

GREATER RAMONA SUBCOMMITTEE - FINAL MEETING MINUTES
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
15873 HWY 67, RAMONA, CA 92065

Meeting Location
RAMONA COMMUNITY CENTER
434 AQUA LANE, RAMONA
September 5, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:32pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Consideration Will be Given to Members Who Have Missed Consistently. They Will Be Removed and Will Need to Reapply for Membership.

Attendees: Tim Corley, Lynn Hopewell, Thomas Levin, Robin Joy Maxson, Elio Noyas, Maya Phillips

Absent: Debra Foster, Matt Rains, Kevin Wallace

4. Corrections/Approval of the Minutes of the Greater Ramona Subcommittee Meeting 4-24-23 and 5-30-23; the East Subcommittee Meeting 10-4-22; the South Subcommittee Meeting 11-1-22; and the West Subcommittee Meetings 5-2-22, 5-23-22.

Motion to Approve as presented the Meeting Minutes for the East Subcommittee Meeting 10-4-22; the South Subcommittee Meeting 11-1-22; and the West Subcommittee Meetings 5-2-22, 5-23-22.

Motion made by: Thomas Levin, Second by: Robin Joy Maxson

Discussion: Meetings of the Greater Ramona Subcommittee for 4-24-2023 and 5-30-2023 were not available for review by the subcommittee. Subcommittee reviewed and voted on the available meeting minutes.

Vote: 6 Ayes, Corley, Hopewell, Levin, Maxson, Noyas, Phillips; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Foster, Rains, Wallace; 0 Abstain.

Motion Passed

Action Item:

5. MUP 08-012 Consideration to remove the original MUP landscape condition as the natural habitat and existing landscaping provides adequate screening for the existing site. The existing 40' tall MonoBroadleaf condition remains to rebranch with pine branches. The RCPG approved this permit renewal at the April 7, 2022, RCPG meeting

Presentation: Jill Cleveland, American Tower. Two cell towers are located approximately 1 mile from SR 78 and are located in close proximity to one another. One is owned by American Tower. The Ramona Community Planning Group had approved the stealthing plan for the tower recently. When working with the County, the issue of the MUP's landscaping and maintenance condition was raised. The landscaping is around the block enclosure of the tower's base. The owner of the tower was asked if they wanted to request removal of the landscaping and maintenance condition in the MUP as the landscaping had failed. The growth of existing native oaks, sage and rocks are effectively providing coverage of the block base. One of the 3 original Englemann Oak trees planted for this MUP condition had survived, but the 13 California lilacs had not survived. Fire safety clearing remains as a condition. As the tower and base location are not near SR 78 and the native vegetation has grown, and there is a lack of water to the site - the proponent is requesting that the Ramona Community Planning Group approve the removal of the landscaping and maintenance condition for MUP 08-012.

Motion to Approve removal of the landscaping and maintenance condition for MUP 08-012.

Motion made by: Lynn Hopewell, Second by: Maya Phillips

Discussion: Noyas commented on the failure of landscaping/maintenance for MUP projects in Ramona. Hopewell noted the lack of water to the project site for landscaping purposes. Levin raised the issue of damage to the local environment when establishing the tower and that the landscaping and maintenance condition is meant to mitigate this damage. Phillips noted that the native vegetation was taking the place of the original plantings.

Vote: 5 Ayes, Corley, Hopewell, Maxson, Noyas, Phillips; 1 Nay, Levin; 3 Absent, Foster, Rains, Wallace; 0 Abstain.

Motion Passed

6. Adjournment: 6:57pm

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