casinelli** pointed out that several years ago, **Donna Tisdale, Jacumba Sponsor Group**, came to our Group asking for our help regarding the wind generators and the County completely ignored their input. **Steve Wragg** said his company is working on a large project in the area and wanted to notify us of that. **Dan Neirinckx** said that if we wanted to discuss this item, it will be put on the next agenda and the decision was made to do so.

- 11. Adjournment: Dan Neirinckx adjourned the meeting at 9:39.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Janet Mulder, Secretary**

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY AUGUST 10, 2021**

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## **JAMUL/DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

*The mission of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is to represent the best interests of the communities of Jamul and Dulzura while adhering to County of San Diego, California Board of Supervisors Policy I-1.*

### **PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

*The purpose of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is:*

*To provide a public forum where local citizens can learn about issues of importance to them and their community and provide input.*

*To carefully consider all input when advising the county on such issues as planning, land use, discretionary projects, and community and sub-regional plans.*

**APPROVED 5/12/2020**