

**County of San Diego  
Ramona Community Planning Group  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 1, 2020  
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING  
(DETAILS)**

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

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**ITEM 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM 2: ROLL CALL (Lynch, Chair)**

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

Absent: Dawn Perfect, Kevin Wallace

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 9-3-20 (Action)**

Mr. Tomlinson had corrections on pages 11 and 13:

**PAGE 11:**

Mr. Tomlinson said members of the public don't have the document before them. This may be a violation of open public meeting law. The only people who have the information is the residents of Mussey Grade Road and the RCPG. He doesn't feel this is fair to members of the public. He also stated that he did not feel the questions being asked were the questions of the RCPG, but were the questions of the MGRA.

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Mr. Tomlinson said the County has said they will address all questions of the MGRA. An EIR is expensive and takes a long time to do. The MGRA's stated objective is pushing to oppose projects in their documents. They organize to make it not work for various projects. If the County addresses the questions, there shouldn't be a problem. He would work to open a new park in Ramona. He wishes it was in his neighborhood. Mr. Tomlinson also stated that he found many of the comments provided by members of the MGRA to be offensive and derogatory towards County staff.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED BY MR. TOMLINSON.**

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-1-0-2**, with Lynn Hopewell abstaining, and Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 4: Announcements and Correspondence Received**

The Chair announced that CDBG Applications for 2021-2022 are being accepted, with a deadline of Wednesday, November 25. CDGB grants fund improvements to local youth and senior centers, parks, streets, sidewalks, drainage systems and fire facilities in the unincorporated area.

Ms. Mansolf added that CPG/CSG's can submit "resident requests" for eligible projects to the appropriate County department for review and evaluation.

The Chair said that LAFCO has scheduled a public hearing on Monday, October 5, 9 a.m., for the San Diego County FPD Reorganization. E-comments can be submitted until Friday, October 2, 2 p.m., for the reorganization.

The Chair announced that an amendment to the Light Pollution chapter is being proposed that will enable Julian and Borrego to meet current International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) standards for light pollution and be eligible for certification by the IDA. The proposed amendment to the Light Pollution chapter will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration on October 28, 2020 (first reading). If the Board takes the actions recommended for October 28, 2020, then on November 18, 2020, the Board will consider the proposed amendment for adoption (second reading).

The Chair said a Site Plan Waiver request for 2 pullet barns on the Pine Hills Egg Ranch has been received and will be on the next agenda. This is separate from the Manure Processing Plant, which should be coming back to the RCPG in the near future.

Ms. Maxson said there will be a DEA Drug Take Back day on Saturday, 10-24. Ramona is not one of the locations participating. She has a request into the Ramona Sheriff's Substation to have it be a designated location for DEA Drug Take Back day.

**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.**

**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.**

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

**MOTION: TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA TO MOVE ITEMS 7-G, 7-H, AND 7-K TO AFTER ITEM 7-A, THEN GO TO ITEM 7-F.**

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Donna Myers, the motion **passed 13-0-0-2**, with Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS**

**7-A: Presentation by Caltrans: Ross Cather, Marvin Canton and Erwin Gojuangco, on the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) effort -- SR 67 update.**

Ross Cather of Caltrans said Caltrans has \$40 million for projects, and phase I is currently being designed. The CMCP project that Melina Pereira will talk about is a parallel activity to the environment/design work that Mr. Canton is heading. Ms. Pereira CMCP work is designed to help with funding requirements and acquisition of funds for projects.

Ms. Pereira said the CMCP is a planning effort, and planning will bring funding to the project. It is a balanced transportation program. She asked if there were any concerns, and how can Caltrans best collaborate with us. One member is needed from each of the following entities to be part of this team – the City of Poway, County of San Diego, Tribes, CAL FIRE, MTS, NCTD and Planning Groups (Ramona and Lakeside). SR 67 is a critical corridor for wildfire evacuation. Caltrans will be selecting consultants in October. This is a large sub-regional project. They need someone to represent the community with the CMCP process. Marvin Canton will be working on the environmental portion of the project.

Dan Summers, Robin Joy Maxson and Casey Lynch all volunteered to participate on the CMCP team and to be informed of the CMCP’s next scheduled meeting.

**7-G: Review status of RCPG letter of February 2020 requesting a review of the SR-67 roadway striping between Archie Moore and the Mt. Woodson parking area striping, with a goal of seeking continuation of two lanes throughout this area versus directing traffic from two lanes before Archie Moore, then to one lane, and then back to two lanes which may be causing confusing and traffic backup heading West (Taken out of order)**

Mr. Gojuangco said the letter was received from the RCPG on this issue in February, to have Caltrans look at SR 67 striping before Archie Moore before Mt. Woodson where SR 67 goes to 2 lanes, then back to 1 lane and then back to 2 lanes. He asked Hanh Khuu from Caltrans to talk about what work was done.

Mr. Khuu said the road was reviewed, a plan was made to get the work done and the work was completed.

Mr. Tomlinson asked what work was done?

Mr. Gojuangco said the old, existing striping should have been removed initially. The traffic needed to merge. To make sure the lanes were more visible, they grinded and sealed the old lines, then did the enhancements. The work was completed in March of 2020.

Mr. Brean thanked Caltrans for their work on this issue.

Ms. Maxson said fewer people are trying to pass now. It has made a difference.

The Chair said that for the next item, Item 7-D would be switched with Item 7-H, which is a County item.

**~~7-H:~~**

**7-D: Review status of RCPG letter of December 2019 requesting a review of hazardous roadway conditions at the intersection of Main Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street as related to pedestrian traffic (*Taken out of Order*)**

The Chair would like to hear an update on the Main and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets intersection.

Mr. Gojuangco said the RCPG made a request to have a crosswalk at 6<sup>th</sup> and Main. Caltrans is taking a second look at this issue. They did investigate, but will take a second look.

The Chair said he has photos of the crosswalk in the 1980's. When things open up again after the pandemic, there will be much more pedestrian traffic again in downtown Ramona.

**7-K; Repaving SR 67 through Ramona. A Ramona Constituent has contacted Marvin Canton and Ross Cather from Caltrans without success. RSRS to follow up with Canton and Cather (*Taken out of Order*)**

Mr. Cather said constituent Marla Haney pointed out the problems with existing road pavement between Highland Valley Road and where SR 67 becomes SR 78. On August 17 Caltrans met with Ms. Haney and walked in the areas of concern with the Division Chief and Ms. Haney.

Marvin Canton said the SR 67 corridor pavement project is from Mapleview in Lakeside to the SR 78 intersection in Ramona. This will repair the roadway and will include replacing the channelizers with a new and improved channelizer. Also, the high friction surfaces will be retained and additional high friction surface locations will be installed at two more locations approximately one mile both north and south of the SR 67 and Scripps Poway Parkway intersection. Life expectancy of the new pavement is 15 to 20 years. The project is due to begin late Spring 2021 and to finish late Fall 2021. They will begin the bid process soon. Caltrans will discuss this project with the RSRS Subcommittee later in October and give an update.

Mr. Summers said that he felt Item 7-K was inaccurate. Caltrans responded quickly to the question asked about repaving. Through Ramona needs the most repairs. Mr. Summers would like to request the work start in Ramona.

Mr. Cather said the project is not advertised yet. Caltrans wanted to hear from the RCPG on this issue. He agrees that through town the pavement is the most distressed. As far as staging and the order of the work, this will be worked out with the contractor who is awarded the project.

**7-F: Review status of RCPG letter of January 2020 requesting the status of the RCPG CIP Priority #1 “Boundary Ave to Etcheverry St., provide safety element for evacuation for Boundary Avenue Elementary School” (Taken out of Order)**

Mary was present from the Boundary Avenue and Etcheverry Street area, as were Jaeli and Kathy.

The Chair asked Ms. Maxson to chair the remainder of the meeting because he would be leaving the meeting due to a personal issue.

Mary asked if the road Etcheverry to Boundary would be an emergency evacuation road only? She asked what was the RCPG vision for this road?

Mr. Tomlinson said we don’t make decisions on emergency evacuation routes. This decision would be made by the County. If the road is designed as an emergency road, maybe it would not be so big. If it is an actual roadway, it would be bigger. There could be an IOD of 30 feet on each side of the road taken by imminent domain.

Mary said there is an IOD in the Equestrian Trail area. The IOD is part of Equestrian Trail. The RCPG would not decide the type of road – this would be decided by the County. She and her neighbors would like an emergency route in their area. She asked about the origination of this request?

Mr. Stykel said Mr. Cooper made the request to use Equestrian Trail as an alternative to using Ramona Street and having that go through.

Mr. Cooper said extending Boundary to Etcheverry was not related to the Ramona Street Extension project. This item was brought up by Bob Hailey, a former school board member. The emergency access road Boundary to Etcheverry would be used for emergencies. Mr. Hailey initiated this plan.

Jaeli gave her time to Mary.

Mary said every year the school updates their evacuation and reunification plan and emergency plan. She has concerns about the road being opened and used as a thoroughfare.

Mr. Tomlinson said that when the County goes forward with a preliminary engineering report, environmental impacts will be looked at and share with those who will be impacted.

**7-B: County of San Diego, DPW, Annual Road Resurfacing Program Update**

Mr. Tomlinson said the County sent the Annual Road Resurfacing list out. Members of the Transportation and Trails Subcommittee will look at the roads and make sure the roads need work. At the next Transportation and Trails meeting, they will review the results.

**7-C: Review status of RCPG inquiry of early 2019 regarding County application of the Ramona Community Trails Master Plan, regarding obstructions of Trails – Under review by Supervisor Jacob with updated input expected from the Ramona Trails Association.**

Mr. Tomlinson said the obstruction of trails item was tabled for the next couple of months for when there is new political staff. The new supervisor will be contacted and we will work with them in the new year.

**7-D: Review status of RCPG letter of December 2019 requesting a review of hazardous roadway conditions at the intersection of Main Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street as related to pedestrian traffic. (Taken out of Order after Item 7-G)**

**7-E: Review status of RCPG request of January 2020 to have the Chairperson, RCPG T&T Sub-committee become a member of the Ramona Revitalization Steering Committee, Infrastructure and Transportation Sub-committee.**

Mr. Tomlinson said the Revitalization group for Ramona is not active at this time. We won't know until the new supervisor is in if they will be meeting. There is no need to do anything until the group is active. If necessary, this item can be taken up in the new year again.

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**7-H: Review status of RCPG letter of February 2020 requesting the County to review the roadway dips on San Vicente at the Hanson intersection as a possible roadway safety issue.**

Mr. Tomlinson said this item was tabled at the Transportation/Trails meeting because we don't have all of the information. It will be on the agenda in November.

Ms. Mansolf said she would follow up with the County.

**7-I: Consider a RCPG letter requesting the current status (brief) of the 11 items on the RCPG CIP 'Top 10 List', if any. This is in addition to the detailed status requested from the RCPG January meeting for the status of the CIP Priority #1 item.**

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the letter from DPW Director Brian Albright about the status of the Ramona's CIP project list, sent in response to our request. Mr. Tomlinson gave the status of each project on the list.

Mr. Stykel thanked Mr. Tomlinson for his service on the RCPG and for being an asset to the group.

**7-J: Consider a RCPG letter requesting a review of the accident rates at the intersection of Dye Road and Ramona Street and at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Olive to determine whether additional safety warnings would be warranted due to incident history at both of these sharp curve intersections.**

Mr. Tomlinson said a letter was sent March 31, 2020, to the County on this issue. No response has been received. The item was tabled until next month.

Ms. Mansolf will follow up with the County.

**7-K: Repaving SR 67 through Ramona. A Ramona Constituent has contacted Marvin Canton and Ross Cather from Caltrans without success. RSRS to follow up with Canton and Cather (Taken out of Order after Item 7-D)**

**7-L: Status of permission from the RCPG for RSRS to arrange meetings with voting members of SANDAG to lobby for widening SR 67.**

Mr. Summers said the RSRS Subcommittee has made contact with SANDAG, and they want to schedule meetings with voting members of SANDAG to have them share their perspective of rural highways.

Mr. Ensign asked what the desired outcome of these meetings will be?

Mr. Tomlinson said they can get support for the SR 67 project.

Ms. Maxson said they will be reaching out and making the case known about the necessity of getting SR 67 improved.

**MOTION: THE RCPG EXTEND PERMISSION TO THE RSRS SUBCOMMITTEE TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH SANDAG FOR INFORMATION SHARING ON THE PERSPECTIVE OF RURAL HIGHWAYS AND KEEPING COMMUNICATIONS OPEN. TO START ASAP WITH A 2 YEAR WINDOW.**

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Casey Lynch, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**7-M: Status of invitation to Hasan Ikhata to address the RCPG on his “Big Five Moves”.**

Mr. Summers said Hasan Ikhata is the Executive Director of SANDAG. He has been speaking to groups all over the County about his “Big Five Moves.” There has never been a presentation in Ramona on this topic. This item was discussed at the RSRS Subcommittee. They would like to invite him to Ramona and hear his presentation. They want to hear what is planned for SR 67. Would the RCPG be interested in inviting him to Ramona to talk?

Mr. Brean said he would also like to invite neighbors to Ramona, such as people from Poway and Julian, as well as other stakeholders. This may motivate Mr. Ikhata to come to Ramona to make the presentation.

Mr. Cooper sat in on a Big Five presentation. The slides provide a lot of information. He supports the request. A lot will be lost at a teleconferencing call meeting.

Ms. Myers wants an open meeting so the public can participate.

Mr. Stykel said he would like to see the meeting postponed for a little bit until we get back to having group meetings.

Ms. Maxson said SANDAG is actively promoting the “Big Five Moves.” While in person meetings would be better for the presentation, SANDAG is going full steam ahead and promoting a vision for 2021. They are offering community meetings and will be offering webinars.

Mr. Stykel said he would like the presentation to move forward soon with all entities.

A motion was made by Dan Summers to send a letter to Executive Director Hasan Ikhata, inviting him to Ramona and presenting on the “Big Five Moves.” The RCPG would like to invite other stakeholder groups in outlying communities of the SR 67 corridor project area when SANDAG makes the “Big Five” presentation.

Ms. Maxson asked if the motion could be split into 2 motions, to include the presentation by Hasan Ikhata in one motion, and to invite the outlying communities to the presentation in a separate motion?

Mr. Stykel asked if multiple motions on a single item are allowed?

Mr. Tomlinson said that 5 motions were allowed on the recent Boulder Oaks issue.

Mr. Stykel said he didn’t think it was right to have multiple motions on 1 issue. This was done a month ago and he doesn’t want to see a precedent set.

Ms. Maxson said she would prefer separate motions on this issue.

Ms. Mansolf said she would check with the County to see about multiple motions on a single issue. She didn’t remember anything in the trainings about multiple motions on a single issue not being allowed.

**MOTION: THE RCPG SEND A LETTER TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HASAN IKHRATA INVITING HIM TO RAMONA TO PRESENT ON THE “BIG FIVE MOVES.”**

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Casey Lynch, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**MOTION: THE RCPG WOULD LIKE TO INVITE OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS IN OUTLYING COMMUNITIES OF THE SR 67 CORRIDOR PROJECT AREA WHEN SANDAG MAKES THE BIG FIVE PRESENTATION.**

Upon motion made by Dan Summers and seconded by Debbie Foster, the motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Casey Lynch, Donna Myers, Dawn Perfect and Kevin Wallace absent.

**7-N: Torry Brean’s letter to SANDAG about weighted vote.**

It was reported that Mr. Breans letter about the weighted vote was sent to SANDAG.

**7-O: Review of Parks Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Project List from County Parks and Recreation to provide a recommendation (*To be on November 5 agenda*)**

**7-P: Creelman Solar Project Landscaping Update**

Mr. Ensign said SDG&E has replanted the property. Watering lines have been put in. The property is fully planted and looks great. He thought this item could be taken off of the agenda in the future.



**ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)**  
**8-A: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Ensign) – Update on Projects Reviewed**

Mr. Ensign gave the Design Review Board report. The Design Review Board is aware of the banners on Main Street. They are being lenient and logging in the flags to keep track of the time limitation.

There was 1 waiver request at 220 Rotanzi for True Care. The signs are smaller on the building, and the monument sign is a little larger. The waiver request passed.

Samba's was on the agenda but the owner got sick, so it will be on the agenda next month.

They voted in officers. Mr. Lewallen will be chair, Mr. Ensign will be vice chair and Ms. Hopewell will be secretary. There is still 1 seat open on the Design Review Board.

**8-B: Discussion Items (Possible Action)**  
**8-B-1: Concerns from Members**

Mr. Stykel brought up his concern about having multiple motions on a single item.

Ms. Mansolf will look into this.

Mr. Cooper signed up for the election and was told his paperwork was complete by the Registrar of Voters, then he received a call from the Registrar of Voters saying his paperwork was not complete and he still needed to complete an additional form. He completed the outstanding paperwork, as requested, but he had been told his filing was complete originally.

Ms. Foster had just received an email the day before letting her know she had more paperwork that needed to be completed for her candidacy filing. She was going down the next day to take care of it.

**8-B-2: Future Agenda Item Requests – None**

**8-B-3: Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members – None**

**8-C: Meeting Updates**

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

Mr. Tomlinson said he was unable to attend the most recent TAC meeting on September 11 regarding placing a weight limit on Highland Valley Road.

Ms. Mansolf said she will follow up to see what happened.

**8-C-2: Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be November 5, 2020, Meeting Format to be Determined**

**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

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