

**County of San Diego
Ramona Community Planning Group
MEETING MINUTES**

Special Meeting

June 12, 2025

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

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Lauren Elyse Welty, Chair

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3: ROLL CALL (Welty, Chair)

In Attendance:	Basil Aruin	Janelle Clark	Jonas Dyer
	Debbie Foster	Andrea Gibson	
	Holly Hamilton-Bleakley	(Arr 7:10)	Kristi Mansolf
	Robin Joy Maxson	Terry Maxson	Dawn Perfect
	Andrew Simmons	Paul Stykel	Dustin Turley
	Lauren Elyse Welty		

Members absent: Maureen Dant

Lauren Elyse Welty, 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 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 5-1-25 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MAY 1, 2025, MINUTES WITH A CHANGE ON PAGE 4, UNDER ITEM 7-D: MS. MAXSON CONTINUED AS RCPG CHAIR AS LAUREN ELYSE WELTY RECUSED HERSELF FROM THE PROJECT REVIEW.

Upon motion made by Jonas Dyer and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-1-0-2**, with Debbie Foster abstaining and Maureen Dant and Holly Hamilton-Bleakley absent.

ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Opportunity for members of the public to speak to Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on posted agenda. Speakers will submit speaker slip to the Vice Chair, each speaker is limited to 3 minutes, and the elected body of the RCPG cannot respond.

Speaker: Beverly Torres, Ramona Resident

Ms. Torres said that some of the RCPG members may remember that on February 1, 2018, a request was made for safety improvements at the blind curve intersection of Poplar Street and

Elm Street. A tally of previous accidents from County Records that included a fatality, along with “letters of concern” from both the local trash pickup service and propane delivery company, Ferrell Gas District Manager, Robert Lagge, supported this request. She and her neighbors do appreciate the effort that was made to reduce the southbound lane speed down to 30 mph with a new sign on the west side of the road, very close to the intersection.

However, that solution appears to be inadequate due to the numerous drivers who choose to ignore the sign, possibly because the same stretch of road northbound lane has a faster speed designation of 45mph. Thus, extremely serious accidents continue to occur at that corner. Including but not limited to, a young man driving his father’s truck home that collided with a van full of people with several children onboard. And among others, the most recent on April 18, 2025, where two trucks smashed head-on and both trucks were totaled.

This section of Poplar Street, near Wellfield Park, does not go through, having only one location for ingress and egress at Elm Street. Additionally, there are 3 Dolores Court residential addresses with back gates accessing Poplar Street, being used regularly for the convenience of motor homes, horse trailers, boats, and travel trailers, plus, the combination of 13 driveways accessing Poplar Street, all using the extremely hazardous Elm Street blind curved intersection. Furthermore, traffic from activities at Wellfield Park exposes families and children of all ages to this severely dangerous situation.

For these reasons, we respectfully request the Ramona Planning Group, Transportation/Trails Subcommittee, County of San Diego. Department of Public Works and Traffic Control, Cal-Trans, and any other necessary authority to please consider doing a "Line of Sight" re-evaluation in this area.

Maybe some of these options could be considered as solutions:

- 1) Relocating Poplar residents’ mailboxes away from the right turn corner on Elm Street. Thus, providing more space for turning/merging/passing vehicle congestion.
- 2) Slowing drivers farther from the curve with small speed bumps, giving them more time to slow down. Like on Poway Road approaching Espola Road at the right turn signal light.
- 3) Flashing street signs announcing the upcoming unsafe area.

Any of these, or any other options not listed here, would be greatly appreciated to facilitate the safety of all Ramona Families and Visitors.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

Speaker: Derek Berg, Poway Resident

Mr. Berg asked that the County be pressed to improve the traffic situation at Poplar and Elm Streets.

Speaker: Diana Ramos, Ramona Resident

Ms. Ramos said she supported asking the County to improve the traffic at Poplar and Elm Streets.

Ms. Perfect said she thought the item would be worth hearing again. She will see about adding it to the next agenda.

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

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

Upon motion made by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Basil Aruin, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Maureen Dant absent.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

7-A: INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY: Brief Legislative Update Presentation on behalf of Supervisor Anderson

Damon Heintz, a Legislative Intern from Supervisor Anderson's office, made the presentation. He handed out a 2024 Legislative Actions and Accomplishments booklet, a resources and information handout, and a survey to complete which will inform Supervisor Anderson of services that are important to his constituents when he has to make decisions on balancing a \$138.5 million budget gap.

For recent wildfire actions -- vegetation has been treated along 200 miles of evacuation routes. Supervisor Anderson helped to start the Ag Pass program that allows commercial agricultural industries access to their farms and ranches during a wildfire when it is safe to return to them. He has also promoted and enhanced wildfire preparedness throughout the County both with the fire agencies and with his constituents. He worked to pass the County's Unsafe Camping Ordinance. There are wildfire preparedness resources on his website.

The County has grant programs to help communities. One is the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program and the other is the Community Enhancement Program. All funds are gone for this fiscal year, but funding will become available again in the new fiscal year. There is also a pilot home hardening program in Dulzura, right now, where people can apply for grant funding to make their homes more resistant to wildfire.

Supervisor Anderson offers a Legislative Intern Program, which Mr. Heintz is part of. He asked that people in attendance take the time to complete the survey, giving feedback to Supervisor Anderson.

7-B: INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY: Update from San Diego County Sheriff's Department - Ramona Substation for the community of Ramona.

Lieutenant Navarro gave the report. The Ramona Sheriff's are still in the process of getting the lease from the property owner for where the temporary Ramona Sheriff's Substation will be while the new one is being built. They are working to get the lease signed. For the construction

of the new facility – they already have a contractor. The contractor did the design work on the project and he will also be constructing the new building. Lieutenant Navarro will come back to the RCPG with a further update in the near future.

As far as enforcement – 4 extra units were dedicated to traffic enforcement over the weekend. Although the CHP is responsible for enforcement, the Sheriff's are happy to help with it.

7-C: Action Item: PDS 2025-AD-25-009. Oversized Accessory Structure/Detached Garage at 16309 Salida del Sol. Garage area is 2,963 sf, main floor lounge is 846 sf, second floor lounge is 757 sf - total garage area is 4566 sf.
(*Greater Ramona Subcommittee Item – No Quorum*)

Derek Berg, with Mad Design, presented the project. Mr. Berg thanked the RCPG for working to preserve Ramona's rural character. He is a Ramona High School graduate.

Salida del Sol is located off of Highland Valley Road. The total property size is 82.21 acres. Sixty four acres of the property was cleared to plant avocado trees. The property is in the RMWD and they have RMWD water and septic. The new detached garage will be a designed building, and it will not be metal. The design will be modern, yet rural. The garage is deep in the property and it will not be visible except that people may be able to see it from up on the Fry-Koegel Trail. The garage will be built in harmony with the house. No native oaks will be impacted. The use of the garage will be a private hobby use. The new building design reflects the desire to enhance and preserve open space.

Ms. Maxson asked if there would be any lighting on the building?

Mr. Berg said the County will be reviewing any proposed lighting for conformance with existing policies.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Jonas Dyer and seconded by Dustin Turley, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Maureen Dant absent.

7-D: INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY: APG Report on updates in the
unincorporated area
Maxson

Ms. Maxson gave the APG report. There are 2 bills in California that are of interest to the APG. AB 24 and SB 240 are both stalled and will be processed as 2 year bills. The APG will try to move these 2 bills forward. There is a Call of Action from the APG to SANDAG. The County is 2.9 million acres of which 2.3 million acres are unincorporated. All are paying taxes but the unincorporated area has big gaps in transportation and other services relating to ongoing projects that are occurring in the incorporated areas.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Announcements and Correspondence Received

Ms. Welty announced that there would be a coffee with Supervisor Anderson on June 18 from 9:30 to 12 at the Ramona Community Center. There will be a 2024 MSCP report on June 4 at the County Administration Center (MSCP South County Subarea Plan Annual Report). On June 25 there will be a Cannabis Program Public Webinar to provide a summary of the Draft EIR public comments and a program update. And lastly, on June 14 there will be a Quarterly Chair meeting.

Ms. Mansolf announced that the RCPG received a letter from Caltrans proposing to remove 2 declining trees in the colonnade and to replant them. She was going to put this item on the July 3 meeting agenda as an informational item.

8-B: Discussion Items:

1. Concerns from Members (*No concerns were brought forward*)
2. Future Agenda Item Requests

Mr. Aruin requested an agenda item to ask the CHP to come and talk with the RCPG about Main Street traffic enforcement and other related items. The CHP could probably answer the questions we have on these issues.

Mr. Stykel felt this item should go to Transportation/Trails.

Ms. Perfect said Transportation/Trails doesn't need to talk about enforcement. She said that our previous Supervisor used to have Revitalization Meetings periodically. They were roundtable meetings and a lot got done. She would like to ask our current Supervisor to reinstate these meetings.

The Chair asked that requesting the Supervisor to reinstate Revitalization Meetings be placed on the next agenda.

Ms. Foster said there is a lot of trash along SR 67, especially on the west side by Mt. Woodson. She has been seeing bags of trash.

Ms. Maxson said this issue can be reported on the Caltrans website.

Ms. Mansolf said that Caltrans had been working in the area just west of the Poway City limit sign, clearing brush, within the past month. She gets Caltrans alerts, and they said they would be working in the Mt. Woodson area next. She will check with someone at Caltrans to see if the trash was left from the recent work that was done, and if so, when it will be picked up.

3. Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members
(*No new members were brought forward*)

4. Reimbursement request to PDS for the secretary for copies made for the 5-1-25 and the 6-12-25 meetings.

Ms. Mansolf said she spent \$7.50 for the May 1, 2025, RCPG meeting and \$6.00 for the June 12, 2025, RCPG meeting, for a total of \$13.50.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR THE SECRETARY FOR THE MAY 1, 2025, AND JUNE 12, 2025, MEETINGS AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Jonas Dyer and seconded by Lauren Elyse Welty, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Maureen Dant absent.

8-C: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Jonas Dyer) – Update on Projects Reviewed

Mr. Dyer gave the Ramona Design Review Board report from May:

Waiver Requests:

- Rotanzi Street (Behind Cheers) Temporary Construction Signage – APPROVED
- 1743 Main Street, Suite D (Business Signage) – APPROVED

8-D: Meeting Updates

1. Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings
(No Additional Information Brought Forward)
2. Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 7-3-25, Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main St

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 #6: 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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