

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held August 1, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL (Lynch, Chair)

In Attendance: Torry Brean Jim Cooper Scotty Ensign
 Lynn Hopewell Casey Lynch Kristi Mansolf
 Robin Joy Maxson Donna Myers Paul Stykel
 Dan Summers Richard Tomlinson

Absent: Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas, , Kevin Wallace
 Lawrence Graham (resigned)

Casey Lynch, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting. Scotty Ensign, RCPG member, acted as Vice Chair of the meeting, and Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 7-11-19.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JULY 11, 2019, MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Paul Stykel and seconded by Donna Myers, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas and Kevin Wallace absent, and Lawrence Graham resigned.

ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received

Ms. Mansolf announced the Mt. Woodson ad hoc will be meeting on August 26. County Parks representatives will be at the meeting and they will also be attending the September 5 RCPG meeting. A response was received from County Parks on the letter the RCPG recently sent to them regarding Mt. Woodson questions on the development of the parking lot at Mt. Woodson.

The RCPG received a response from Frank Arebalo at the County to our letter to them on the Road Resurfacing list and on their investigation of a drainage issue on Rangeland Road.

The Chair announced the Cumming Ranch project changes have been pulled. The original application is still in place til 2024.

Regarding the Demler Egg Ranch, Channel 10 News has been contacted by the neighbors regarding their concerns about the egg ranch and the upcoming manure processing plant application.

The Board of Supervisors will be hearing a report from staff on the 5G small wireless facilities on August 7.

Planning and Development Services is hosting a meeting August 14 from 6 to 8 pm at the Ramona Library on the Ag Promotion and Tiered Winery Ordinance.

Ms. Maxson said people can notify the Ramona Road Crew Supervisor, Mike McCoskey, at 760-787-3312 if they have any concerns about road issues, trees, weeds or other debris issues.

The Chair said that the Santa Maria Creek cleanup meetings went well. The first meeting was very well attended. The County discussed available resources with the neighbors. It is the homeowners responsibility to clean up their part of the creek without damaging habitat.

ITEM 5: 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 posted agenda.

Speaker: Donna Myers, Ramona Resident

Ms. Myers said there are 15 elected members on the RCPG and 6 subcommittees. The subcommittees can have interested residents from the east, west and south sides of Ramona and also the Town Center. If family oriented, people can serve on the Parks Subcommittee or Transportation/Trails. Transportation/Trails also looks at serious concerns for roads and transportation needs.

Ms. Myers said most of the RCPG subcommittees have 3 or 4 members but mostly the same faces, same people doing extra duty filling the vacancies. She suggested reaching out to the community to churches, PTA’s, youth/sports adult groups, etc. to expand the base for the subcommittees so there can be new voices, other viewpoints and wider participation.

ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.

Upon motion made by Richard Tomlinson and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 11-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas and Kevin Wallace absent, and Lawrence Graham resigned.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

- 7-A: AD 19-011 Agricultural Clearing of 15 acres on 19.3 acres. The parcel is empty land and will be used for fruit agriculture including citrus and avocado. APN 287-021-17-00, Swan Rd off of Hwy 78 – to the west is Camino Vista Rd. Address is O Swan Rd**

The applicant presented the project. They will be clearing the property to put a crop on it, mostly citrus, pomegranate and dragon fruit. The clearing will be 983 feet off of the scenic highway.

Ms. Maxson had a watershed question – will a basin be put in to collect stormwater?

The applicant replied that a basin would be put in to collect water.

The Chair asked if the applicant would have to go through an environmental review?

The applicant said yes, they would have to adhere to an environmental review process.

Mr. Ensign asked that the project come back to the RCPG should any building be planned.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED

Upon motion made by Richard Tomlinson and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas and Kevin Wallace absent, and Lawrence Graham resigned.

7-B: Ramona Community Protection and Evacuation Plan (CPEP) Discussion on concerns from members, Section E.

Mr. Cooper said there was no Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting directly prior to the August 1, 2019, RCPG meeting. The 2 items that have been continuing on the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee agenda will be on the next Transportation/Trails Subcommittee agenda.

7-C: Disposition of letter Ramona Community Trails Master Plan, regarding Obstructions of Trails – *Item to be on next Transportation/Trails Agenda*

7-D: Warnock Solar Project Landscaping Update

Mr. Ensign said they are doing some weed abatement at the site. There are more dead trees.

Ms. Myers said when the panels rotate at night, they take a long time and are loud. This is a new issue. It happens from 11 pm to 2 to 3 am.

The Chair asked that Mr. Ensign send the Code Enforcement number to him for the project.

7-E: Creelman Solar Project Landscaping

Mr. Ensign said that the letter that was prepared after the last meeting to send to the County captured what needed to be said about the Creelman project.

MOTION: TO SEND THE LETTER AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Jim Cooper, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas and Kevin Wallace absent, and Lawrence Graham resigned.

7-F: Highway 67 Ad Hoc Committee Report. The Ad Hoc is working on scheduling the Ramona Evacuation Summit

Mr. Summers said he would be out of town for about 2 weeks. Because of good representation at SANDAG meetings and SANDAG Transportation meetings, Mike Harrison has said Highway 67 is a standing part of the conversation now when discussing transportation issues.

7-G. Report on Washington Street Cell Site going to the Board of Supervisors on 7-24-19. (PDS2018-MUP-18-005) (AT&T site NS0676)

Mr. Ensign said he planned to attend the meeting but got the date wrong.

Ms. Mansolf said Lyndy Spivey attended the meeting and was happy she had an opportunity to speak at the meeting.

The Chair said he reviewed the minutes after the meeting, and a good thing that came out of it was that the County may start using independent third party consultants in the future.

- 7-H: The Board of Supervisors began considering whether the County should form a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) which would buy and sell electricity to unincorporated area residents and business owners. The County has been working on this issue. Information will be presented to the Board of Supervisors by staff at their 9-11-19 meeting – *This item was announced for information but not discussed***
- 7-I: The County will be removing 7 dead oak trees at various locations along Mussey Grade Rd in the near future**

Ms. Mansolf said the County notified the RCPG that 7 dead trees will be removed in the Mussey Grade area and along Dos Picos Park Road and into Fernbrook. Addresses are 15847 Mussey Grade Rd (1 tree), 13550 Mussey Grade Rd (3 trees) and 3 trees between Dos Picos Park Road and Fernbrook.

- 7-J.: GP Update and changes in land use designations on 2 parcels in Ramona due to earlier mapping errors. One parcel is located along Elm St, north Highway 78 and south of Lauren St – APN 280-125-06; second is partially located within Ramona Village just north of Montecito Rd and Ramona/16th St – APN 281-093-17-00**

The Chair said the changes include changing an area of Ramona from RMV1 to RMV4. It was missed in the previous update.

Mr. Tomlinson said there were some errors on the map and this action is to correct the errors.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

- 8-A: Pursuant to the Vacancies of RCPG Seat #4 Left Vacant by the Resignation of Lawrence Graham, Effective 7-11-19, the RCPG Will Take a Vote to Recommend 1 Replacement for Seat #4. The RCPG will Hear from Parties Interested in Filling the Seats prior to Voting.**

All Applicants must have Certified applications prior to the meeting to address the RCPG

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/Groups/Chair_Reso_urces/Application.pdf

Speaker: Warren Bacon

Mr. Bacon has lived in Ramona since 2005. He is a retired ag inspector for the County and was in charge of stormwater issues. As an ag inspector he supported agriculture and was involved with fruit flies and pollution prevention. He was also a Savings and Loan executive for 13 years.

Mr. Brean asked how Mr. Bacon would like to see Ramona grow over the next 50 years?

Mr. Bacon said he envisions it growing as a horse community where density is managed and there is limited growth.

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Speaker: Tim Corley

Mr. Corley has worked in contracting for 30 years. He has been in San Diego since 1975. He came to Ramona in 2013. He applied to be a candidate for the RCPG in January. He loves Ramona and wants to give back to the community. He feels new blood is needed. He is serving on a subcommittee and enjoys it.

Mr. Brean asked how Mr. Corley would like to see Ramona grow over the next 50 years?

Mr. Corley said more people will be coming to Ramona in the future. One of the core business of Ramona now is grapes and wine and he anticipates this industry growing.

Speaker: Debra Foster

Ms. Foster worked on both fires in 2003 and 2007. She saw a huge disaster with so few roads that were not wide enough. She has appreciated efforts to push for Highway 67 to become 4 lane. She is a career firefighter. There are not many ambulances in Ramona. An ambulance can sit at a hospital for 3 hours. Other ambulances from other communities then have to be called to serve Ramona if needed. Ramona should be prepared and issues like this should be a top priority. Another concern is that small businesses leave and the buildings are vacant forever.

Mr. Brean asked how Ms. Foster would like to see Ramona grow over the next 50 years?

Ms. Foster said Ramona is a backcountry family community and she appreciates the rustic aspects of Ramona. She said that as far as emergencies, air transport for emergency medical is not covered by insurance. If an ambulance can't get to Ramona for 45 minutes, an air transport will be called. There is that golden hour where if someone gets help that first hour after an accident/emergency, they have a better chance of survival. It could cost \$20,000 for an air transport. She would like to see 3 or 4 ambulances in Ramona. Right now there are 2 ambulances.

Speaker: Dawn Perfect

Ms. Perfect has served on many RCPG subcommittees and talked to SANDAG to benefit Ramona. She has worked with non profits and serves on the School Board. She would enter the RCPG seat position with an eye toward private property rights but also with making sure the community is served.

Mr. Brean asked her how she would like to see Ramona grow over the next 50 years?

Ms. Perfect said that she envisions a friendly, homey, secure comfortable community with a lot of diversity integrated into the town. She supports the safety of the community. There is declining population in the schools but not in the town.

Voting Record, First Vote

Torry Brean	<i>Dawn Perfect</i>
Jim Cooper	<i>Abstain</i>
Scotty Ensign	<i>Dawn Perfect</i>
Chris Holloway	<i>Absent</i>
Lynn Hopewell	<i>Warren Bacon</i>
Casey Lynch	<i>Dawn Perfect</i>

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Kristi Mansolf	<i>Debra Foster</i>
Robin Joy Maxson	<i>Tim Corley</i>
Donna Myers	<i>Debra Foster</i>
Elio Noyas	<i>Absent</i>
Paul Stykel	<i>Dawn Perfect</i>
Dan Summers	<i>Dawn Perfect</i>
Richard Tomlinson	<i>Debra Foster</i>
Kevin Wallace	<i>Absent</i>
1 seat vacant	

Dawn Perfect: *5 votes*
Debra Foster: *3 votes*
Warren Bacon: *1 vote*
Tim Corley: *1 vote*

Voting Record, Second Vote

Torry Brean	<i>Dawn Perfect</i>
Jim Cooper	<i>Abstained</i>
Scotty Ensign	<i>Dawn Perfect</i>
Chris Holloway	<i>Absent</i>
Lynn Hopewell	<i>Debra Foster</i>
Casey Lynch	<i>Dawn Perfect</i>
Kristi Mansolf	<i>Debra Foster</i>
Robin Joy Maxson	<i>Tim Corley</i>
Donna Myers	<i>Debra Foster</i>
Elio Noyas	<i>Absent</i>
Paul Stykel	<i>Dawn Perfect</i>
Dan Summers	<i>Dawn Perfect</i>
Richard Tomlinson	<i>Debra Foster</i>
Kevin Wallace	<i>Absent</i>
1 seat vacant	

Dawn Perfect: *5 votes*
Debra Foster: *4 votes*
Tim Corley: *1 vote*

Due to no candidate receiving 8 votes, the item will be on the next agenda.

8-B: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Ensign) – Update on Projects Reviewed

Mr. Ensign said the signage over the Cannabis Kiosk has been brought into compliance. The site behind Ramona Disposal was approved for electricity for the site. They will be chipping organic material from Ramona Organics and selling the chips. Mr. Ensign will be doing another stint as liaison between the RCPG and the Ramona Design Review Board. The Design Review Board is frustrated with Code Compliance. They want to know the procedures for code compliance. They are writing a letter to ask for guidelines. Code Compliance attends about 2 meetings per year of the Design Review Board.

8-C: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

8-C-1: Old Business Ad Hoc Committee report - established for the purpose of reviewing the 25 or more RCPG letters sent since 2017 that may need follow-up: and identification of those that do with a proposed action body

Mr. Cooper thanked Mr. Ensign and Mr. Stykel for taking on the Old Business issue. A list has been made and was sent to the 3 ad hoc committee members. After review and input from the 3 ad hoc committee members, the Old Business letters were divided into 3 categories: first where unanimous decisions are to seek no follow-up, secondly where a unanimous decision is to seek follow-up, and thirdly, where a unanimous determination was not reached and in this case further discussions were anticipated in order to reach a consensus, if possible. A meeting was held where the 3 ad hoc committee members discussed each letter where a unanimous consensus did not exist. Discussions ensued until a consensus was reached regarding each letter. Finally, Mr. Cooper proposed that in the case where the unanimous decision was made to seek follow-up, that a RCPG sub-committee be identified for this action. All members agreed to these guidelines. The Old Business minutes contain the details of disposition of the letters. A copy of this overall report was distributed at the August 1, 2019, RCPG meeting.

Mr. Cooper entered a motion before the RCPG that this report be accepted action as submitted.

MOTION: THAT THE OLD BUSINESS REPORT BE ACCEPTED ACTION AS SUBMITTED.

Mr. Stykel said the plan was concise and follow up on some of the letters will need action to go forward. He thought the plan was well thought out.

Mr. Ensign commended Mr. Cooper on his work on this issue.

The (RCPG) Chair said he felt a good job was done.

Following some additional discussions, and recognizing that it would be beneficial for the absent RCPG members to have input to this motion, it was agreed to table this motion until the next RCPG meeting.

Ms. Maxson brought up an Old Business issue of a sign that Caltrans was to place along Highway 67 by Via Penasco, but hasn't yet. The other signs that were part of the same concern were placed, but one was not included that Caltrans said would be included for a warning of line of sight. She would like follow up on this item.

8-C-2: Consideration of the Highway 67 Ad Hoc Committee changing from an Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee

Mr. Stykel felt the Highway 67 Ad Hoc Committee should be disbanded and included under the umbrella of the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee. We still need to find out from County Counsel if we can vote on road issues that go beyond Ramona's boundaries.

The Chair said that our consideration of going outside of Ramona boundaries was interest with the widening of Highway 67.

Mr. Stykel said that the RCPG wanted to vote on the widening of Highway 67 to Scripps Poway Parkway, which is outside of our boundaries.

Mr. Cooper said the speeches and documents were approved prior to going to SANDAG and the SANDAG Transportation Committee. All documentation that went to these committees got RCPG review.

Mr. Summers said that going to the meetings, it came up under the advice of Caltrans that we don't want a chokepoint on Highway 67, so we would need to extend the widening of Highway 67 to Scripps Poway Parkway.

Mr. Tomlinson said that regional plans do not look at physical boundaries. The Highway 67 ad hoc was trying to improve access routes that would serve Ramona even though not in Ramona.

The Chair said that we advocate for the community. Can the efforts of the ad hoc be brought to Transportation/Trails?

Mr. Cooper said the ad hoc is driven by visibility. We are visible at the SANDAG meetings. The ad hoc meets more than once a month. He doesn't want Transportation/Trails to meet weekly or bi-weekly.

Mr. Brean said we are trying to fix a level of oversight regarding our present boundaries that are caused by limitations of our boundaries. The Highway 67 ad hoc has been highly effective.

Speaker: Dawn Perfect, Ramona Resident

Ms. Perfect is a Highway 67 ad hoc member. Mike Harrison said at the East County Redevelopment meeting that SANDAG representatives have given Ramona credit for our efforts with pushing forward the widening of Highway 67.

It was suggested this item be tabled til the next meeting.

8-C-3: Parks Subcommittee Chair seat is vacant – vote on a replacement Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Mansolf said Kevin Wallace expressed interest in chairing the Parks Subcommittee.

The Chair said he will talk to Mr. Wallace about this topic at the next meeting.

8-C-4: Concerns from Members

The Chair said that 3 concerns were brought up to him. One was that he was using his staff to help with RCPG business. The County said if he paid his staff to conduct online RCPG research, this should be disclosed at meetings and this was not a violation. Another question was could a subcommittee chair be appointed mid year to fill a vacancy? There are no guidelines for this for mid year subcommittee chair appointments, so it is the duty of the Chair to address this issue. There was a concern for compliance with regular training for RCPG members. Voting authority is not impacted by not meeting the training requirements. New members can take the online training mid year until an in-person training is offered. In order to get legal defense and be indemnified, training requirements must be met, but voting is not impacted. Training requirements have been sent to those who have not completed their training.

8-C-5: Future Agenda Item Requests

Mr. Cooper said he would like the 2 items on his agenda last month to be on his agenda for the next month, and to add the Via Penasco line of sight issue follow up.

The Chair said maybe he would write another email to Ms. Diss.

There has been work done on having an evacuation meeting in Ramona, but one of the chiefs involved with this project needs more time.

**8-C-6: Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members –
*None brought forward***

8-D: Meeting Updates

**8-D-1: Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings – *No
Additional information brought forward***

**8-D-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to
be September 5, 2019 at the Ramona Community Library.**

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

The RCPG is advisory only to the County of San Diego. Community issues not related to planning and land use are not within the purview of this group. Item #5: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the RCPG on any subject within the group's jurisdiction that does not appear as an item on this agenda. The RCPG cannot discuss these matters except to place them on a future agenda, refer them to a subcommittee, or to County staff. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes. Please fill out a speaker request form located at the rear of the room and present to Vice Chairperson.

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