

**JAMUL DULZURA  
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
FINAL MINUTES  
May 24, 2016  
Approved June 14, 2016  
Jamul Primary School Multi-Use Room  
7:30 p.m.**

1. **Joe Stuyvesant, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL;**
  - Present:** Jean Strouf, Mike Casinelli, Eileen Poole, Joan Kouns, Richard Marzec, Elizabeth Kelly, Janet Mulder, George Novinger, Bill Herde, Steve Wragg, Joe Stuyvesant, Judy Bohlen
  - Absent:** Earl Katzer & Preston Brown
  - Excused:** Randy White
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA for May 24, 2016 and the Final Minutes of the JDCPG April 26, 2016 with the following correction made by Don Parent to his remarks in Open Forum: *Damage to vehicles by the trench plate incident is being handled by our contractor A. M. Ortega, not SDG&E, which is noted in the approval of the Final Minutes at the April 26, 2016 meeting. Notation was made that the Chair canceled the May 10, 2016.* Approved unanimously.**
4. **OPEN FORUM – Opportunity for persons to speak on items not on the agenda**
  - a. Eileen Poole** announced Wednesday, June 8, Steele Canyon Graduation will be held and the SR-94 traffic will be terrible. It starts at 5:45 but people will be lining up before 3:30 and she would suggest taking another route. There is a shuttle bus from Skyline Church and people are asked to park there.
  - b. Michael Casinelli** asked to make a comment on item 6, as he might not be here. He suggested that we attach the first letter to it and while some might feel the letter created by Janet at the JDCPG's direction was a bit harsh, he would agree with it.
  - c. Judy Bohlen will not be at the next meeting.**
5. **ASSEMBLY BILL 2395 TELECOMMUNICATIONS UPDATE – Mr. John Osborne, Director of External Affairs, AT&T presented** and pointed out that no home service would be taken away, but rather ATT would be able to provide more Internet to customers. 85% of customers have left the home network on copper wire; you could be on VOIP if you are with Cox or Time Warner. Most switches are now under utilized operating at 23% and the copper network is very sensitive to water and needs repair often. They are trying to develop a cleaner more efficient network. Most of the franchises are being transitioned off the copper onto a wireless or wired network which could happen under this bill. Beginning in 2020 this would start so there is time and

people would be put onto a VOIP or wireless networks which are much cleaner and huge cost savings when the switch is accomplished. Important to remember how fast technology moves as the smart phone has only been 7 years, yet most of us have one. The telecommunication wireless and will not be expensive. There will be higher frequency so that hard of hearing will be able to hear. For safety 911 will be able to locate at this point within 50-100 feet but they are working on it. You can text or send videos to 911 on a cell phone and are far more mobile than the standard home phone. It will need to be roughly equivalent to what we have today. The phones would work under power outage for approximately 24 hours. ATT would fire up diesel generators and could keep the lines open for a given time. VOIP needs a better backup for 8 hours that needs to be purchased. There will be a 24-hour backup service within three years as standard. Many public agencies are going to next generation 911 and will be able to accept video and photographs by 2020. Currently 75 % of 911 calls come from cell phones. One of the advantages for seniors would be the ability to send health info over the phone through Internet access from remote areas allowing them to remain in their homes longer.

**Michael Casinelli** – concern is in a power outage for several days and an 8-hour backup would not help out in such an emergency.

**Judy Bohlen** - 25% who make calls from landlines may not be able to make those calls due to the cost of cell phones or lack of coverage. What could we use as backup in our rural areas?

**John Osborne** pointed out that today's cell service could be continued even if the landlines burn down.

**Jean Strouff** – She has been out of power for a week but the landlines did work.

**George Novinger** – In a major emergency experts tell us that you may be out of contact for well over 24 hours and be out of contact for several days – what do we do then – can't charge the cell phone and roads are not passable.

**John Osborne** pointed out that in a catastrophic event you may be out of service for a long time and it is possibly a valid concern. It is more likely that the rural area would retain their copper lines longer.

**Joe Stuyvesant** pointed out that text messages got through better than voice messages in recent disasters across the U.S.

**Janet Mulder** wanted to be sure that ATT realizes that the topography blocks out cell service not only in the far distances, but also just off of Skyline Truck Trail in the Hollow.

**Bill Herde** – suggested that the information given to us suggests that all new service will be wireless.

**John Osborne** –they will not put in wireless and would be obligated to put in a copper landline if that means that some people would not get service.

**Elizabeth Kelly** – said that where she lives, they receive the Mexican signal and that no one can block it from ATT and suggested that ATT needed to have someone work on it.

**Preston Brown** –Microcells work through the Internet, but Elizabeth's problem is not that. This bill is supposed to improve cell service.

**John Osborne** said if it passes this year, they would start an educational process and would continue trying to improve their service by improving their wireless by adding more robust wireless coverage with additional cell towers.

**Steve Wragg** – asked, where is his battery backup when he is with Cox VOIP? This assembly bill would make it made available so it would not go out without electricity.

**Joan Kouns** – lives in outer valley where she has problems with her Internet and was told there is no Internet service there, but now has Internet. She has been told that ATT will not replace the copper as it is getting stolen. She further asked if ATT's purchase of Directv was aimed at using satellite for Internet.

**John Osborne** said that it may be beyond the distance parameters and therefore would be spotty Internet. He will check into the lack of copper in the outer valleys. They have received some money from government (Connect America Fund) and use it to provision additional Internet in rural areas. He said he was unaware of any plans to use DIRECTV's technology to provide Internet. His contact information is [john.osborne@att.com](mailto:john.osborne@att.com) or 619-574-3046

**Michael Casinelli left the meeting at this point.**

**6. REPORT ON CALTRANS EIR LETTER RESPONSE and INPUT TO COUNTY ON CASINO TRAFFIC IMPACTS TO COUNTY ROADS –Joe Stuyvesant** presented a letter which was created by **Janet Mulder and Michael Casinelli** and had been pre-approved to be sent by the JDCPG at the last meeting. **Joe Stuyvesant** felt it was a bit strident. He pointed out that the Final EIR is complete and anything we write would be unnecessary and not helpful. A long discussion followed. **Janet Mulder** asked how many had read the Response to Comments in the Caltrans FEIR and no one had. She said she was disappointed that none of the Group had read the RTC and pointed out that Caltrans conveniently ignored the 6000 cars generated by the opening of the casino claiming that they had no say over any of the project except the SR 94 Improvement that was presented. However, Caltrans also states that it would need to “lessen the direct traffic impacts caused by the JIV Gaming Development Project on SR94” and that is but one example of them using the additional traffic that would be a result in intersections operating unacceptable due solely to traffic originating from the JIV Gaming Project. She pointed out that the JDCPG previously has sent letters challenging the Response to Comments on a FEIR.

**Joan Kouns left the meeting at this point.**

**George Novinger** stated that he felt that a better letter would list just three areas the Group would like to have re-considered by Caltrans.

**Eileen Poole** stated that she felt the letter was not professional and had statements that had no place coming from the Planning Group.

**Bill Herde** agreed that the SR-94 was listed as the “project” and they did not consider the 6000 cars generated by the casino. He felt we could go on record as asking them to address the fact that they did not take the traffic into consideration even though they state it.

**Joe Stuyvesant** said that Caltrans was not able to evaluate the facility construction of the JIV facility, as it could not go through CEQA. The Final EIR is completed and he

feels certain that the County would not agree with us writing a letter to Caltrans directly, but he feels that a letter should be written dealing with specific comments asking Caltrans to take our areas of concern into consideration in the future.

**Preston Brown** suggested we re-write the letter addressing the concerns they did not address.

Originally Caltrans presented the SR-94 improvements as one piece and now are separating out the 5 intersections plus the entrance from the traffic generated by casino.

**Bill Herde and Jean Stouff** volunteered to work on a letter going on record as being disappointed in the results of the FEIR and would list a few major areas of concern.

**Steve Wragg** pointed out that the FEIR is complete and there is nothing that can be done after it is Final as it is today. The next line of defense, if one does not agree with a FEIR, is through the Court system, and we are not going to do that, but we could send a letter addressing the fact that we are disappointed in the result.

**George Novinger** – Knows how the system works (FEIR is final), but we remain steadfast in our concerns and want to once again ask you to consider the implementation of these corrections in future projects.

**Joe Stuyvesant** moved we have a sub-committee draft a letter stating that we realize the FEIR is complete but that we urge Caltrans to consider road improvements we think are critical to future projects. **Bill Herde, Michael Casinelli, Jean Strouf, Preston Brown, George Novinger and Janet Mulder were appointed onto the sub-committee. Motion carried unanimously. The sub-committee will meet on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Middle School Library. Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **TIERED WINERY ORDINANCE UPDATE** – **George Novinger** reporting that the BOS did pass the new ordinance with changes mainly concerning the Boutique Winery. Most contentious was the percentage of grapes or grape juice imported and the final decision was the minimum raised locally is 25% on site and 50% in County and 25% outside. County allowed food trucks (only if approved by County Health) for a tasting. Number of seats in a van allowed was increased from 12 to 15, as they are in fact the same size. Made the space in which one could serve wine larger. The Vintners seemed to be happy with the decisions. Through Supervisor Jacob and Dept of Health they are trying to define public gatherings and allow catering as long as you get a permit. The County is leaning over backwards to help small entrepreneurs to do well.
8. **JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UPDATE** – **Jean Strouf** received a copy of a letter from EPA to John Hay regarding the NEPA with a concern regarding their wastewater and groundwater issues and their SEIS evaluation of the issues that indicates a potential hydrological connection between groundwater and surface waters. **A NPDES permit may be required for the proposed wastewater disposal; however, the SDEIS does not disclose this and EPA has not received**

**an application for such a permit.** We have attached this 3-page letter at the end of these minutes and as a part of these minutes.

**9. JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:**

**a. Joe Stuyvesant** received a draft EIR from Otay Water that is not in our area. It is a four-mile long 48 to 54” potable water line and metering station that includes conveyance and disinfection system which will produce 100 million gallons of converted seawater per day.

**10. SCHEDULED SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**JUNE 2 2016 6:30 – Sub-committee on SR-94 Improvement Project letter**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:41 by Joe Stuyvesant Chair.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Mulder, Secretary

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, June 14, 2016**

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