

**JAMUL DULZURA  
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
May 26, 2015**

**Approved: June 23, 2015**

**FINAL Minutes**

**Oak Grove Middle School Library**

**7:30 p.m.**

1. **Joe Stuyvesant, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Steve Wragg, Bill Herde, , Elizabeth Kelly, Jean Strouf, Michael Casinelli, Janet Mulder, Eileen Poole, Joe Stuyvesant, Richard Marzec, and Randy White.

**Excused:** George Novinger

**Absent:** Joan Kouns, Preston Brown, Judy Bohlen, and Earl Katzer.

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3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA for May 26, 2015 and minutes of April 28, 2015. Meeting and May 12, 2015 cancelled by chair. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **OPEN FORUM: Opportunity for public comment on any item not on the agenda – 3 minute time limit**
  - a. **Joe Stuyvesant welcomed Richard Marzec back as a member of the JDCPG as approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 12 for Seat 13.**
  - b. **Joe read the letter sent to Darren Gretler of SD County stating our environmental concerns regarding the SDG&E 12kv lines being brought up along SR94 as to whether the project should trigger a full CEQA analysis. Michael Casinelli moved that we attach this letter to these minutes for the public record. Motion carried unanimously. (Letter is attached after adjournment.)**
  - c. **Joe Stuyvesant reported that the only time we need to disclose our reason for voting is if we recuse ourselves as then we need to give the reason.**
5. **TPM 21218, LOT SPLIT AT LYONS VALLEY RD. east of CHAPARRAL HTS., applicant Doug Shelstrom -- Preston Brown was not present so this item will be taken off the agenda until the applicant contacts us or the PDS.**
6. **COUNTY GENERAL PLAN CLEAN UP SECTION 4.1 REVIEW – Joe Stuyvesant** received an email from Kevin Johnston of PDS regarding the General Plan Update. The County is actually just doing a “clean-up” and it does not impact our Planning Area as we have no changes. Former Chair, **Dan Neirinckx, who was our representative on the General Plan Update**, reviewed the document and saw no major changes for our Planning Area. **Joe Stuyvesant moved that we vote to concur with the proposed changes without any comment. Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UPDATE** – Michael Casinelli reported that there will be a Town Hall Community Meeting on Monday, June 22 to give the public an update on the status of this project. Save the date: Details to follow.
8. **JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
  - a. Joe Stuyvesant received a call from Marisa Smith of County PDS asking to make a presentation on the property where the Barrett House is located. Joe asked Steve Wragg, Richard Marzec, and Randy White as the JDCPG members who are familiar with this property and prior development plans and also Eileen Poole to give new perspective. Steve Wragg will contact the Planner, Marisa Smith, to get more information regarding the status of the project.
  - b. Joe Stuyvesant will not be present at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Mulder, Secretary

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:  
7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015  
OAK GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY  
Meeting minutes and agendas can be accessed at**

**<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/CommunityGroups.html>**

LETTER SENT TO DARREN GRETHER ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group  
P.O. Box 613  
Jamul, CA 91935

Darren Gretler, Deputy Director  
Department of Planning & Development Services  
5510 Overland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Darren:

At our last Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group (JDPCG) meeting on April 28, 2015, Mr. Don Parent, Public Relations for San Diego Gas and Electric, was present and gave our Group an update on the status of the new underground 12kV distribution line that SDG&E is bringing from the Rancho San Diego Jamacha Sub-station to Jamul to service the proposed casino.

After his presentation and discussion by the Planning Group, a motion was passed (8, yes; 4, No; 0, Abstentions) to send this letter alerting the County to our concerns regarding the size and scope of this project, as we feel it could lead to potential environmental problems.

It is our understanding that a categorical exemption to CEQA is being utilized. There are several areas of concern, with perhaps the strongest two being Highway 94 crossing the Sweetwater River and the crossing of Mexican Canyon tributary along Highway 94 at the existing substation. The project proposes to cross these drainages by either undergrounding of the 12kV line or utilizing/hanging the conduit off of the existing bridge. The project, maintenance and construction impacts associated with these crossings must be addressed, specifically the impacts to the riparian vegetation and sensitive animal species (Willow flycatchers, etc).

Noise, lighting, biology, and air quality impacts need to be addressed and mitigation included, and secondly, the fact that our community has just gone through the difficult time of having SR94 (our only ingress and egress) torn up with resulting traffic delays as Caltrans completed the resurfacing, only to be told that SDG&E would again be disrupting SR94 traffic by digging their holes in the roadway to hold the conduits.

Project related construction traffic and staging need to be addressed in the environmental document. The undergrounding of the 12kV line in Highway 94 will disrupt the normal usage of Highway 94 by the community and emergency vehicles. Blocking of driveways and local business will need to be addressed and mitigated.

The Planning Group did ask if SDG&E was planning to complete a CEQA on this project, and were informed by Mr. Parent that they did not think this project would trigger CEQA Analysis and that SDG&E was working closely with Caltrans to address and satisfy their requirements. Again, it is our understanding that SDG&E will be trying to utilize a categorical exemption.

JDCPG feels that there are potentially many environmental issues which must be evaluated, especially as it pertains to the preservation of the riparian drainages and their flora and fauna, as well as the traffic problems discussed above.

The JDCPG would like assurances that all of our concerns will be mitigated as they would be within a CEQA process and believe a categorical exemption is not the appropriate environmental document due to the impact identified above. Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,



Joe Stuyvesant, Chair

Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group

Cc: Dianne Jacob, Supervisor, District 2  
Laurie Berman, Caltrans District Director  
Don Parent, SDG&E Public Relations  
Joel Anderson, CA Senator 38<sup>th</sup> District  
Brian Jones, CA Assemblyman 71<sup>st</sup> District

