

JULIAN COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

****FINAL AGENDA****

MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2026 – 6:00 PM

JULIAN LIBRARY, 1850 HWY 78, JULIAN CA 92036

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of September 14, 2026

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Groups jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. A two (2) minute time limit is allowed per speaker.

F. ACTION ITEMS (POTENTIAL VOTING ITEMS)

1. Approval for letter opposing the Golden Pacific Powerlink
2. Discussion with representatives from ARB regarding inaction by Code Enforcement and potential measures the Planning Group could take to help resolve the issue
3. Approval of letter to San Diego Board of Supervisors for Short Term Rental registration
4. On October 6th, Supervisors Joel Anderson and Jim Desmond will bring forward Item #15, a Board Letter opposing the proposed release and placement of two Sexually Violent Predators, Michael Poulson and Reynaldo Delrosario, in the unincorporated community of Boulevard. Consideration for sending a letter of support
5. On October 7th Supervisor Joel Anderson and Chair Pro Tem Paloma Aguirre will bring forward Item#4, a Board Letter seeking to initiate a zoning ordinance amendment process for the Rural Village of Jacumba Hot Springs. Consideration for sending letter of support

G. UPDATES AND REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

1. **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB) REPORT** – Pat Brown
2. **ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PLANNING GROUP REPORT** – Rom Smith
3. Rudie Rickansrud - brief information presentation about the status of Short Term rentals in Riverside County.
4. **Updates or concerns from members**

H. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Next Meeting – November 9, 2026

I. ADJOURNMENT

The Julian Community Planning Group (JCPG) is not empowered by ordinance or policy to render a decision of any kind on behalf of the County of San Diego, or it's elected or appointed officials. The function of JCPG is to advise and assist the County of San Diego officials in manners of planning and land use affecting the group's area.

Katy Moretti, Chair – William Everett, Vice Chair, -, Richard Loomis Secretary

Members: Pat Brown, Eric Jones, Brandon Fender, Rebecca Morales, Kenny Mushet,

Rudy Rikansrud, Romulus Smith; Kiki Skagen-Munshi

JULIAN COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Julian Library, 1850 Hwy 78, Julian, CA 92036

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Katy Moretti, Bill Everett, Rudy Rikansrud, Pat Brown, Brandon Fender, Richard Loomis, Rebecca Morales, Eric Jones, Romulus Smith, Kenny Mushet.

Absent and excused: Kiki Skagen-Munshi.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 10, 2026 meeting were approved with minor corrections to Rudy Rikansrud's last name and the date of tonight's meeting.

Rudy Rikansrud moved, Eric Jones seconded. The motion carried with all voting members in favor; Kenny Mushet abstained.

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Bill Everett moved, Rebecca Morales seconded; unanimous.

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. A two (2) minute time limit is allowed per speaker.

Jean Duffy asked about the status of the PLDO funds. Katy Moretti responded that the answer from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors should be coming by the end of this month for the JCPG to make their recommendations.

F. ACTION ITEMS (POTENTIAL VOTING ITEMS)

1. Smoke-free Outdoor Public Places Policy

Jean Duffy, Public Health Advocate with Community Action, Service & Advocacy (CASA) for Safe & Healthy Neighborhoods, requested a letter of support from the Planning Group for a policy prohibiting tobacco smoking, cannabis smoking, and vaping in outdoor public places in downtown Julian. She stated that other planning groups in San Diego County have provided support for smoke-free outdoor public places policies.

Duffy discussed short- and long-term health effects, emphasizing risks to children, older adults, and people who are immunocompromised. She cited figures of approximately 500,000 annual deaths from smoking and 40,000 deaths from secondhand smoke, and stated that 91% of people believe secondhand smoke is harmful. She stated that there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure and that cannabis smoke contains many of the same carcinogens as tobacco smoke. She also discussed vaping aerosols and thirdhand smoke—the residue that sticks to clothing, furniture, walls, and other surfaces.

Duffy discussed smoking-related fires in California, identifying approximately 40 fires started by smoking. She stated that cigarette butts are the most commonly collected litter and that tobacco waste harms wildlife. She reported that her group collected tobacco waste near JBC and Julian Market, as well as substantial amounts during cleanups at the Lakeside Library and in Alpine.

Duffy stated that several cities in San Diego County, including Coronado and Encinitas, have banned smoking products in all outdoor public places.

A question was raised about how enforcement would take place. Duffy responded that the approach emphasizes establishing smoke-free behavior as a community norm rather than relying on law enforcement.

No action was taken. The Planning Group did not make a decision on the requested letter of support.

2. Golden Pacific Powerlink

Bill Everett reported that several communities have expressed concerns about the proposed Golden Pacific Powerlink transmission line. He noted that the route does not run directly through Julian and questioned whether it could be routed along the border. He also asked which agencies or representatives the Group should contact.

Eric Jones reported that he had spoken with representatives from Palomar, who requested that Julian join their letter. Jones described the power lines as an existential threat and expressed concern that increased fire ignition risk could pose a threat to the Julian area. He asked the Group to make a motion to join Palomar's letter, either at this meeting or the following month.

Discussion included the possibility of SDG&E purchasing approximately 40,000 acres in connection with the project and opposition efforts. During the discussion, it was stated that without high-voltage transmission lines, battery farms, solar farms, and AI data centers could not be developed.

Brandon Fender reported that the Anza-Borrego Foundation has letter templates the Group may wish to use. Members discussed possibly sending additional letters to the California Public Utilities Commission, state legislators, and members of the State Assembly. Pat Brown expressed support for advocating a route farther from the Julian area.

Members asked about the project timeline. Jones stated that SDG&E may have blanket environmental studies applicable to the project. Fender will work on a letter after receiving additional information from Jones's contact.

The Planning Group deferred action and will vote on the matter at the October 12, 2026 meeting.

3. Architectural Review Board and Code Enforcement

Matt Kramer, appointed to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) by the Planning Group, was unable to attend the meeting. Several Group members reported that ARB President Anthony (Tony) Romano had not responded to their requests to attend a Planning Group meeting to discuss concerns regarding the lack of code enforcement in Julian's Historic District.

Bill Everett stated that Kramer's term ends at the end of January and suggested that the Group consider nominating another person.

Rudy Rikansrud reported that a previously scheduled Zoom meeting with Supervisor Anderson's office had been canceled, prompting an in-person meeting. Rikansrud and Romulus Smith are scheduled to meet with Supervisor Anderson's staff at his office on Friday, September 18, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. to discuss short-term vacation rentals and code enforcement in Julian's Historic District.

Katy Moretti asked Rikansrud to email her an update following the meeting so she could place the matter on the October meeting agenda.

4. Letter of Support for Short-Term Rental Registration

Bill Everett reported that progress is being made after five years of efforts concerning short-term rentals. He explained that the proposed letter asks County staff to examine requiring all short-term rentals to register. Everett stated that the initial process through the San Diego County Board of Supervisors could take six months to two years before implementation efforts begin. A question was raised about the source of short-term rental figures.

During the discussion, a San Diego Union-Tribune report citing the Franchise Tax Board was referenced, indicating that San Diego County may have missed out on approximately \$10 million per year in tax revenue.

Katy Moretti requested that the letter address the collection of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) through short-term rental platforms, including Airbnb and VRBO.

Everett will tailor the letter to reflect the Group's concerns and bring it back to the Group for review at the October meeting before presenting it to Supervisor Anderson. The item will be added to the October agenda.

Motion by Bill Everett, seconded by Eric Jones, to direct Bill Everett to revise the draft letter of support for Short-Term Rental registration to address the Group's concerns (including TOT collection through platforms) and bring the revised letter back for review at the October 12, 2026 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

G. UPDATES AND REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

1. Architectural Review Board (ARB) Report – Pat Brown

Pat Brown reported that the ARB is submitting reports of code noncompliance in Julian's Historic District, but no action has been taken by Code Enforcement. He identified concerns involving colored chairs and umbrellas at Marisol's Pie Shop and sandwich signs on sidewalks. Brown stated that Marisol's Pie Shop has not been cooperative and that Julian Pie Company has been unwilling to discuss the concerns.

Rudy Rikansrud will raise code enforcement concerns during the meeting with Supervisor Joel Anderson's staff. Brown also reported that the County has agreed to redo the Julian Library sign to comply with ARB requirements.

2. Association of County Planning Group Report – Rom Smith

No updates were reported.

3. Updates or Concerns from Members

Bill Everett reported on his attendance at a planning group chairs meeting. Topics included countywide code compliance issues involving residences and businesses. As an example, he explained that a hotel operating continuously since the early 1900s may lack a required Major Use Permit but could be grandfathered in if it can document continuous operation throughout that period.

Everett discussed waste management and the possible introduction of food recycling bins at residential homes, noting that restaurants already have related policies. He also reported concerns regarding wineries operating in areas that are essentially residential.

Everett reported that several planning groups expressed dissatisfaction with the County's housing outreach and concern that their recommendations on various subjects were not being conveyed to the County Board of Supervisors. Planning groups serve in an advisory capacity and provide recommendations to the County.

Everett discussed climate action programs that may provide solar installations and upgraded appliances to households meeting low-income eligibility requirements. He recommended that members review the extensive climate action materials and stated that information on these topics is available on the County website.

The subject of short-term rentals was brought up and will be placed on the agenda for the next quarterly chairs meeting. Chairs meetings are currently held on Saturdays. A possible change to the meeting schedule was discussed as a potential future action item.

Everett also reported that many planning groups have upcoming elections and vacant seats. He stated that planning groups should allow any qualified individual to apply for a vacant position and be considered for nomination, even if the individual did not apply to appear on the election ballot.

Rebecca Morales expressed concern about excessive noise in town, particularly from motorcycles, and asked whether the Group would support placing signs around town to discourage excessive noise. Discussion focused on enforcement.

Katy Moretti reported that she will not attend the December meeting and that the Group will need to vote on a new Chair.

H. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Next Meeting

October 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., Julian Library.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Morales moved, Romulus Smith seconded; unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Julian Community Planning Group

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30 September 2026

The Honorable Joel Anderson
Supervisor, District 2
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Letter of Support for Establishing a Short-Term Rental Policy

Dear Supervisor Anderson,

We are writing to express support for establishing a Short-Term Rental (STR) Policy for properties operating in the unincorporated areas of the County of San Diego.

Short-term rental platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, and similar services provide valuable opportunities for property owners to earn supplemental income while contributing to the region's tourism economy. Many hosts operate responsibly. However, the proliferation of unregulated STRs has highlighted the need for greater transparency and compliance with County policies and regulations.

We support requiring STR operators to register with the County before advertising or operating a Short-Term Rental. Such a program would educate property owners about their legal obligations, including Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) collection and remittance, zoning regulations, occupancy standards, and other County requirements. Registration of STRs would support consistent enforcement of existing laws, and if the county were collecting all the STR taxes that are owed, according to an article in the San Diego Union Tribune, it could recover up to \$10 million/year in unrealized tax revenues.

A STR registration policy will provide the County with a more accurate understanding of where and how Short-Term Rentals operate. This information will help policymakers improve enforcement, encourage TOT compliance, and evaluate policies that balance tourism with preserving neighborhood character and quality of life. For these reasons we also support having online booking platforms collect Transient Occupancy Taxes and verifying that all STRs in the unincorporated area are registered with the County. In addition, we support the implementation of a STR good neighbor policy.

We respectfully urge the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors to adopt a Short-Term Rental Policy for the unincorporated areas of the County of San Diego.

Thank you,

Katy Moretti, Chairman

JCPG: Patrick Brown (Chairman), William Everett (Vice-Chairman), Harry Seifert (Secretary), Eric Jones, Rebecca Morales, Katherine Moretti, Kenny Mushet, Rudy Rikansrud, Romulus Smith, Kiki Skagen Munshi

San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Support for Item #15 on October 6, 2026, Board Agenda – Oppose the Placement of Sexually Violent Predators in Boulevard

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board:

On behalf of [Organization], I write in support of Item #15, co-authored by Supervisors Joel Anderson and Jim Desmond, opposing the proposed release and placement of Sexually Violent Predators Michael Poulosom and Reynaldo Delrosario in the unincorporated community of Boulevard.

The recent incident involving Merle Wakefield's removal of his GPS monitoring device and escape from supervision by the State and its contractor, Liberty Healthcare, raises serious concerns about the effectiveness of existing supervision measures for Sexually Violent Predators in San Diego County. Before any additional placements are approved, residents deserve clear answers about how the Department of State Hospitals and its contractor will enforce monitoring requirements and protect public safety.

We support the County sending a letter to Superior Court Judge Theodore Weathers requesting that he reject the proposed release and placement of Sexually Violent Predators Poulosom and Delrosario in Boulevard. We also support requesting information from the Department of State Hospitals and Liberty Healthcare regarding their efforts to locate and return Wakefield to custody and the corrective actions they will take to prevent similar incidents from occurring.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request for the Board to approve Item #15.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Title]

[Organization]

San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Support for Strengthening Community Revitalization and Economic Development in Jacumba by Initiating a Zoning Ordinance Amendment Process

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of [ORGANIZATION], I am writing in support of the Board Letter brought forward by Supervisor Joel Anderson and Chair Pro Tem Paloma Aguirre to initiate a zoning ordinance amendment process for the Rural Village of Jacumba Hot Springs.

Jacumba is a unique rural community with a rich history, significant natural resources, and an established village center along Old Highway 80. In recent years, restoration of the Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel and other investments in the community have contributed to renewed interest and economic activity. However, portions of Jacumba continue to be governed by zoning regulations that do not fully reflect its Rural Village designation or the land use vision established in the County General Plan and Mountain Empire Subregional Plan.

The proposed action would provide an opportunity for the County to work collaboratively with residents and stakeholders to develop Village Regulations, Objective Design Standards, and updated development standards that better reflect Jacumba's existing character and future needs. Importantly, this process can support compatible revitalization and historic and visitor-serving uses while preserving the community's rural, historic, and small-town identity, protecting its natural environment, and maintaining the development capacity established under the existing General Plan.

We support a community-driven planning process that provides clearer and more predictable development standards, encourages reinvestment in existing village areas, and balances economic opportunity with the preservation of the qualities that make Jacumba unique.

For these reasons, [ORGANIZATION] respectfully supports this item and encourages the Board of Supervisors to approve the recommendations on October 7, 2026. We thank Supervisors Anderson and Aguirre for their leadership and commitment to working with the Jacumba community on this effort.

Sincerely,

[NAME]
[TITLE]
[ORGANIZATION]