

**County of San Diego
Ramona Community Planning Group
SPECIAL MEETING – MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2026**

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	Maureen Dant	Jonas Dyer
	Debbie Foster	Andrea Gibson	Holly Hamilton-Bleakley
	Kristi Mansolf	Robin Joy Maxson	Terry Maxson
	Dawn Perfect	Andrew Simmons	Paul Stykel
	Dustin Turley	Lauren Elyse Welty	

Members absent: Janelle Clark

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 12-4-25 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 4, 2025, MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

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

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 the posted agenda. Speakers will submit a speaker slip to the Vice Chair, each speaker is limited to 3 minutes, and the elected body of the RCPG cannot respond. *(There were no speakers)*

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

The Chair said she would like to move Item 7-F to after Item 7-D

MOTION: TO MOVE ITEM 7-F TO AFTER ITEM 7-D, AND TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.

Upon motion made by Lauren Elyse Welty and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion passed 14-0-0-0-1, with Janelle Clark absent.

ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS:

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

Lieutenant Roller gave an update on traffic enforcement for Ramona for December. There were 131 traffic stops, 34 pedestrian contacts and 28 citations. For SR 67, there were 61 traffic stops, 15 citations and 1 DUI arrest. Deputies are patrolling regularly, and a reserve deputy is working traffic enforcement on his days off.

Ms. Dant asked about the recent incident on SR 67, just south of Ramona, involving a fuel truck and a car. She had heard a vehicle went out of control and hit a fuel truck.

Lieutenant Roller confirmed that a vehicle went out of control and hit a fuel truck at Chaparral Way. The road was closed for hours due to the nature of the incident. The CHP investigated this incident.

7-B: Action Item: TPM-21484 Tentative Parcel Map - Tourmaline Ramona, Ramona Station, 1855 Main St. The scope of the project is to modify the existing 2 lots to 4 lots. The tenant improvements underway were processed in a previous Minor Deviation to the Site Plan. No construction is associated with this project at this time.
Simmons, Town Center (No Meeting this Month)

Theodore Shaw gave the presentation. This requested project change is not changing the driveway design or number of driveways on Main Street. They are creating lots for leasing purposes only. The map does not allow them to make physical changes to the center of the project area. Any future tenants or changes to the property must be submitted to the County and brought to the Design Review Committee and the Planning Group for recommendations before the County will approve or deny the application.

All parcels will have shared access and parking rights across all parcels. The map will allow the client to lease portions of the center based on the lot number.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Jonas Dyer and seconded by Basil Aruin, the motion passed 14-0-0-0-1, with Janelle Clark absent.

7-C: Action Items: FY 25-26: PLDO List

1. Skate Park
2. Dog Park
3. 5k route through Wellfield Park

4. RHS speed, strength & agility training facility . Parks Subcommittee
Chair to present proposal from RHS principal Mike Gaime
Gibson, Parks and Recreation Subcommittee

Ms. Gibson gave the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee report. The subcommittee discussed the skate park remaining on the PLDO list and going back to being at the RICC location. The dog park will remain on the PLDO list with it being planned for the Ramona Community Park. The RMWD Parks and Recreation Community Advisory Committee is looking for input on a planned dog park. Their next meeting will be held on January 20, at 6:30 at the Ramona Community Center. The 5K route will remain on the PLDO list. For the Ramona High School, Speed, Strength and Agility Training Facility – there is not enough information on this project to add it to the PLDO list at this time. Possibly it will be added at a future date, once more information is provided. For new pickleball and tennis courts, Ms. Gibson had proposed the possibility of converting the existing courts at RHS and to enter into a JEPA with the County to cover funds for construction. This item will remain on the PLDO list. The last item discussed and added to the PLDO list is to acquire new park land (currently proposed at 14th and H Street, for a new pocket park with a playground.

Mr. Aruin said a specific location was not identified for the pocket park. Land acquisition and use of PLDO is up to the County.

Ms. Gibson made the following motion:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PARKS PLDO PRIORITY LIST AS FOLLOWS:

1. **SKATE PARK, WITH LOCATION UPDATED FROM WELLFIELD PARK TO THE RICC**
2. **DOG PARK, TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RAMONA COMMUNITY PARK**
3. **5K ROUTE, GOING THROUGH WELLFIELD PARK, PLUS SCORING EQUIPMENT**
4. **NEW PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS COURTS IN THE COMMUNITY: POSSIBILITY OF CONVERTING EXISTING COURTS AT RHS AND ENTER INTO A JEPA WITH THE COUNTY TO COVER FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION**
5. **ADD/ACQUIRE NEW PARK LAND WITHIN THE CENTRAL REGION OF TOWN FOR A NEW POCKET PARK WITH PLAYGROUND**

Upon motion made by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Andrea Gibson, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Janelle Clark absent.

- 7-D: Discussion and Possible Action:** Item brought forward from RCPG member Simmons - Consideration to Propose to the County to request ‘a free parking’ sticker for Ramona residents to use at Mt. Woodson Gateway parking lot due to PLDO funds sponsoring project.
Gibson, Parks and Recreation Subcommittee

Mr. Simmons had requested this item being on the agenda. Because PLDO funds are being used for the Mt. Woodson parking lot project, he would like to see Ramona residents park there for free. Maybe a free parking sticker could be issued to Ramona residents who want one.

Ms. Gibson said anyone can get a \$50 annual pass to park at the majority of County parks. The subcommittee did not vote on this item, but wanted to bring it forward to the RCPG for consideration.

Ms. Dant said this item was discussed at the meeting, and she feels it is not appropriate to charge for parking. The park should not be gated. The motivation to put in the parking lot was to keep people safe and off Highway 67. She would like to see no fee charged to park in the parking lot..

MOTION: TO APPROVE A MECHANISM FOR RAMONA RESIDENTS TO APPLY FOR AN ANNUAL PASS TO NOT PAY FOR PARKING IN THE MT. WOODSON GATEWAY PARKING LOT BY PROVING THEY ARE RAMONA RESIDENTS.

Upon motion made by Andrew Simmons and seconded by Dustin Turley, the motion **passed 12-0-2-0-1**, with Basil Aruin and Terry Maxson abstaining and Janelle Clark absent.

7-F: Discussion and Possible Action: Discussion of any additional concerns relating to the Mt. Woodson Gateway Preserve Parking Lot for consideration to submit to the County (*Taken Out of Order*)

Ms. Mansolf said the Mt. Woodson ad hoc met. to update the interested public and to see if there were any concerns at this point of the project. The project has been updated on the County Parks and Recreation website, and there is a map showing that parking will be allowed between Mt. Woodson Road to the north and Mt. Woodson Road to the south to enable people who want to hike early in the morning and later in the evening when the parking lot gate will be closed. No action was taken at the meeting.

7-E: INFORMATION ITEM ONLY: Mt. Woodson Gateway Preserve Parking Lot Update from County Parks and Recreation Staff

Emmet Aquino said the Mt. Woodson Gateway Preserve Parking Lot has been under construction for awhile now. A gate will be installed soon. They are discussing the relocation of existing signs. There continue to be numerous inquiries about the project. The project staff appreciate all of the follow up.

Speaker: John Neidert, Ramona Resident

Mr. Neidert had a question concerning parking/no parking allowed on the 12 inch wide, one-way portions of the parking lot access road identified as Element 5 on the website link identified as the Park Concept Plan.

Mr. Aquino said there will be no parking on the parking lot access road.

Mr. Neidert said he understood there would be no parking on Highway 67, but now on the map online there shows that parking will be allowed south of Mt. Woodson Road.

Mr. Aquino said that north of the parking lot access road and south of the CAL FIRE Fire Station entrance, no parking signs will be added. Relating to parking south of Mt. Woodson Road, he will defer to Caltrans.

Ms. Maxson asked if the County asked for no parking south of Mt. Woodson Road? How was that gap overlooked in the process of a development project?

Mr. Aquino said he is looking into this.

Ms. Perfect said she was also caught by surprise by the lack of no parking signs on SR 67. The road is wide there, and there was a concern about people crossing the highway before the existing no parking signs were installed on the east side of the road. Now sunset hikers can park south of Mt. Woodson Road, on the west side of SR 67.

Ms. Dant asked how the parking fee got to be part of the project? She asked if there is any way to rectify the parking fee? It seems like the trail should be considered a nature trail.

Dave Moniz, with the County Department of Parks and Recreation, said that paid parking is more than cost recovery. It benefits the trail users, the neighbors and the people in the area in general. There was no way to collect trash previously and no restrooms. Now there will be trash pickup and restrooms. Fees help to give a presence to the site and will pay for ongoing costs, so with the fees, something is gained. People can buy an annual pass for and use almost all County parks.

Mr. Aquino said there will be a higher level of customer service with the fees. It takes a lot to maintain facilities – operation and maintenance.

Ms. Mansolf said the Iron Mountain trailhead is operated and maintained by the City of Poway. The parking lot is a Park and Ride so it's also a commuter lot and parking is free. The parking lot is probably operated and maintained by Caltrans. The Mt. Woodson Gateway Preserve is a different type of facility. Ms. Mansolf asked where the south boundary of the Intersection Control Evaluation for the project ends on the west side of SR 67?

Mr. Aquino, with County Parks, said the County permit for the Intersection Control Evaluation ends at Mt. Woodson Road to the north.

Ms. Dant asked for a cost analysis for the restrooms and trash maintenance?

Jen Spencer, with the County Department of Parks and Recreation, said the annual cost for these amenities is on the website.

Ms. Dant asked how the fees are broken down?

Mr. Aquino said they are broken down hourly. The parking lot will be safe and clean. Parking fees are universal.

Ms. Spencer said there will be no fees charged for ADA users. Seniors will have a smaller fee.

7-F: Discussion and Possible Action: Discussion of any additional concerns relating to the Mt. Woodson Gateway Preserve Parking Lot for consideration to submit to the County (*Taken Out of Order after Item 7-D*)

7-G. Discussion and Possible Action: Ramona-Barona Climate Adaptation Plan out for public review - comments due Jan 14th

The Chair encouraged RCPG members to look at the Ramona-Barona Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP) document that was sent out and provide comments. The Chair said the CAP would help to get the funding to create a step in the right direction for implementing the CAP. A consultant was hired to develop the CAP, and an ad hoc committee helped to guide the document creation.

7-H: Action Item: Ramona Population Number - In response to a request from Caltrans, the RCPG will provide a population number for the new 'Welcome to Ramona' sign(s) at the entrance(s) of Ramona

The Chair said Caltrans had requested an official population number to post on signs at the entry ways of Ramona on SR 67 and SR 78. Based on the census figures for Ramona and the San Diego Country Estates in 2020 plus their periodic adjustments, she would like to present the number 39,409 to Caltrans for the population of Ramona.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RAMONA POPULATION FIGURE OF 39,409.

Upon motion made by Dawn Perfect and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 14-0-0-1**, with Janelle Clark absent.

7-I: Ramona States Routes

Maxson, RSRS Subcommittee

1. **Informational:** Ramona Sheriff update to Subcommittee on law enforcement activity to increase safety on SRs 67 and 78.

Ms. Maxson said RSRS items had been tabled at the November meeting and were not on the December agenda, so they still need to be addressed.

Ms. Maxson said the RCPG was given Lieutenant Roller's report on traffic enforcement activity during the month of December at the beginning of the meeting.

2. **Informational:** Caltrans update to Subcommittee on status of SRs 67 and 78 improvements.

Tyler Hicks from Caltrans gave an email update on various projects. For SR 67, Caltrans is still analyzing the possible alternatives and working on completing the Draft Project Report and Draft Environmental document, which should be completed in Summer, 2026. For SR 78, Caltrans is nearing the Ready to List (RTL) milestone of the project. After that they will advertise the project so contractors can bid and award the contract. RTL is currently scheduled for March, 2026 and advertising the contract is scheduled for June, 2026. For Mussey Gade, Caltrans is still analyzing the possible alternatives. They remain committed to having a meeting with the Community on this issue. Although no date has been set, they are looking at a place to have the meeting in the Community. Caltrans wants feedback on the SR 67, Mussey Grade project.

3. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Status of SR 67 Highway Improvements Project.

The RSRS Subcommittee discussed the rate of progress on the SR 67 Improvement Project and a motion was made. In a phased manner, the subcommittee would like to ask that the SR 67 Improvement Project move forward faster. SANDAG is aware of the improvements, as well as Caltrans. We have to remind them that this is important.

Mr. Stykel said Caltrans talked about an improvement project for SR 67 10 years ago. Now it probably won't happen until 2035. He doesn't want to see the project disappear.

Ms. Maxson brought forward a motion from the RSRS subcommittee to the RCPG.

MOTION: THE RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP TO COMMUNICATE THE URGENCY OF MOVING SR 67 IMPROVEMENTS FORWARD AS LIVES CONTINUE TO BE LOST.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Andrea Gibson, the motion **passed 13-0-1-0-1**, with Terry Maxson abstaining, and Janelle Clark absent.

4. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Status of SRs 67/78 Main Street traffic calming measures.

In his email, Tyler Hicks gave an update on crosswalks on Main Street. A crosswalk at 6th is not justified due to its proximity to the crosswalk at 7th. The possibility for a crosswalk at 5th is going to depend on the results of a traffic study funded by a third party showing a volume of utilization that would be present as if a new residential/commercial location were going in. Caltrans is not opposed to the continued discussion. The traffic study showing a warranted amount of foot traffic due to a new development would be the next step. Right now there is not enough foot traffic to warrant a crosswalk. As far as daylighting, the amount of space required by the new daylighting laws would be insufficient to support the pedestrian refuge. Additional parking spaces would be lost. A further discussion into this aspect would be dependent upon the results of Ramona's traffic study.

Tyler Hicks gave an update on westbound speeding signs/markings for SR 78. The SR 78 project is maintaining the existing speed limit signs with 1 side panel being replaced with the

same size sign. There will be new speed limit pavement markings adjacent to the existing speed limit signs as follows: *eastbound*, between 5th/6th Streets and between 9th/10th Streets; *westbound*, between 4th/5th Streets and just before 2nd Street. This is the next step in the progression of traffic calming measures. Caltrans will monitor the effectiveness of this enhancement and community feedback will also be valuable.

Ms. Maxson said the subcommittee discussed previous requests to Caltrans for alert strips and flashing speeding signs. She will request Caltrans update the subcommittee on the status of these traffic calming devices in the future.

MOTION: FOR RCPG TO FOLLOW UP WITH CALTRANS ON THE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING RADAR ENFORCEMENT SPEED SIGNS ON SR 78 BETWEEN 3RD AND 6TH STREETS.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Basil Aruin, the motion **passed 13-0-0-1**, with Janelle Clark absent.

(Debbie Foster left at 8:18)

5. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Develop recommendations for the RCPG to consider including funding needs for additional traffic enforcement.

Ms. Maxson said the RSRS Subcommittee discussed this item but took no action. Lieutenant Roller mentioned the reserve deputy that willingly does traffic enforcement in Ramona on weekends and works for free. We should ask the large government entities that determine where funding goes in communities for increased funding for speed limit enforcement on SR 67 to help lessen the opportunity for future accidents.

Speaker: Sue Thygesen, Ramona Resident

Ms. Thygesen said she wrote letters to our state representatives listing the names of the fatalities and imploring them to help us. She sent the letters as certified mail and has our state representatives' signatures as official notification that they are aware of our issues.

MOTION: THE RCPG TO COMMUNICATE TO CHP LEADERSHIP, STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES A REQUEST FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR DIRECTED ENFORCEMENT FOR SPEED RELATED INCIDENTS ON SR 67 AND SR 78 DUE TO DRAMATICALLY INCREASED VEHICLE COLLISIONS RESULTING IN SEVERE INJURIES AND DEATH.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Terry Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-2**, with Janelle Clark and Debbie Foster absent.

- 7-J: **INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY**: APG Report on updates in the unincorporated area

Maxson

Ms. Maxson gave the APG report. The APG requested a follow up meeting with SANDAG. SANDAG CEO, Mario Orso, held the follow up meeting at SANDAG and invited both the County and Caltrans to attend. This joint agency meeting was productive for our Unincorporated Area issues. Dahvia Lynch, from County PDS and Caltrans staff were in attendance. Fire evacuation and highway safety were discussed, and they also talked about these partner agencies applying for grant funding on behalf of our Unincorporated Area. SANDAG, Caltrans and the County want to know where they can look for help. There are grants available and SANDAG is applying for a traffic safety grant on our behalf. Ms. Maxson described viewing the meeting as a "square" with four equal sides: the Unincorporated Area, SANDAG, County and Caltrans.

Ms. Perfect asked who we could ask for grants for specific sidewalks within the community?

Ms. Maxson said we could ask the County or Caltrans about grants for sidewalks within Ramona.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

7-A: Election of Officers for 2026: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

The Chair opened nominations for RCPG Chair.

Mr. Stykel nominated Lauren Elyse Welty for Chair. Ms. Maxson seconded the nomination.

Ms. Welty said she accepted the nomination.

The Chair closed nominations for Chair.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM LAUREN ELYSE WELTY AS RCPG CHAIR FOR 2026.

Upon motion made by Paul Stykel and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Janelle Clark and Debbie Foster absent.

The Chair opened nominations for RCPG Vice-Chair.

The Chair nominated Robin Joy Maxson for Vice-Chair. Ms. Gibson seconded the nomination.

Ms. Maxson said she accepted the nomination.

The Chair closed nominations for Vice-Chair.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM ROBIN JOY MAXSON AS RCPG VICE-CHAIR FOR 2026.

Upon motion made by Lauren Elyse Welty and seconded by Andrea Gibson, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Janelle Clark and Debbie Foster absent.

The Chair opened nominations for RCPG Secretary.

Dustin Turley nominated Kristi Mansolf for Secretary. Dawn Perfect seconded the nomination.

Ms. Mansolf said she accepted the nomination.

The Chair closed nominations for Secretary.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM KRISTI MANSOLF AS RCPG SECRETARY FOR 2026.

Upon motion made by Dustin Turley and seconded by Dawn Perfect, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Janelle Clark and Debbie Foster absent.

7-B: Annual County Training for Planning Group Members, and Biennial Ethics Training

Ms. Mansolf sent out the annual County training information to the RCPG members. Biennial Ethics training needs to be completed every 2 years by each member.

The Chair said members need to complete the Form 700 annually, and now the form can be completed online. She will send out the link to the form to members.

8-C: Announcements and Correspondence Received
(None Brought Forward)

8-D: Discussion Items:

1. Concerns from Members

The Chair said that with the Brown Act we agree to abide by and uphold specific rules. One of those is not to have a serial meeting outside of the public eye. There was an email sent to RCPG members by an RCPG member as a whole recently that included and shared the sender's opinion. There was another email request, by an RCPG member, to have information on an item emailed to RCPG members – but we can't do that either. Members/people need to attend the meeting and share their concerns publicly. She asked that this not be done in the future. Concerns and opinions can be expressed at a public meeting but not through emails to other members. If there are concerns or questions on this, please contact the Chair.

The Chair said that regarding PRA request information – if you don't have PRA information, you don't have to respond to the PRA request.

Ms. Perfect asked if there was a way to see the original PRA requests?

The Chair said she will ask if there is a way we can see that information.

Ms. Perfect said she will probably have to do a PRA request to get the information. The Chair said that after a certain time frame a PRA request closes.

2. Future Agenda Item Requests

Ms. Gibson said she would like to request for Supervisor Anderson to expedite the skate park at the RICC.

Mr. Aruin asked to put on the next agenda, writing a letter to Supervisor Anderson to expedite the skate park project.

3. Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members

Ms. Maxson said Mr. Cooper resigned from the RSRS Subcommittee.

8-E: Ramona Design Review Board Report (Jonas Dyer) – Update on Projects Reviewed

Mr. Dyer said there was no Design Review Board meeting at the end of December. Mr. Dyer will no longer be the Design Review Board representative for the RCPG in the future, and he asked for this item to be on the next RCPG agenda.

8-F: Meeting Updates

1. Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings

Ms. Perfect said she attended the December 5, 2025, TAC meeting. Two Ramona items were on the agenda. For the Dye Road item – they will be continuing with the posted speed limit at this time. For the 4 way stop proposed at the intersection of 5th and D Streets – the item was approved.

The Chair said she would send an email update about the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings to RCPG members in the near future.

**2. Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 2-5-26
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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