



**Unincorporated Area of the County of San Diego**  
**P.O. Box 613, Jamul, CA 91935**  
**FINAL MINUTES**  
**August 19, 2025**

---

1. Call to Order: 7:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call  
**Present:** Preston Brown, Paul Dombkowski, Thomas Gray, Ed Mollon, Lisa Hodgson, David Imrie, John McClure, Janet Mulder, Steve Wragg, Michael Casinelli  
**Excused:** Eve Nasby, Lucille Hargraves, Darla Kasmedo, Kevin May  
**Vacant:** Seat 9
3. Review and Approval of Minutes: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.  
Postponed until next meeting.
4. Open Forum
  - **Paul Dombkowski** announced that the Circle K Liquor license has been extended. The restriction for small bottles of 200ml or less that we had asked for, is still in place.
  - **Becky Rapp** said she would be speaking at the Planning Commission on this Friday and commenting on the DEIR concerning Cannabis regulations which do not address the danger of ground water pollution and impacts on wildlife areas.
  - **Kathleen Lippit** commented that the ADU program is very complex and that corruption can hide in a complex system and that our politicians have a habit of deferring to private industry and this is very worrisome for a schedule one drug.
5. Boutiques Wineries:

**Lisa Hodgson** said we had a presentation from the County in our previous meeting and asked the Jamul-Dulzura Vintners Association to send us their comments. Do we want to generate our own comments, insert on the website or write an endorsement?

**Michael Casinelli** said that wineries are not a problem out here but he disagreed with one thing, the burdensome noise ordinance. He considers it inadequate. We have a problem in the rural and semi-rural areas. The distance from property lines is different than in urban areas. Sound travels in the country and valleys. It's about the decibels.

**Steve Wragg** asked what we should ask for.

**Michael** suggested we say, "We find the ordinance inadequate for the rural area and that years ago the County had promised to study it."

**Janet Mulder** said we needed to make a recommendation.

**Ed Mollon** said that we do not agree that it is burdensome in principle, but it does not address the challenges of the rural country.

**Michael** pointed out that filing violations are burdensome.

**Lisa** we will draft up a letter making these points.

**Kathleen Lippit** said that in Fallbrook there is constant noise during the summer for some residents. Even if it is under 50 decibels they are still heard and are bothersome. Events are not permitted for boutique wineries, only for small wineries.

**Janet** said we need to point out that we are not trying to discourage small business but we do like

conserving rural land.

6. Wildfire Evacuation Tours with SANDAG and Caltrans

- **Paul Dombkowski** said there have been no changes to the bush trimming plans along the roads.
- **Darla Kasmedo** mentioned the traffic light at Steele Canyon is really bad and has been all week. **Paul** agreed and said he noticed it too. **Lisa** said that you can fill out a report online for this.

7. Association of Planning Groups

- **Paul** said that **Robin Joy Maxson**, our Chair representative to the SANDAG for the Association of Planning Groups (APG), read the letter from the Ramona CPG about the recent fatal accidents on Route SR-67. Eight lives were lost and their community has suffered a collective trauma. **Paul** commented to the Board that we have the same problem here with SR-94. **Paul** has a long list of government officials to contact and he will push hard for the safety issue of SR-94.

**(SEE ATTACHMENT: Ramona CPG Letter)**

- **Michael Casinelli** said that the issue of lobbyists has still not been addressed by the Board of Supervisors (BOS). The rules are explicit for identifying oneself as a lobbyist when meeting with the BOS and/or individual members. There are sanctions for lobbyists who fail to disclose this. **Michael** said this should also apply when lobbyists meet with the Community Planning Groups as well. As per example, this was a problem when Village 14 was discussed at our group.

8. Jamul Casino Entertainment Expansion Project

No Updates.

9. Cottonwood Sand Mine

**Lisa** asked for approval of our group letter to be sent to Supervisor Anderson.

**Michael** moved that that we approve the letter.

**Motion was unanimously approved.**

10. PLDO Project

**Dan Neirineckx** said there is nothing new and we will have an update next month when the Superintendent returns.

11. JDCPG Officers Announcement and Reports:

- There will be a Dulzura Community Meeting Oct 11, 2025 5:00 pm at 1136 Community Building Rd, Dulzura.
- **Preston Brown** said he would follow up with the Shopper about getting a notice alerting the community about the Cottonwood San Mine BOS Hearing on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Concerning the VISTA SAGE traffic study: Letter from Caltrans said that that “while previous studies did not meet the traffic volume requirement, they do now.” Caltrans and County Public Works are in discussion on the best path forward with County of San Diego as the lead agency.

12. Review of Action Items

- **Paul** will discuss with APG about including CPG’s in identifying lobbyists.
- **Lisa** will draft letter re: Boutique Wineries.
- **Seat 9 Vacancy**: Applicant will interview next meeting. Lisa will forward application to CPG members for review.
- **Steve** will coordinate site visit for recently received MUP permit.

13. Adjournment 8:12 pm

**(ATTACHMENT: Ramona CPG Letter)**

"Our community has suffered a collective trauma. Many families are grieving. Within 10 days we have lost 8 lives on SR 67 within a six mile stretch of the highway. One life lost is one too many - Eight lives lost is unspeakable. Unfortunately, the death toll is continuing to rise. With the frequency and severity of the recent accidents on SR 67 many in our community are alarmed.

As a Founding Member and Chair of the Ramona State Routes Subcommittee which is part of the Ramona Community Planning Group and as a Board member of the SANDAG Board of Directors - seated to represent our Unincorporated Areas concerns - I am dedicated to changing the dangerous nature of this road we must travel.

People tell me all the time how they are "afraid to drive highway 67." How they don't want their child "to start driving on that road." How they "hate having to drive highway 67 to get anywhere" and that they are "scared of being in an accident."

There are a few maxims that those in charge of "fixing" our highway follow:

One is "Engineering, Education and Enforcement"; officials will tell you that there is only so much they can do to change the road and prevent future accidents. They will tell you that they can't change people's behavior. After making engineering changes and educating drivers on safety - it will be up to law enforcement to change the driving culture as it is individual driving behavior causing many of the accidents. Unfortunately, there is only one CHP unit assigned to patrol an area extending from Maplevue Lane in Lakeside to Warner Springs.

Another maxim is that we must reduce greenhouse gas emissions - State law mandates this action - so we don't really want to add lanes to prevent the bottlenecks and dangerous passing we see when the highway narrows from multiple lanes to one lane (as an example). Unfortunately, the entire section of highway from Lakeside to Ramona has many lane variations.

And finally, we need to spend the tax dollars where they will do the most good for the most number of people. That means spending your tax dollars on a highway that is out in a rural area is not considered cost effective.

This is what our community is up against in order to achieve highway safety changes. These are the reasons given for why our highway continues to be labeled a "slaughterhouse" highway instead of a "state of the art" safest highway in San Diego.

The good news is that focus on the dangers of this highway has increased with the region's elected officials - people with the power and funding to make change happen. Caltrans is developing the SR-67 Highway Improvements Project. The addition of an Advisory Member at SANDAG specifically representing the Unincorporated Area has raised the profile of our highway. However, it takes individual community members to demand this change; to move it to the top of the project list. Each one of these agencies is part of the solution.

This can only change with your voice.

Here is what you can do: Immediately communicate to all of the agencies and elected leaders listed below about how this situation affects you and your family's sense of safety and security. Demand the action that we have paid for through our tax dollars - tax collected for decades - and that the continued loss of precious lives on this highway is not acceptable. Share with these leaders exactly what you expect to see change. Email all of the following:

Association of Planning Groups - San Diego County: The organization representing the Unincorporated Area at SANDAG: robinjoymaxson@gmail.com

Caltrans: The agency in charge of implementing the SR-67 Highway Improvement Project. To prioritize the urgency of highway construction for safe travel and fire evacuation contact: stephen.welborn@dot.ca.gov

SANDAG: The regional agency in charge of allocating our tax dollars for planning and funding the construction of SR 67 - contact both the SANDAG Board of Directors and the SANDAG Public Safety

Committee through: [clerkoftheboard@sandag.org](mailto:clerkoftheboard@sandag.org)

California State Legislators: The government branch in charge of funding the CHP. To request more funds for CHP enforcement on SR 67 - contact Senator Brian Jones and Assemblymember Carl DeMaio through their staff:

[lori.brown@sen.ca.gov](mailto:lori.brown@sen.ca.gov)

[trinity.hannaway@asm.ca.gov](mailto:trinity.hannaway@asm.ca.gov)

County of San Diego Board of Supervisors: The government branch responsible for overall safety in Unincorporated Communities e.g., Ramona, Julian, Santa Ysabel and Lakeside. Also, the Supervisors have a "vote" on the Board of Directors at SANDAG:

[joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov),

[terra.lawson-remer@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:terra.lawson-remer@sdcounty.ca.gov)

[jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov)

[monica.montgomerysteppe@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:monica.montgomerysteppe@sdcounty.ca.gov)

[paloma.aguirre@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:paloma.aguirre@sdcounty.ca.gov)”

## NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 @7:00 p.m.  
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.sdcountry.ca.gov/pds/CommunityGroups.html>

We strive to protect personally identifiable information by collecting only information necessary to deliver our services. All information that may be collected becomes public record that may be subject to inspection and copying by the public, unless an exemption in law exists. In the event of a conflict between this Public Notice and any County ordinance or other law governing the County's disclosure of records, the County ordinance or other applicable law will control. Access and Correction of Personal Information. You can review any personal information collected about you. You may recommend changes to your personal information you believe is in error by submitting a written request that credibly shows the error. If you believe that your personal information is being used for a purpose other than what was intended when submitted, you may contact us. In all cases, we will take reasonable steps to verify your identity before granting access or making corrections.

## 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.*