

# **Jamul -Dulzura Community Planning Group**

**Jamul-Dulzura Union School District - Jamul Education Center  
14581 Lyons Valley Road, Jamul, CA 91935**

**Hybrid Meeting: Both In-Person and Zoom attendance**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm**

### **2. Roll Call: Quorum established with 10 of 15 members present.**

**Janet Mulder**, Seat #4 Excused

**Steve Wragg**, Seat #15 Excused

Guest via Zoom: Rodney

### **3. Approval of Minutes:**

January 21, 2025, and February 4, 2025 - Tabled until March 4, 2025

### **4. Open Forum**

Discussed the *Steele Canyon Sand Mines* and the *Dark Skies* ordinance for rural East County associated with *Jamul Casino and Entertainment Center*.

### **5. Letterhead Format for Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group**

Pending awaiting further response from the Community.

### **6. Wildfire Evacuation Tour with San Diego Association of Governments**

**(SANDAG) and CALTRANS (California Department of Transportation) in Jamul and Dulzura along State Route 94.**

**Vice Chair, Paul Dombkowski** - The **SANDAG** group is looking into the timing of the traffic lights. He will continue to follow up with **CALTRANS**.

Members of the **JDCPG** remarked about the traffic on **State Route 94** West, making the morning commute an hour to exit Jamul. The traffic light timer is not calibrated, causing 15-minute delays at all hours of the day and night.

The *Jamul Casino and Entertainment Center* construction has increased the number and severity of traffic incidents at *Maxwell Street* entering **State Route 94**.

A member of the **JDCPG** will speak with **California Highway Patrol Captain Vargas** regarding signage or a flashing light to slow drivers.

The **Chair Lisa Hodgson** plans to contact **Chief Executive Officer of SANDAG, Mario Orso** to schedule a meeting to discuss the issue with **Congressman Darrell Issa's** office to address wildfire evacuation and fire mitigation in Jamul.

#### 7. Association of Planning Groups (APG)

**APG Chair Chief Executive Officer of SANDAG, Mario ORSO** sent a letter to **Congressman Darrell Issa** and spoke with a staff member at **Congressman Darrell Issa's** San Diego office. The APG Chair is requesting a meeting with **Congressman Darrell Issa's** office, **SANDAG** (Mario Orso), regarding wildfire evacuation routes and emergency evacuation strategies for Old Campo Road/**State Route 94** and the neighboring areas.

On Friday, February 21, 2025, the **APG** is meeting with the **SANDAG** policy advisory committee. The **Vice Chair, Paul Dombkowski** has been appointed a **SANDAG** advisory committee member.

#### 8. Draft a Letter to Congressman Darrell Issa to request a meeting.

- Status of acknowledgements
- Discussed in Agenda item # 6: Wildfire Evacuation Tour with **SANDAG** and **CALTRANS**- Jamul-Dulzura **State Route 94**.

#### 9. Jamul Casino Hotel and Entertainment Center Expansion Project

**Member Darla Kasmedo** updated the **JDCPG** regarding the ***Dark Skies*** complaint status.

The ***Jamul Casino*** has added a flashing light on top of the casino. There is a bright red light on the ***Jamul Casino*** sign. **Member Darla Kasmedo** has drafted a letter on behalf of her neighborhood regarding the light pollution issue. The letter references the **TEIR**. Asking for an assessment of the light pollution.

**GUEST Rodney** - Bright lights are distracting coming around the corner. The bright lights are impacting the ***Dark Skies*** native to the area. Impact to property value.

**Member Ed Mollon** added that the adverse impacts of light pollution make it difficult to sleep.

Suggested a survey of neighboring private properties and businesses to assess the adverse effect of the **Jamul Casino/Entertainment Center** light pollution.

The **JDCPG Chair Lisa Hodgson**, stated the ***Jamul Casino's*** violation of ***Dark Skies*** policies. The community has the right to file a complaint.

**Member Preston Brown** will discuss the environmental impacts with the *Sierra Club*. The Light attracts birds and has a detrimental effect on native plants and animals.

**Chair Lisa Hodgson** recommended each organization or individual file separate complaints.

With follow-on letters from the *Sierra Club*.

**Member Darla Kasmedo** noted the *Jamul Casino* had a Super Bowl commercial featuring the Rooftop pool.

#### 10. Jamul Shopper

**Member Eve Nasby** thanked other members who agreed to be interviewed and have their bios published.

#### 11. Community Grant Program (PLDO)

The **JDCPG** surveyed the community regarding the placement of a park in Jamul. Of the 119 responses to the survey, the majority wanted a playground with walking trails. Twenty individuals commented that a park would attract homeless people.

Discussion of a baseball park at **Oak Grove**. The members commented regarding the need for tree trimming and a plot map to visualize the baseball field and park at Oak Grove.

The members believe a BBQ area would be formidable due to wildfire risk. **Dan Neirinckx**, the lead, commented that the *Barrett house* was considered in the past. The **JDCPG** needs the input of residents and an engineer to develop a design blueprint with the cost. The engineering blueprint with costs will be requested in a proposal for the March 18th JDCPG meeting. The **JDCPG** is also looking for the support of the *Jamul-Dulzura Unified School District*.

#### 12. Capital Improvement Project

The *Department of Public Works* is requesting input on prioritizing capital improvement and maintenance projects for county-maintained assets -

**Project Request Form due March 30, 2025.**

##### Addition of projects

**Member Darla Kasmedo** sent an email with a list of the projects. Combine all projects into one chart to prioritize projects. Confirm *the priority of requested projects*.

Rodney (guest) requested the location online of the list of Capital Improvement Projects for **Jamul-Dulzura**.

The **Chair Lisa Hodgson** offered the projects a few cycles to be listed on the County webpage as Capital Improvement Projects -CIP.

**Member Nasby** stated the County has a web page titled: “[Tell Us Now](#).” This is a San Diego County application to disclose problems such as road repair, tree trimming, brush abatement, and fire abatement. **Chair Lisa Hodgson** stated that the school district and the *California Highway Patrol* had moved the bus stop because there were line-of-sight issues with the speed limit. A Petition from **Joel Anderson** for a speed zone in the residential area would be preferred. These are not Capital Improvement Projects. **Member Darla Kasmedo** is compiling and revising a list of projects on the Capital Improvement list to be voted on at the next meeting on March 4, 2025.

### 13. Cannabis Program Draft EIR

- The **Environmental Impact Report for the Cannabis Program** will have a public review through March 31, 2025.
- Open houses for the ***Draft Cannabis Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR)***.
  - i. Feb 25, 2025, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Lakeside County Library, 12428 Woodside Avenue, Lakeside
  - ii. Feb 26, 2025, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Valley Center County Library, 29200 Cole Grade Rd, Valley Center
  - iii. Registration requested.

No public comment, comment, or support may be removed from the agenda.

The **Vice Chair, Paul Dombkowski**, noted that the least destructive method of growing cannabis is indoors.

The **County Board of Supervisors** is concerned about the **EIR** concerning water usage, run-off, safety, and wildfire.

The public has until **March 31, 2025**, to review the **First draft of the Environmental Impact Report – EIR**.

### 14. JDCPG Officer’s Announcements and Reports:

The **Chair Lisa Hodgson**, reminded that *Form 700* is Electronic Filing All members are required to attend Ethics training. **Member Kevin May** has a list that was sent out to individuals needing *Ethics training*.

**Chair Lisa Hodgson** requested a list of the status of training for all members.

The Dulzura Community Meeting is on *April 19, 2025*, at 5:00 pm at 1136 Community Building Road.

## 15. Review of Action Items:

\*Add an agenda item for the **Dulzura Community Group. Dulzura Community Meeting on Feb 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm** located at 1136 Community Building Road. **Member Kevin May** suggested speaking with Dawn regarding Dulzura having a separate Community Planning Group.

### JDCPG Chair review of action items:

- ☐ **Member Nasby** to consolidate logo format at March meeting.
- ☐ The **Vice-Chair** will follow up with CALTRANS.
- ☐ **Chair Lisa Hodgson** will follow up with **Mario ORSO** and **CALTRANS**.
- ☐ The next meeting, Consolidation of *Capital Improvement Projects* will be led by **JDCPG Member Darla Kasmedo**.
- ☐ **JDCPG Member Casinelli** asked the **JDCPG** to approve **Dan Neirinckx** to set-up a meeting with Parks and Recreation to request a letter of assistance. The formation of an ad hoc committee for the **Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO)** will consist of Members **Darla Kasmedo, Michael Casinelli, and Dan Neirinckx** to draft a letter prioritizing projects for JDCPG approval.
- ☐ **Vice-Chair Dombkowski** will consolidate input of the **Association of Planning**
- ☐ **Groups for JDCPG Member Darla Kasmedo** regarding the *Cannabis Program Draft Environmental Report - EIR*.
- ☐ *Dark Skies* letter to be drafted by **Member Darla Kasmedo** from *Proctor Valley Estates* for JDCPG's consideration. **Chair Lisa Hodgson** will draft a letter in support of residents from *Proctor Valley Estates* from **JDCPG**.
- ☐ **Chair Lisa Hodgson** will get training status from **Dawn Noble**.
- ☐ **Chair Lisa Hodgson** will send Facebook submissions to Member Darla Kasmedo for review.
- ☐ Selection of **JDCPG** letterhead format.
- ☐ **JDCPG** logo submissions are to be selected by members.
- ☐ All members are to review the outstanding minutes on January 21, and February 4, 2025.

**16. Adjournment 8:54 pm**