



**Unincorporated Area of the County of San Diego**  
**P.O. Box 613, Jamul, CA 91935**  
**Final Minutes**  
**DATE: January 6, 2026**

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1. Call to Order 7:01 pm
2. Roll Call
  - **Present:** John McClure, Darla Kasmado, Preston Brown, Lucille Hargraves, Lisa Hodgson, Al Provencio, Eve Nasby, Ed Mollon, David Imrie, Thomas Gray, Steve Wragg
  - **Excused:** Janet Mulder, Michael Casinelli
  - **Unexcused:** None
  - **Vacant:** Seat 7, Seat 10
3. Review and Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2025 and December 2, 2025
  - **Eve Nasby** moves to approve November 18 Minutes as written.
  - **Motion passed unanimously.**
  - **Preston Brown** moves to approve December 2 Minutes as written.
  - **Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Open Forum
  - **Eve** shared the article that she will send to be published in the Jamul Shopper with respect to the two vacant seats on JDCPG. If anyone has any edits or suggestions, please let Eve know.
  - **Chair Lisa Hodgson** will be posting vacancy notices online as well as the appropriate places within the communities (meeting place and Jamul and Dulzura post offices). **Eve** will send the vacancy notices to the Jamul Shopper after **Lisa** hears from the County office.
  - **Ed Mollon** noticed a lot of road paving equipment at the end of Jamul Highlands for about a week and notes that it is now gone. He is wondering if anyone knows what it was there for. **Steve Wragg** thought it might be for Granite Lion Cellars, but no one had a definitive answer.
  - **Thomas Gray** queried this a.m. about the planned Starbucks on 94 near the 7/11 and Circle K. He had heard from Sam's son at the Circle K that it sounds as if the project is moving forward. **Lisa** will reach out to PDS to see if they have a status on this.
  - **Lisa** shared that she spoke with Dean Sipes about the Firewise Group he had started for the area of Wood Valley. Dean thought it would be beneficial to expand the group and include the entire area of Lawson Valley. As a result, as of December 11, Lawson Valley is now a Firewise Community. It is very easy to be a participant in the Community. Please reach out to Dean for more information, including how you may be able to receive a discount on your fire insurance if you are in the Firewise Community area. Dean has a Facebook page called "Lawson Valley Firewise" where you can find a plethora of information. You can also reach out to Dean via email at [lawsonvalleyfirewise@gmail.com](mailto:lawsonvalleyfirewise@gmail.com). If you are interested in starting a Firewise

community in your own community, Dean will help you do so. **Lisa** plans to invite him to speak to JDCPG sometime in March.

- **Becky Rapp** shared that the Board of Supervisors will be addressing the Socially Equitable Cannabis program on Jan 14. Many of the Planning Group Chairs and reps will be attending this meeting in person to share concerns from their communities. She urges all of us to come speak out against this program at the County meeting. Concerns have been shared over the past several years with the County about this expansion.

##### 5. Request for Letter of Support from Supervisor Anderson's Office

- Andrew Hayes from Supervisor Anderson's office spoke with JDCPG this evening regarding the Letter of Support for the amended SB 240. Andrew's official title is "Taxpayer Advocate".
- Andrew shared some background on SANDAG and representation of the unincorporated areas of the County:
  - A couple of years ago, an ordinance was introduced and approved by the Board of Supervisors that gave the Advisory Planning Group, or APG, a non-voting representative on SANDAG. APG has representation from all of the Planning Groups in the County.
  - Following this action, Supervisors wanted to get a voting member on SANDAG to represent the unincorporated areas. State legislation is needed to have this happen, as this would change SANDAG. It turns out that a couple of different bills were introduced, one of which is SB 240.
  - Both the County BOS and SANDAG need to support a bill; otherwise, it will not pass – it would most likely be deemed "DOA". Supervisor Anderson got a notice that SB 240 was most likely going to be DOA as originally written, and that something else needed to be done to keep it going forward. Andrew explained how this prompted Supervisor Anderson's office to write a "cafeteria of options" to share with the Board to see if they were even interested in amending SB 240. If the Board majority does not even support the concept of unincorporated representation on SANDAG, it would have been pointless to go forward. But the Board supported the idea. Andrew shared that unfortunately, it is all a moot point now, as SB 240 was pulled from the local government committee. Andrew said that Supervisor Anderson now needs a new author to write a new bill.
- **Steve** asked why the bill died. Andrew said "politics" -- it may have been because it was a Republican bill. **Steve** then asked what Andrew's definition is for increased representation for the unincorporated areas. Andrew said that Supervisor Anderson's office would like to keep the Advisory seat from APG intact. Andrew also said that Sacramento and committee staff were uncomfortable changing the charter for SANDAG, and many were uncomfortable supporting a voting representation for unincorporated areas. Andrew continued and said that ultimately the vision would be "let's have a voting seat" (for the unincorporated areas).
- Andrew also shared that technically, APG is not a legal authority. CPGs do have legal authority. He also said that LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Committee) elects its board members from unincorporated areas.
- **Steve** wanted to know what the "cafeteria of options" are. Andrew said he would get the board letter for JDCPG so we could all read through the other options that have been suggested.
- **Chair Lisa Hodgson** said she believes the reason why we can't specifically have another APG voting member is that the APG is technically not legally recognized. Andrew said "yes", and that SB 240 was designed to get representation that came from a legally represented group. So, the APG representative would only have voted if a County Supervisor did not show up. Andrew said SB 240 as amended could have allowed for up to 4 votes from the unincorporated areas.

- **Preston** asked: “Is the right way to create legitimacy for APG maybe through the county charter?” Andrew said that this could be explored, but the County would probably say it would be redundant. Andrew added that to change SANDAG structure, you must go through the state.
- Andrew talked more about writing a new bill. He said, “If we can find an author, we have hope. If we can find a democrat author, it would be even better.” He said they are hoping to start with local representatives to author this, as someone outside of San Diego would have zero interest in all of this. Andrew said they are also trying to get SANDAG to write and approve a resolution to support all of this as well. Supervisor Anderson has always said “Don’t let perfect get in the way of good.”
- **Lisa** asked if Senator Jones might be interested in this again. Andrew said “Possibly”.
- **Preston** asked about whose idea it is to incorporate the unincorporated areas. Andrew explained that Supervisor Anderson’s vision on incorporation has to do with the fact that the unincorporated areas are continually dumped on as they have very little representation when compared with the incorporated areas. Supervisor Anderson’s vision is rooted in controlling some of these things. Andrew said that if Jamul wanted to join with Lakeside, Ramona, and Alpine, they would then have the taxpayer representation available to incorporate. If this is not possible, we should still be fighting for representation on SANDAG so we at least increase our ability for a voice with respect to transportation issues.
- Andrew closed by thanking members for their service on the CPG. He asked JDCPG members to sign up with him so that he has their contact information. He also shared his contact information with all members and guests. Andrew will call any JDCPG members who may still have questions about this issue.
- JDCPG thanked Andrew for coming out.
- **Lisa** asked what is needed from JDCPG now, and Andrew said to “hold off” until JDCPG hears from the Supervisor’s office again.

#### 6. Wildfire Evacuation Tour with SANDAG and Caltrans-Highway 94

- **Al Provencio** shared a handout of his notes from his meeting with Tyler Hicks from Caltrans. Tyler has reevaluated the timing of the lights from Lyons Valley Rd to Steele Canyon Rd.
- **Darla Kasmado** said she thinks it hasn’t been as bad, but school is not in session currently.
- **Al** will let us know if there is a change again.
- **Al** and Tyler Hicks discussed the agreement that JIV (Jamul Indian Village) had made for \$1.1 million dollars in improvements when the casino was first being built. Vista Sage, Lyons Valley, and Otay Lakes were all considered for improvements. The traffic study was done in 2020-21, but was redone in 2025, and improvements are still being considered.
- The MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) was between JIV and the County of SD, and not Caltrans. **Chair Lisa Hodgson** will send the MOA to **Al**. JIV did follow through and gave their money as promised. It is now up to the County of SD and Caltrans to determine where the money is used. The assessment in 2020-21 did not trigger any improvements in Vista Sage area. However, Carl DeMaio’s office was instrumental in getting Caltrans to redo the traffic study in 2025. The County is now working with Caltrans to improve the left turn lane onto Vista Sage Rd. This is STILL being evaluated.
- **Ed** mentioned that they have graded these intersections (mentioned above) at an “F” previously. When the next evaluation comes through, **Ed** hopes that if Caltrans says “it needs to be improved” that something actually gets done.
- **Chair Lisa Hodgson** shared the letter from Carl De Maio’s office about Vista Sage Lane Joint agency agreement (JAA).

- **Preston** and **Ed** both shared information about the Otay Lakes Rd solution, including that a roundabout would have a \$25 million cost.
- **AI** will reach out to Tyler Hicks and Caltrans to see if they might be available to attend an upcoming meeting.
- **Steve** said he would assume that the County has \$1.1 million, so Caltrans will let the County be the lead agency as they will need to find a lot more money to make any sort of improvements happen.
- Andrew Hayes commented on the letter that Caltrans sent. Andrew said that it is very important to ask Caltrans what it means when they use the term "lead agency". He said it's important to ask what Caltrans is asking the County to accomplish and what their vision is for what this looks like. This may avoid the finger pointing game. Andrew also said that if Caltrans is working with the County and Supervisor Anderson isn't aware of it, the County will come to the Supervisor's office at some point.
- **Ed** commented that it is State Route 94 and wonders why the County is even involved. Andrew said he wasn't sure, but that he could look into it. Andrew will read the agreement with JIV.
- **Lisa** reminded everyone to please keep Carl DeMaio's office in the loop, as we are in a supporting role of the residents of Vista Sage who are currently working with Carl's office.
- **Lisa** will send a copy of the Caltrans letter from August 15 to Andrew.
- Andrew thought JIV might be helpful in getting more financial support for this. Andrew also said he would be happy to help us build a positive relationship with JIV if we are interested. JIV wants to be good neighbors, but they do not want to be yelled at. **Darla Kasmedo** shared with Andrew that we had sent a letter to JIV, but JDCPG never heard any response to the letter. **Ed** also said that JIV had not responded when JDCPG reached out to them. **Darla** asked if Andrew could help us as a liaison with the chairperson of JIV. Andrew would be willing to reach out to JIV leadership if JDCPG would like this.
- Andrew asked Lisa who she reached out to at JIV. Lisa explained that we reached out to POC (Point of Contact) listed for JIV (PR office as she recalled) to invite them to the Dark Skies presentation.
- Andrew offered the suggestion that we create a subcommittee to meet with JIV with guidance in a letter format – all members agree on ideas to discuss, but then fewer people can meet with them. He added that for Jamul's sake, for the community's sake, and for JIV's sake, it is a good thing to build a relationship. **Darla** said that the community has a desire to have dialogue with JIV and find a way to have harmony.
- **Steve** added that it might be helpful to have someone neutral like Andrew be the go-between as he isn't sure if trust is there between JIV and JDCPG as it has been a long time since any community meetings took place between them.
- **AI** had no updates on the Wildfire Evacuation Tour. **AI** doesn't really know a lot about this issue yet. **AI** also said he would email Paul about who picked up the Wildfire Evacuation Tour information.
- **AI** also mentioned a trash dump on Proctor Valley Rd, and on Lyons Valley as well. Tyler Hicks gave **AI** a point of contact for issues on any county-maintained roads.

## 7. Association of Planning Groups (APG)

- **John McClure** did not have updates for us yet, as the next APG meeting is this upcoming Saturday.

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

- No updates at this time.

## 9. Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Project

- Neither **Chair Lisa Hodgson** nor **Al Provencio** have heard back from Dan about whether he has received the parcel list yet.
- Guest Kelly Elmore asked how much money is in this fund currently. She also asked whether the “blacktop/dirt” area behind the school had been considered as a site. **Ed** explained about limited accessibility (off limits during school hours). **Eve** added that it is not often lit up after dark, either.
- **Lisa** shared with guest Kelly about the upkeep costs being the biggest challenge.

## 10. Officer Elections

- *Chairman*
  - **Chair Lisa Hodgson** said this would be effective from the end of this meeting until this time next year. **Lisa** has a turnover file that can help whoever takes this position for the upcoming year.
  - **Ed** shared how impressed he has been with **Al** and his follow-up. **Ed** said that **Al** has added a new direction to a lot of the discussions JDCPG has had.
  - **Ed** nominated **Al Provencio** for Chairman. **Al** accepts the nomination.
  - *The nomination was passed unanimously.*
- *Vice-chairman*
  - **Darla Kamedo** nominated **John McClure**. **Ed** concurs with this nomination. **John** accepts the nomination.
  - *The nomination was passed unanimously.*
- *Secretary*
  - **Chair Lisa Hodgson** nominated **Lucille Hargraves**. **Lucille** accepted the nomination.
  - *The nomination was passed unanimously.*

## 11. JDCPG Officer's Announcements and Reports:

- Annual Training and Leaving Office SF 700s: **Chair Lisa Hodgson** said that announcements for the annual training should be available soon, and the link will be forwarded as soon as it is available.
- Seat 7 and Seat 10 are now vacant. We have two guests in attendance this evening who are interested in possibly filling them. There will be a position by appointment to finish out the term for each seat. The term is four years.

## 12. Review of Action Items

- **Chair Lisa Hodgson** will get the Board of Supervisor letter from Andrew Hayes and she will then forward it to all members.
- **Lisa** will send Caltrans letter from August 15 to Lucille, Al, and Andrew Hayes.
- **Lisa** will locate and review the JIV MOA (memorandum of agreement).
- **Al Provencio** will reach out to Paul to see who has Wildfire Tour follow-up.
- **Eve** to place announcement for vacancies in Jamul Shopper after **Lisa** gets the okay from Dawn to post vacancies.
- **Lisa** to ask about Starbucks status from County.
- **Lisa** to invite Dean Sipes to attend a March meeting to share about Firewise Communities.
- **Al** will follow up with Andrew Hayes regarding facilitating a meeting with JIV
- **John** to contact Paul regarding Vice-chair duties.

## 13. Adjournment: 8:57 pm

## NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @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.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 plans.*