

Jamul-Dulzura

Community Planning Group

Unincorporated Area of the County of San Diego

FINAL MINUTES

December 3, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:01pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Kevin May, Preston Brown, Michael Casinelli, Thomas Gray, Lisa Hodgson, Ed Mollen, Courtney Etnyre, Dan Neirinckx, Steve Wragg, Eve Nasby, Paul Dombkowski, Janet Mulder, Eve Nasby, Darla Kamedo

Guests:

Excused:

Vacant Seats: 5, 13

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, November 7 and 19, 2024

Lisa moved that we approve 10-15-24.

Passed, 2 Abstain (Michael Casinelli and Janet Mulder)

4. OPEN FORUM

- **Ed Mollen** said they did arrest the guy who was setting fires in Jamul. A transient has been apprehended. **Lisa Hodgson** said that spot fires were showing up in different location.
- **Kathleen Lippit** said she appreciates the wildlife corridors and changes that will reduce impacts on the environment. She suggests that this group advocates for improvements to the community and not the just the County. Required infrastructure is needed before project are approved. Cannabis does not contribute to local health and the environmental justice. She urged us to speak at the next BOS on environmental destruction. There appears to be no long-term view and no connection between SANDAG, the data and their policy.

5. VACANCY APPLICATION – Seat #1 – John McClure

John McClure introduced himself and gave a brief history of his background.

He said he was born in Riverside but later moved to Oregon and then settled in San Jose.

He joined the Navy and later returned to cabinet making. He pursued a master's degree in human development. He volunteered in a hospital and helped build the hospice care section and worked in social services. He has 2 children and moved to Jamul in 2007. He has worked at the the San Diego Maritime museum and helped rebuild the San Salvador sailing ship. He has piloted ships up and down the California Coast. He was involved with the Jamul Action Committee and would like to be involved with our group.

Michael Casinelli asked if traffic has affected him. **John** said he lives behind the post office and traffic is a big issue and will make evacuation difficult in wildfires. Michael mentioned that the Jamul Casino gave away some free drones on Saturday morning and traffic was jammed up along SR-94 till 2pm. **Dan Neirinckx** asked him about what he knew about the importance of septic systems and wells. **John** said he has a septic system but used the local utility for water. **Dan** said he asks about this because when we consider developments they ask for a variance to changes what is normally practiced. Sewers could end up on Jamul Drive if they are extended and that this is an important item for us. **Dan** asked him if he was aware of the water table in his area. **John** replied “no”. **Ed Mollen** said that you will hear about this especially if the hotel starts working. **Ed** said he was against sewer lines coming out here because it will be growth inducing and will be the end of our rural area. **John** said he would be against as well.

The group held a discussion and voted unanimously to confirm **John McClure** as a member.

6. SDG&E: REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT regarding proposed cuts to its Wildfire Mitigation and Hardening

Kevin May said he received a letter from SDG&E, which he sent out to the group, requesting a letter of support from our group to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to increase their proposed decision (PD) to approve only 200 miles of electrical undergrounding instead of the 600 miles requested in their proposal. They stated that this will negatively impact public safety in high fire threat districts like ours.

Kevin said he thought this was part of normal negotiation. We should ask for the full amount of the cost for this. **Steve Wragg** said the CPUC needs to give approval and this may have to do with the rate increase; hardening is great but rate payers have to pay for it. **Ed Mollen** added that undergrounding is destructive to habitat. **Preston Brown** said that when he asked what the costs and rate increases would be and who would pay for it they said they said they did not have this information. **Lisa Hodson** said that our support comes with a price tag to write a check on behalf of the residents. What would the average rate payer be charged for this. **Janet Mulder** said that sometimes lines go across people’s property. **Lisa** said that residents can decline if it goes across their property. **Preston** added that they cannot claim “eminent domain”. **Ed** said he would like to see a cost analysis to make a decision on this. **Steve** said this is a General Rate Case (GRC). **Lisa** said we cannot blindly support this, we have more questions. Steve asked why the CPUC would decline a rate increase. Janet said we need to ask them for more information. We have concerns and are unable to make a recommendation at this time. Kevin said we also need to know where the other 400 additional miles are going and what is the cost of each mile. **Lisa** asked how much is approved for Jamul. So far (41) miles on circuit 0524 to Lawson Valley are committed to Jamul.

Michael Casinelli moved that we cannot make an informed decision or recommendation without knowing the costs, location, impact on rate payers and the per miles cost. Kevin May will write a letter making these points.

Motion passed Unanimously

SEE ATTACHEMNT: JDCPG RESPONSE TO SDG&E REQUEST

7. “SKYLINE NORTH” – CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD (WCB) GRANT – Lawson Valley and Sycuan Peak Area

Lisa Hodgson said that on November 21 the WCB voted to approve the acquisition of 557 acres north of Skyline Truck Trail in the Lawson Valley and Sycuan Peak Area for 1.9 million dollars to be placed in the conservatorship of the California Fish and Wildlife (CFW). Lisa said the community has concerns on public access. There are no public access easements on private property. Carlton “Chuck” Bonham, Vice-Chair, said his staff will deal with entitlements and long-term use during this interim period. He said transfer will not impact the community but he will honor recreational easements including horseback riding. Land owners have had a contingency so that they could access vacant land for horses. Overtime access can be diminished as in the case of motorized vehicles and even for non-motorized access. **Lisa** asked to be included in the list of stakeholders. **Lisa** said that currently animal crossings are being restricted now by new housing that may violate current zoning for SR-10 which has parcels of 6-8 acres. New fences remain a big concern.

8. WILDLIE EVACUATION TOUR with SANDAG and CALTRANS - Highway 94

Paul Dombkowski reviewed places that need weeding and clearing along the roadsides. **Cris Bunt Rural**, Rural Residential Deputy (SD County Sheriff), agrees with our suggestion to add a “green arrow” to the traffic light for drivers going west on Lyons Valley Road to SR-94. He passed this along to Caltrans Public Safety Branch.

9. ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING GROUPS (APG)

Paul Dombkowski announced that there is a new “border environmental task force” and the APG has requested membership in this task force. It deals with climate adaption, environmental health and environmental justice. Our contact at SANDAG, Kim Smith, suggested that one member from the APG would be enough.

The APG is also trying to get a meeting with Rep. Darrell Issa. The APG was not invited to a recent meeting that he held with mayors in East County. The APG would also like to meet with Mario Oso and Rep. Issa together.

Our major issues remain:

- 1) to get transportation funding.
- 2) safe wildfire evacuation
- 3) vulnerable populations
- 4) rural funds should not be used for new building projects near the coast.

The APG will meet in person on January 4 at the Lakeside Library. This is one of the 2 annual in person meetings.

10. JAMUL CASINO HOTEL AND ENTERTIANMENT EXPANSION PROJECT

Michael Casinelli said the recent drone event is a sign of things to come. They have not opened the Entertainment Center yet but great traffic is coming. **Dan Neirinckx** asked about sound from these events. **Michael** said that the County will come out and measure decibels

to determine if it is in violation of the sound the ordinance but if it is coming from the JIV, I doubt the County will do anything. **Kevin** said you need to report it and then they can act but they have to know before the event, but if it is on the reservation they cannot do anything. Someone needs to report it and then they can act but they have to know before the event.

11. “JAMUL INDIAN LAND TRANSFER ACT” H.R. 6443, Bill sponsored by **Rep. Darrel E. Issa** (R-CA-48), and associated Senate Bill S 3857, sponsored by California **Senator Alex Padilla**

Michael said it is currently in the Senate Dock but not yet submitted.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE: Emergency Evacuation, Traffic and Crime
No Update

13. FACEBOOK PAGE
No update

14. JAMUL SHOPPER
Kevin, Courtney and Lisa will work on the new notice from the group.

15. OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARK (OHV)
No updates.
For updates go this LINK: <https://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/park-pages/OffHighwayVehicles.html>

16. COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Dan Neirinckx said he believes we need a briefing from Parks & Recreation. We should tell them what we want and what it takes to fulfill the design requirements.

If we have properties we could submit a design application. It is a 5-year plan schedule but we need to fill it out every year. **Preston** asked if community input needed to come first.

Dan said we need to consider what we could get and where. **Ed** said we could ask P&R about the need for participation from Dulzura. Ed said that with help from Dianne Jacobs and Kiwanis they improved the field for Jamul Little League. The BOS has discretionary funds. We need to find out as a starting point if what we want is OK, and where funds come from.

Dan said we also need to know what they can do to take care of it and will there be funds to take care of the maintenance. Does it come from the General Fund? **Dan** said we need a representative from Dulzura for the next meeting. **Lisa** said we could reach out to the community with a survey in the Shopper. We could use a QR Code and post it in on Facebook as well. **Dan** said we could ask what would they be interested in for the community. **Michael** said the County splits it up in either “passive” or “active” Parks Land Development (PLDS).

17. JDCPG OFFICERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Kevin announced that Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary will be held at the January 7, 2025 meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 9:09pm

ATTACHEMNT: JDCPG RESPONSE TO SDG&E REQUEST

12/4/2024

To: Rob Knudsen, Project Affairs Manager – Major Projects, SDG&E

I presented your letter to the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group (CPG), requesting a letter of support to the CPUC for your efforts of wildfire mitigation hardening. Due to the following concerns the CPG was unable to do so:

- The rate increase(s) that SDG&E customers of Jamul-Dulzura would have to pay for the 200 miles approved, and the additional 400 miles not approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) – how much and for how long?
- How many of those 200 and 400 miles are in the CPG's area?

There were other concerns regarding:

- the cost benefits of such a project
- how many miles would it take to be significantly effective in reducing wildfires

We realize the last two concerns might be hard to answer but are still questions that we would have to have a better idea about before supporting rate Increases for SDG&E customers in our area.

Respectfully,

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NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday December 17, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.
Jamul-Dulzura Union School District - Jamul Education Center
14581 Lyons Valley Road, Jamul, CA 91935
Hybrid Meeting: Both In-Person and Zoom Attendance

MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDAS can be accessed at
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/CommunityGroups.html>

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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*