

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

A special meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held January 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, California. The January 2, 2020, regular meeting was cancelled due to the New Year's holiday.

**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                      Elio Noyas                      Paul Stykel  
                    Dan Summers                      Richard Tomlinson                      Kevin Wallace

Absent: Chris Holloway, Donna Myers, Dawn Perfect

Casey Lynch, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting. Torry Brean, RCPG Vice-Chair, 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 12-5-19**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2019, AS PRESENTED.**

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 10-0-0-2-3**, with Elio Noyas and Kevin Wallace abstaining, and Chris Holloway, Donna Myers and Dawn Perfect absent.

**ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

The Chair announced there are upcoming annual trainings for Community Planning and Sponsor Group Training, and the training February 29, 2020, will be at the Ramona Library from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. All RCPG members need to do the training annually. When taking the training for the first time, the in-person training is required. After that, the training can be taken annually online. We just were notified that the training is available online.

Ms. Mansolf said she sent the link for the online training out to all of the RCPG members.

The Chair said the deadline for filing Form 700 is April 1, 2020.

The County has drafted an Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones Draft Ordinance. The County is considering the establishment of Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones within the Unincorporated Areas of San Diego County. Certain criteria apply for participants. To be eligible for the program, the property shall be located within an urbanized census area; be between 0.1 and 3.0 acres in size; vacant, unimproved, or have only non-residential structures; and be fully dedicated to agriculture. Participants will get a break on their property taxes for 5 years. There has also been discussion on Forest Conservation Initiative lands. There is one property in Ramona that falls within these

boundaries. The property is at the end of Pine. The Forest Conservation Initiative doesn't change the zoning on the property. The County is trying to limit encroachment into Forest Lands.

**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 – No speakers**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion passed **12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Holloway, Donna Myers and Dawn Perfect absent.

**ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:**

**7-A: Disposition of letter Ramona Community Trails Master Plan, regarding obstructions of Trails – Under review by Supervisor Jacob**

Mr. Cooper said he is trying to contact Don Wendt on this issue to provide the trails update to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee,

Ms. Mansolf said Don Wendt had contacted her about getting on the agenda for the Transportation/Trails meeting on this topic. He is using a new incoming email address since the email address he was using now won't accept emails. She would pass his information onto Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Cooper wants this item on the next Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting agenda.

**7-B: Rangeland Rd and Highland Valley Rd – discussion on construction work with tools sitting along the side of the road for 2 months**

Mr. Summers said a deep hole had been dug in October by the RMWD, and an aquifer had accidentally been dug into. With an aquifer impacted, a permit was then required from the Department of Fish and Game. The permit was recently issued and work has started again, The hole had been left open so long with the tools sitting there, the area had become a concern. This item will stay on the next Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting agenda.

**7-C: Review the roadway dips on San Vicente at the Hanson intersection.**

This item was tabled due to the person bringing this item forward being absent.

**7-D: RCPG letters of 8/3/2017 and 4/4/2019 requesting a Caltrans' assessment of the threat of rocks over SR-67.**

Mr. Cooper said the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee voted for the RCPG requesting an update from Caltrans of the assessment of the boulders hanging over Highway 67, and to reference the past 2 letters the RCPG sent on this issue. We want to know if there is a boulder risk/danger or not.

**MOTION: THE RCPG CITE BOTH LETTERS (August 25, 2017, and April 9, 2019) IN A REQUEST FOR A RESPONSE FROM CALTRANS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE**

**(REQUESTING A CALTRANS ASSESSMENT OF THE THREAT OF BOULDERS OVER SR-67).**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Holloway, Donna Myers and Dawn Perfect absent.

**7-E:** *Discussion of the following items for assessment integration:*

**7-E-1: Boundary Ave to Etcheverry St., Provide alternate route for safety & circulation around Hanson Elementary on Boundary Ave.**

**7-E-2: Etcheverry St from Hunter St to SR67, Road Improvement**

**7-E-3: Kelly Ave from Pala St to Etcheverry St - dirt road runs parallel to SR-67 one block off the state highway, Road Improvement**

**7-E-4: H St from Ramona St to 10<sup>th</sup> St.- Street is heavily used and near a high school and middle school; lots of pedestrian traffic. Curb, gutter and sidewalk on the south side.**

**7-E-5: Hanson Ln from Ramona St to San Vicente, Curb, gutter and sidewalk on the south side.**

**7-E-6: Creelman Ln from San Vicente to Keyes Rd-- Dirt Road, Road Improvement**

**7-E-7: San Vicente Rd from Wildcat Canyon Rd to SDCE limit, Road Improvement.**

**7-E-8: Mussey Grade Rd, Slope and drainage improvement**

**7-E-9: Arena Dr/Benito Way, Drainage Improvement**

The above 9 items are on the Revitalization, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee portion of the Ramona Revitalization Matrix. The RCPG Chair attended the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting and he ran this portion of the meeting. The RCPG needs to send our Transportation/Trails Subcommittee chair as a member of the Revitalization, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee so we can make sure items match between Transportation/Trails and the Revitalization, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee. This should also be done for the RCPG Parks Subcommittee – have the chair of the subcommittee be a member of the Revitalization, Parks Subcommittee. The RCPG should approve of the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee chair being on the Revitalization, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee. The letter should be sent in the near future.

The Chair said we are getting a new supervisor and the disconnect between the 2 groups – the RCPG and the Ramona Revitalization Committee, has to stop. We have one whole year left with Supervisor Jacob.

Mr. Cooper said he has attended the Revitalization meetings for several years, and he does not feel the Revitalization Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee is as up to date as the RCPG. If the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee chair becomes a member of the Revitalization Committee, the information will be as up to date as possible. When Mr. Piva was RCPG chair, the

Revitalization information was updated. There has been a partial disconnect between the 2 groups for the past few years. The current RCPG Chair's goal is to get the 2 groups in sync.

**MOTION: THE RCPG SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE REVITALIZATION STEERING COMMITTEE, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE, ASKING FOR REPRESENTATION ON SAID SUBCOMMITTEE BY THE POSITION OF THE CHAIRPERSON, RCPG TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Holloway, Donna Myers and Dawn Perfect absent.

**7-F: Creelman Solar Project Landscaping**

The Chair said Mr. Brean would coordinate follow up on this issue.

Mr. Brean said he would prefer not to have a meeting just for this item unless he had other business for CUDA to review.

Mr. Noyas said he used the Major Use Permit to file a complaint for the project.

The Chair said the project landscaping is out of compliance with the Major Use Permit.

Mr. Ensign said Tim Corley gave him someone's contact information at SDG&E for this issue, and he will pass that number on to Mr. Brean.

**7-G: Ramona State Routes Subcommittee (formerly Highway 67 Ad Hoc Committee) Report**

Mr. Summers said he plans to have the Ramona State Routes Subcommittee meeting on the last Wednesday of every month, at the Ramona Community Center, at 6 pm. He would like to abbreviate the name to be RSRS. The subcommittee is seeking additional members from the public.

To keep SANDAG aware of important SR-67 issues, Mr. Summers requested accident data from the CHP for the road segment from the SR-67/Highland Valley/Dye intersection in Ramona to the SR-67/Mapleview intersection in Lakeside. The period covered is January 1, 2017 into December, 2019. During this time frame there were 540 vehicle accidents with 360 injuries of different severity, 7 deaths and 19 serious injuries. Mr. Summers plans that the RSRS will attend all SANDAG meetings.

Mr. Summers presented the RCPG members with a letter from the CHP reflecting the cost of the report.

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE COUNTY REQUESTING DAN SUMMERS BE REIMBURSED FOR HIS EXPENSES RELATING TO THE CHP ACCIDENT REPORT.**

Upon motion made by Richard Tomlinson and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Holloway, Donna Myers and Dawn Perfect absent.

**7-H: Consideration of the RCPG sending comments to the County on Establishing**

**Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones within the Unincorporated Areas of San Diego County**

As mentioned at the beginning of the meeting, the Chair said the County has drafted an Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones Draft Ordinance which will benefit people owning agricultural lands.

**MOTION: THE RCPG SEND A LETTER TO THE COUNTY SUPPORTING THE COUNTY ESTABLISHING URBAN AGRICULTURE INCENTIVE ZONES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.**

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Holloway, Donna Myers and Dawn Perfect absent.

**7-I: Consideration of the RCPG writing a letter to the County asking for an update on the Etcheverry St improvements project, connecting Boundary to Etcheverry**

Mr. Cooper said in 2017 Bob Hailey had an interest in having a road from Boundary Avenue to Etcheverry Road. The road was eventually included in an overall road improvement plan, then it was dropped from funding. In Spring of 2018, the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee discussed this road project, when discussing road priorities for the CIP list, and this project was put down as #1.

The Chair said there is also an Irrevocable Offer of Dedication (IOD) along this path. In 2020 the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee and the RCPG will be updating the list again.

Mr. Cooper said all along the specified area has been identified for improvements for evacuation purposes. There is an interest in that property. When the road is built, it will be gated and only used for evacuation purposes. Neighbors won't be disrupted by it.

Mr. Stykel said the RCPG stopped all planning on Ramona Street til 2025.

Mr. Cooper said there was no connection between the funding for Etcheverry to Boundary Street improvements and the Ramona Street Extension project.

The Chair said we can revisit Ramona Street in 2022 and 2023. This project is still on our list.

Mr. Cooper asked if we wanted to send a letter to the County asking for an update on Etcheverry to Boundary improvements?

The Chair said it would be a great opportunity to ask what has happened in 2 years.

Mr. Cooper said it is a school safety issue. He is surprised nothing has been done.

**MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE COUNTY REQUESTING THE CURRENT STATUS TO COMPLETE PRIORITY #1 ON THE 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LIST, THE ETCHEVERRY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, CONNECTING ETCHEVERRY TO BOUNDARY, WHICH IS A SCHOOL SAFETY ISSUE. WE ARE AWARE THE AREA ALREADY HAS AN IOD WHICH SHOULD (HOPEFULLY) EXPEDITE THE PROJECT.**

Upon motion made by Jim Cooper and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 10-2-0-0-3**, with Scotty Ensign and Kevin Wallace voting no, and Chris Holloway, Elio Noyas and Dawn Perfect absent.

Mr. Tomlinson said he would like to ask the County for a status update on the remaining 11 items on the Ramona CIP list.

The Chair suggested that the item described by Mr. Tomlinson be placed on the next agenda.

**ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)**  
**8-A: Election of Officers for 2020: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary**

The Vice-Chair opened nominations for RCPG Chair.

Scotty Ensign nominated Casey Lynch, seconded by Lynn Hopewell.

Nominations were closed.

**MOTION: TO CONFIRM CASEY LYNCH AS RCPG CHAIR.**

The motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Holloway, Donna Myers and Dawn Perfect absent.

The Chair opened nominations for RCPG Vice-Chair.

Torry Brean nominated Robin Joy Maxson, seconded by the Chair.

Nominations were closed.

**MOTION: TO CONFIRM ROBIN JOY MAXSON AS RCPG VICE-CHAIR.**

The motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Holloway, Donna Myers and Dawn Perfect absent.

The Chair opened nominations for RCPG Secretary.

Lynn Hopewell nominated Kristi Mansolf, seconded by Dan Summers.

Nominations were closed.

**MOTION: TO CONFIRM KRISTI MANSOLF AS RCPG SECRETARY.**

The motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Holloway, Donna Myers and Dawn Perfect absent.

**8-B: Annual County Training for Planning Group Members, and Biennial Ethics Training (Addressed at the beginning of the meeting)**

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

Mr. Ensign said that Ramona Liquor is not in compliance. The DRB is working with Pepe's Produce on colors and lighting. For Pete's BBQ mural – the letters are not compliant.

The Chair said he would like to keep Woodward's corner as Woodward's corner.

**8-D: Discussion Items (Possible Action)**

**8-D-1: Concerns from Members**

The Chair said that moving forward, if someone misses 3 consecutive RCPG meetings, they should step down.

Mr. Cooper said no one missed 3 in a row in 2019.

**8-D-2: Future Agenda Item Requests**

Mr. Tomlinson requested putting on the next agenda to ask the County to give an update on the remaining 11 items on the CIP list (not counting the Etcheverry to Boundary project).

Mr. Cooper brought up the restriping south of Archie Moore on SR-67 on the west side of the road, where the lanes merge. This was not an Old Business item. Did Mr. Brean want this on the next Transportation/Trails Subcommittee meeting agenda?

Ms. Mansolf said Caltrans did work on this road segment to clarify the lanes merging after we discussed it will them. Originally when they first did the work to merge the lanes, the lanes merged, then appeared to go back to 2 lanes, then merged again. Now they only merge once.

Mr. Brean said the striping on the road appears unclear due to the road surface being rough and the lines are not clearly marked on the road. He would like for this item to be on the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee agenda.

The Chair said he has been asked to be on a Facebook radio show to talk about surveying. He asked if anyone had a problem with him talking on the radio show? If something came up related to an RCPG item, he would make it very clear that his business is completely unrelated to the RCPG business.

Mr. Summers announced that there was going to be a candidates forum at the Ramona Main Stage Theater on January 11.

**8-D-3: Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members**  
*(No new members were brought forward)*

**8-E: Update from County on change to Standing Rules to include The Ramona State Routes Subcommittee (formerly Highway 67 Ad Hoc Committee) changing from an Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee**

Ms. Mansolf said she amended the Standing Rules to include the addition to the Standing Rules of The Ramona State Routes Subcommittee as a Standing Committee, as presented by Dan Summers at the December 5, 2019. She sent the amended Standing Rules to the Chair, who was on vacation and did not respond, and so sent them to the County person who assists Planning and Sponsor Groups, and after reviewing, she sent them onto County Counsel for review. County Counsel reviewed them and said no changes were necessary, and the revised Standing Rules will remain as presented.

**8-F: Meeting Updates**

**8-F-1: Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings**

*(No information brought forward)*

**8-F-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be February 6, 2020, 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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