

**County of San Diego
Ramona Community Planning Group
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
July 2, 2020
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
(DETAILS)**

7:00 PM @ the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona

**Meeting shall be a public telephone conference call held at 7:00 P.M
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Access Code: 8612750**

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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 Dawn Perfect
 Paul Stykel Dan Summers Richard Tomlinson
 Kevin Wallace

Absent: Donna Myers absent and Chris Holloway, resigned

Casey Lynch, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Robin Joy Maxson, 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 MINUTES 6-4-20 (Action)

Ms. Maxson said that "Country Kitchen," on page 6, should be "Kountry Kitchen."

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2020, WITH THE CORRECTION ON PAGE 6 CHANGING “COUNTRY KITCHEN” TO “KOUNTRY KITCHEN.”

Upon motion made by Lynn Hopewell and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Donna Myers absent and Chris Holloway resigned.

ITEM 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Chair announced that he received an introductory email from a new backcountry journal reporter, Camille von Kaenel. He also received correspondence regarding the Post Office landscaping, that he will turn over to the Design Review Board. Joseph Galbaldon, from SDG&E gave him a Creelman landscape update. They plan to repair the landscaping and make it more long lasting.

Ms. Hopewell asked about the Code Enforcement case regarding the illegal trailers?

The Chair said Vince Nicoletti at the County will be handling the case.

Ms. Perfect said she had a Parks update announcement that she would give at the end of the meeting.

ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: *None*

CALL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS

CO-CHAIR SHALL ANNOUNCE EACH SPEAKER REQUEST BY NAME, THE SPEAKER SHALL STATE THEY ARE ON THE CALL AND BEGIN. THE TIME LIMIT IS 3 MINUTES AND THE CHAIR SHALL CALL TIME AT THE END OF 3 MINUTES AND THE SPEAKER WILL STOP ON THE CALL.

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.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Donna Myers absent and Chris Holloway resigned.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

- 7-A: STP 20-014. Existing Jack in the Box exterior remodel and 376 SF addition to dining area, existing exterior patio will be removed, existing landscape areas to be rehabilitated. D5 Special Area Regulation applies, Site Plan Permit Exemption to be considered**

The Chair said we looked at the Jack in the Box project extensively last month, and we also needed to approve a site plan waiver for the project, but we didn’t have the paperwork.

Ms. Mansolf said that we received the County paperwork from the applicant after our June 4 meeting. The project will not impact existing curb cuts on Main Street nor create new ones, and that is what the D5 Special Area Designator addresses. So a Site Plan Permit Exemption would apply.

Mr. Brean said he would make the motion.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN EXEMPTION FOR JACK IN THE BOX.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the motion **passed 13-0-0-2**, with Donna Myers absent and Chris Holloway resigned.

7-B: AT&T has determined a need to provide backup power to each of its existing Telecom Facilities throughout the State of California. The current project consists of the installation of a 30KW Generac Diesel Generator at 26975 Highway 78, Ramona, to be used as backup power only at times when is not able to provide power. Applicant is requesting feedback.

The Chair stepped down and Ms. Maxson chaired the item.

Doug Munson presented the project. AT&T wants to add 30 kw generators throughout the state. Eight of the sites fall under the RCPG purview. They are adding generators as part of the First Net Project. When there is an emergency event, first responders can use a single frequency during the event. Fire trucks have a different frequency that is used by a command post. Efforts can be better coordinated with the First Net Project.

SDG&E turns off the power in high wind events. When the power goes down, power is still needed so there can be communications. They will be adding it to the existing cell sites, but may have to add space. The generators will have to be run a minimum of 30 minutes a month. He will have to come back to the RCPG to see how to best integrate and screen the generators. With the generators, AT&T stays on the air and first responders stay on the air. They will not put the generators on rooftops.

Mr. Brean asked how loud the generators would be?

Mr. Munson said they cannot exceed a certain decibel level at the property line.

Mr. Brean said cell site service is needed during a disaster.

Mr. Ensign said he felt the applicant did not need to come back to the RCPG.

Ms. Hopewell asked if it were only going to be done by AT&T?

Mr. Munson said it was just to be done by AT&T.

Mr. Wallace suggested all neighbors to the cell sites with generators should be noticed that the generators will be run for 30 minutes once a month.

Mr. Munson said that he thought as part of the application process 20 neighbors are notified within 300 feet of the project, and if there are not 20 neighbors within 300 feet of the project, they keep going until they notify 20 neighbors.

Ms. Maxson asked if Mr. Munson wanted formal feedback?

Mr. Munson said he has a good understanding of what to do. He will create drawings and photo simulations for the sites to present to the RCPG when the time is right. He thanked the RCPG members for their time.

**7-C: Presentation by Caltrans on Highway Projects:
- Widening of SR 67 - currently in environmental phase and how the process works**

Shay Lynn Harrison discussed the CEQA and NEPA environmental process. CEQA and NEPA are environmental laws where information is gathered for the public and information is received from the public. She talked about the key steps in the environmental process. Project information is gathered and the project goes into the scoping phase, where studies are initiated. All the information from the studies is presented to the public for a formal opportunity to provide input into the document. The purpose and need for the project is better understood and refined with project objectives. A range of alternatives can be considered and developed, and technical studies are completed. The public is engaged again and comments are formally documented in the Final Environmental Impact Report. Caltrans will develop a preferred alternative from the whole of the project and the comments received. Finally, the final environmental document is available to the public.

Mr. Summers had a question on the timeline from the beginning to the end of the project.

Ms. Harrison said they are starting the process now. They will be working on a draft in the fall. This could be a 3 or 4 year environmental process.

Mr. Canton said they have already spent \$318,736 on the environmental document. They are starting slow. Once the Notice of Preparation phase is reached, more will be spent.

Mr. Cather said SANDAG had programmed \$21 million for the environmental phase. This is not Caltrans' estimate, but SANDAG's. Caltrans will go back to the SANDAG Board during the environmental phase to refine the costs.

The Chair said Caltrans understands the scope of the project. RSRS does a good job of keeping this project moving.

Mr. Cather said the original estimate for the project environmental was higher. The high end assumed 4 lanes from Maplevue to Ramona. Caltrans is now committed to finish the project with \$21 million.

Mr. Summers said we need 4 travel lanes for cars and bike lanes from Maplevue to Ramona.

Mr. Cather said 4 lane was discussed in the RTIP and amendment and the RTP. In the environmental process the need has to be determined. They are gathering accident data and traffic data to determine drivers' demand. There is a demand associated with emergency evacuation.

Mr. Summers brought up SB 743 where Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is the index used rather than Average Daily Trips. The vehicle miles must be safe. The lanes provide safety and help with evacuation safety.

Mr. Cather said Caltrans will have to do the VMT analysis, and depending on the findings, Caltrans will have to mitigate for them.

The Chair said that Mr. Summers has done a lot of research on SR 67 accident history, etc.

Ms. Maxson said SR 67 has been on Caltrans' radar for years. She had seen a project manual for SR 67 improvements several years back.

Mr. Canton said Caltrans will look at work that has already been done before and incorporate some of this work in the new project when possible.

Ms. Harrison said that for alternatives, a range will be looked at and there will also be a no build alternative. They will engage the community and everyone can learn a lot collectively.

Mr. Cather said the road project length is about 18 miles and contains different characteristics.

Mr. Canton said transportation needs will be evaluated. Goals and objectives for the project will be determined, then, once the need is understood, the project will move toward completion and approval. A lot of data and information will be collected for the project. Caltrans has divided the project into 6 segments:

1. Maplevue Street to Willow Road
2. Willow Road to Vigilante Road
3. Vigilante Road to Scripps Poway Parkway
4. Scripps Poway Parkway to Poway Road
5. Poway Road to Archie Moore Road
6. Archie Moore Road to Highland Valley Road

The Notice of Preparation should be ready to review by mid autumn. Caltrans wants to see that project goals meet customer needs. The environmental document should be done in Spring, 2024.

Mr. Cather said there is the issue of safety. For Caltrans safety is a #1 priority and #1 focus. Mr. Cather talked about Vision Zero, a road traffic safety project that strives to achieve a highway system with no serious accidents involving road traffic. They try to bring the numbers down to zero.

Ms. Maxson said an example of Vision Zero would be to lower the speed limits so people survive accidents.

Mr. Cather said this is a bicycle corridor He doesn't know about reducing speed with an environmental project.

Mr. Summers said there is an evacuation concern from Highland Valley Road to Poway Road. He would like to see a priority to that segment. Would a segment of evacuation concern be a priority?

Mr. Cather said they need to balance the congestion by Maplevue with the evacuation concerns. This will be determined by working with stakeholders.

- Winery Signs in Ramona

Mr. Cather said the winery signs for Ramona were ordered a long time ago. Caltrans has been waiting for them for awhile and is expecting them in September. They are anticipating that the 6 winery signs will be installed in October.

- Parking on Main Street

Regarding parking on Main Street by 8th, 9th and 10th, there were some complaints that the parking was very tight and close to the travel lane. Staff measured and found the parking area did not meet the standards for on-street parking, so parking was restricted. This was not communicated well to the public before it was done. Traffic Operations will re-establish parking, but they need to investigate and see what will work in that area as far as adhering to standards.

Mr. Cather asked what group to bring this parking item to when it is ready for review? The RCPG and/or the Chamber?

The Chair said the RCPG would like to review it.

Mr. Cather said this is an important issue and they want to resolve it. Should the alternatives be posted to Caltrans' website before presenting?

The Chair said that we would like to take it up, and yes, it would be good to post it.

Ms. Perfect requesting there be a community workshop on this topic.

Mr. Cather said this issue is outstanding and Caltrans wants input.

The Chair said if there was a community workshop, materials could be made available to the public and the RCPG before the meeting to review.

Ms. Perfect asked if there is any reason why we would not do a Zoom meeting?

The Chair said the meeting format we are currently doing is the simplest form of meeting. Zoom could be a technology challenge for some.

Ms. Perfect said people could dial in to Google Meet and get the best of both platforms – some people can be virtual and some can dial in, and everyone is included. It is effective.

Mr. Cather said he likes Cisco WebEx products.

The Chair said he wants everyone's voice to be heard. It is good to get the information out before the meeting. Today it would have been best to have visuals from Caltrans.

Mr. Cooper said a verbal presentation on a project, with alternatives sent out before the meeting to the RCPG members would be good.

Mr. Cather said the first step is to get the project fact sheet on the Caltrans website and in the Ramona Sentinel.

**7-D: Caltrans names Marvin Canton Jr. to administer SR 67 project.
Consideration of inviting Mr. Canton to address the RCPG on SR 67.**

Mr. Summers said RSRS Subcommittee wants to invite Mr. Canton to give a regular update to the RSRS Subcommittee. Quarterly reports would be too long of a time period. They feel that an update every 2 months would be perfect.

Ms. Maxson said that if nothing is happening, there would still be an update.

Mr. Summers said he talked to Mr. Canton and Ann Fox, and they want our input as stakeholders on the SR 67 project.

Ms. Perfect said they will bill the hours they come to present to us. Could Mr. Canton participate by phone?

Mr. Cooper said they will still charge by the hour.

Ms. Perfect said there won't be a charge for drive time. She asked if RSRS is still meeting during the day?

Mr. Summers said they would like the information at the lowest cost possible. RSRS is meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6. Caltrans knows that we expect an update.

Mr. Stykel said Caltrans won't make progress that fast since this is a 20 year project.

The Chair said that for the initial document, the Notice of Preparation, which will be started in fall of 2020 and is a 4 year process, there will be some updates, and some of the updates could be no progress updates.

Mr. Cooper said it would be easiest if Mr. Summers develops a relationship with the project manager and then he could talk to the project manager and get a report. Then there would be no big disruption.

Mr. Summers said RSRS could go to Caltrans or get the update over the phone.

Mr. Cooper could RSRS could get the update in minutes and then share at the RCPG meeting.

Cathryne Bruce Johnson said Caltrans would be happy to update the RCPG. Caltrans is required to charge time. She feels it would be beneficial to have some contact every other month. Then there will be more formal updates. Whatever works best and is the most efficient is the best to do.

Mr. Summers said he will contact Mr. Canton to see about getting an update every other month on the SR 67 project. RSRS will be updated as well as the RCPG.

7-E: Adding the RCPG to the SANDAG "Regional Plan Stakeholders List"

The Chair said he has been in contact with Adam Wilson in Supervisor Jacob's office regarding the RCPG being added to the Regional Plan Stakeholders List. A note has been sent to SANDAG. No response has been received yet. He prefers to work through Supervisor Jacob's office on this issue.

Mr. Summers said every political organization is on that list.

The Chair will share the correspondence once he receives a response.

Mr. Cooper asked that the item be kept on the agenda.

7-F: *Please note that all deferred agenda items from the 3-5-20 meeting will be carried over to the 8-6-20 meeting*

The Chair said he doesn't think we will be meeting in person soon. We have to follow policy restrictions. He would like to take the deferred items and address them in chunks. Two or 3 items will be identified to go back on the agenda each month. If we move to a virtual meeting, it has to work for everyone.

Mr. Stykel said virtual meetings are part of life now. The platforms are easy to use and screens can be shared.

The Chair said that work establishments have IT. There are different levels of experience. Ten or more people are not allowed to gather. If people want to revisit having virtual meetings, please send him an email.

Ms. Perfect said the RUSD uses virtual meetings. Some people go on site – a small group. They are allowing equal access and doing the best job.

Mr. Cooper said he is unable to attend the Design Review Board meetings due to his technology challenges and his system doesn't have a camera.

The Chair said maybe Mr. Cooper could come to his office for the meeting.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Pursuant to the Vacancy of RCPG Seat #1, Vacated by Chris Holloway Effective 3-5-20, the RCPG Will Take a Vote to Recommend a Replacement at the 7-2-20 RCPG Meeting. The RCPG will Hear from Interested Parties in Filling the Seat prior to Voting. All Applicants must have Certified applications filed prior to the 7-2-20 meeting to address the RCPG

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

Debra Foster and Matt Rains had both applied for the vacant seat, had certified applications and were in attendance to address the RCPG. Both made presentations to the RCPG and answered questions.

Ms. Foster asked for the RCPG's vote. She has been a property owner in Ramona for 20 years. She has concerns with roads, COVID and not having a third ambulance available in Ramona, as well as other issues. She works as a firefighter engineer with the City of San Diego. She feels new faces and new ideas are important. When she is making a decision, she wants people's voices to be heard. She will listen to the people. She is a mom of 3 and a grandmother of 5. She has the time to serve on the RCPG and plans to run in the upcoming election. This is her third attempt for a seat on the RCPG.

Mr. Stykel asked Ms. Foster how she felt about growth in Ramona? The Montecito Ranch property has been sold to a conservancy. The Cumming Ranch project is moving forward. What does she feel regarding growth?

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Ms. Foster said people want to live here. She feels growth is inevitable. We need homes, and she is concerned with Ramona's exit. The Highway 67 road project won't be completed until 2035. The road improvement project will be a major infrastructure project. Growth is good. She would like to see the RMWD bring in more fire services.

Ms. Perfect asked Ms. Foster what were her impressions of current RCPG decisions? The RCPG does land use. The RMWD is a better spot relating to emergency services. What is Ms. Foster's biggest concern?

Ms. Foster said she has concerns about business. Losing K-Mart – there is no other store like that in Ramona. Emergency exit is a problem. She has concerns with how businesses are failing and the impacts of COVID.

Ms. Perfect said the Chamber of Commerce is a place related to business in Ramona. She asked Ms. Foster how she will network in the community?

Ms. Foster said maybe she will network through social media.

Matt Rains made his presentation. He has been working in the software industry. His focus is business and management. He likes the RCPG and what they do. He is part of the Chamber of Commerce. He knows some of the people on the RCPG. He has worked as an efficiency expert. He is pro-growth.

Mr. Brean asked Mr. Rains what he means by pro-growth?

Mr. Rains said it is bringing people up to Ramona at a safe rate. The economy and small businesses grow. He thinks safety for people and safety for people on roadways is a high priority. He enjoys solving problems. He would like Ramona to be top notch.

Mr. Stykel asked how Mr. Rains felt about the Cumming Ranch, and Ramona Street going through?

Mr. Rains said he wants Ramona Street to go through and free up the school area. He is not familiar with the Cumming Ranch project.

Mr. Stykel said it will add to the strain on Highway 67.

The Chair asked Ms. Foster what she thought about the Ramona Street Extension?

Ms. Foster thinks it is important that it go through.

Mr. Summer asked if Ms. Foster worked at the San Diego Airport? If so, what did she drive there?

Ms. Foster said she did work at the airport and she drove a crash truck.

Mr. Summer said the San Diego Fire Department trusts Ms. Foster to make quick decisions in catastrophic situations.

Mr. Rains said that his wife has lived most of her life in Ramona. He has only been in Ramona 10 years. He likes to solve problems and not drag feet.

Voting Record, First Vote

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

Debra Foster: 7 votes
Matt Rains: 6 votes

Voting Record, Second Vote

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

Debra Foster: 8 votes
Matt Rains: 5 votes

Receiving a majority of the vote, Debra Foster will be seated in Seat #1.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM DEBRA FOSTER TO SEAT #1 OF THE RCPG.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 11-2-0-0-2**, with Dawn Perfect and Paul Stykel voting no, Donna Myers absent and Chris Holloway resigned.

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

Mr. Ensign gave the Design Review Board report. The Jack in the Box waiver was reviewed. A commercial residence at 816 B Street was approved and moved forward. Landscaping and roof design were discussed. There is a construction yard on 5th that looks as though it is being used for storage. They are looking into it. Feather signs on Main Street were discussed. Some had just gone up by Stater Bros. (before the Design Review Board meeting), and they can only be up 45 days per the law. Sky Valley Center is going through a landscape change. The golden arches of McDonald's are down.

8-C: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

8-C-1: Concerns from Members

Mr. Cooper said he has concerns with subcommittee activities. There are a number of items under several subcommittees that haven't been considered for 3 or 4 months.

The Chair said he plans to start bringing back some of the items slowly.

8-C-2: Future Agenda Item Requests

Mr. Perfect gave an update of PLDO projects. The disc ball, horseshoe pit and scoreboard are all out for bid. There will be a pre-bid walk with contractors on July 7. Funding calculations from 2013 may be deficient. The RCPG will probably need to request/authorize more funds for PLDO.

Mr. Wallace thanked Ms. Perfect for her update and said he planned to have a RCPG Parks Subcommittee meeting on 8-3 at 6 p.m. The bids should be in by then, and they can decide which way they want to go.

Mr. Cooper said if the bids exceed the amount authorized, the County can request funds to meet the bid or cut portions of the project to meet the bid.

Ms. Perfect said the bid is for the base item and there is a separate added alternative.

8-C-3: 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

8-D-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be August 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

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