

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

April 2, 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:	Janelle Clark (Arr. 7:06)	Jonas Dyer	Debbie Foster
	Andrea Gibson	Kristi Mansolf	Robin Joy Maxson
	Terry Maxson	Dawn Perfect	Andrew Simmons
	Paul Stykel	Dustin Turley	Lauren Elyse Welty

Members absent: Basil Aruin, Maureen Dant, Holly Hamilton-Bleakley

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 3-5-26 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MARCH 5, 2026, RCPG MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Andrew Simmons and seconded by Jonas Dyer, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Basil Aruin, Maureen Dant and Holly Hamilton-Bleakley 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.

Speaker: Michael Baessler, Ramona Resident

Mr. Baessler said portions of the Old Julian Highway are in very poor condition. A small portion of the Old Julian Highway has been recently resurfaced, but the majority of the rest of it needs resurfacing, too. He can’t drive down it in a car, but has to drive down it in a truck. He talked to someone in DPW about it who did not seem to feel there was any urgency in getting the Old Julian Highway resurfaced. He said he would look into it more. There are wineries and other businesses that people go to on the Old Julian Highway. He requested that people drive down the road and check it out.

Speaker: Melanie Vallejo, Legislative Intern, Supervisor Anderson's Office

The County is creating a Consumer Fairness and Public Protection Unit (CFPP). This CFPP Unit will help protect people and small businesses from harmful or unfair practices. These may include scams, hidden fees, unsafe products, unfair insurance denials, and pollution that puts communities at risk. The Unit will work within County Counsel. There is a survey online that is due on May 15 relating to this issue. People are encouraged to take the survey as the County wants to understand the problems people face, what types of issues need attention first, and how the County can respond in a way that works for people. Feedback will inform the top priorities for the unit and help shape how the County communicates with the public, including the intake process for people who need to report a problem.

Ms. Vallejo asked that people share general feedback with Supervisor Anderson's office and sign up for updates on Supervisor Anderson's website.

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

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

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Debbie Foster, the motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Basil Aruin, Maureen Dant and Holly Hamilton-Bleakley 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 the enforcement statistics for March for SR-67: 32 traffic stops and 8 citations. Statistics for March for the Patrol in Ramona: 52 arrests, 123 traffic stops, 25 pedestrian stops and 30 citations.

Ms. Maxson asked why the numbers are going up?

Lieutenant Roller said they are trying new tactics with traffic enforcement. It is hard to maintain the numbers and it is cyclical. As far as transients, some leave and some come back. The Sheriff's are trying to get the message out that bad behavior will not be tolerated in the community.

Ms. Foster heard, from an Albertson's employee, that a local homeless man exposed himself.

Lieutenant Roller said there should have been a call, but the Sheriff's did not get one. He would like true reporting. He asked that people be encouraged to call when something like that happens. He said the homeless population is pretty low in Ramona currently.

Ms. Maxson said she heard there are under 10 homeless people in Ramona.

Lieutenant Roller said there are 5 or 6. He doesn't understand why homeless people come to Ramona, as there are not many resources for the homeless. Most of the homeless people in Ramona have family links in Ramona.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action:** The Department of Public Works is considering establishment of a roadside vending program to address unregulated roadside vending along unincorporated County maintained roads. The County is accepting comments, relating to the draft ordinance, through 4-13-26.

The Chair said the County is accepting comments on the Roadside Vending Ordinance through April 13, 2026. The Ordinance will place provisions on roadside vendors with compact mobile food operations. The hours of operation will be sunrise to sunset. There can be no blocking of sidewalks or ADA facilities. They will have to be 100 feet from other vendors. They can't be on a road with a speed limit of over 35 mph, and they can't be on a highway.

Comments:

The Chair said that roadside vending can't be on a road with a speed limit over 35 mph. Additionally, it also can't be on a highway, which eliminates roadside vending on SR 67. It would not be allowed on San Vicente Road. This would also impact other rural communities, like Jamul and Valley Center, where the main roads going through the towns are thoroughfares.

Ms. Gibson said visibility and the ability to safely get off and on the roadway are important. There needs to be good line-of-sight in both directions.

Mr. Stykel said roadside vending businesses take business away from Ramona restaurants. He doesn't think roadside businesses operating in an area are in the best interest for communities.

Mr. Turley said that roadside vending is currently a free-for-all as there are no regulations, and getting a food handler permit is an inconvenience.

Ms. Perfect said there are concerns regarding the speed limit being a deciding factor for this issue. Other factors and considerations are sight distance, accessibility and safe egress to and from the roadway.

The Chair said rural communities often have higher speed limits on the roads that go through their communities than communities that are not rural.

Ms. Perfect said if a roadside vendor is on private property, it is okay. She asked if, relating to the highway and the speed limit, are there instances where roadside vending is allowed or not allowed?

The Chair said roadside vendors can't park in the road right of way. If the speed limit is over 35 mph or if a roadside vendor wants to do business on a state highway - it is not allowed per the draft ordinance.

MOTION: TO SEND THE COUNTY THE COMMENTS ON THE ROADSIDE VENDING DRAFT ORDINANCE.

Upon motion made by Lauren Elyse Welty and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion passed 11-1-0-0-3, with Paul Stykel voting no, and Basil Aruin, Maureen Dant and Holly Hamilton-Bleakley absent.

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

Ms. Maxson gave the APG report. SANDAG recently held a 2 day retreat at Jamul Casino. One of the topics that was discussed was freeways, highways and HOV lanes. They do not want to add more lanes, but would like to better manage the lanes on the 805 and 15 freeways. Their concerns are equity and safety. If a single driver is in the express lanes, they have to pay money and they can get to work quicker. In Riverside and Orange Counties, HOV lanes require there to be 3 people in a car, rather than 2, to use the managed lanes and not be required to pay. Managed lanes in San Diego County are failing and Interstate 15 is backing up. A big part is that "cheaters" are using the managed lanes and are causing the lanes to fail. This raises the question of how to manage this infrastructure. VMT is a measure and can be used for creating tax revenue. Caltrans was tasked with running a study on VMT measures and the study timeframe was recently extended. The use of EV vehicles has impacted revenue from gasoline taxes while the EV vehicles are utilizing the same infrastructure as gasoline vehicles. Also, EVs are heavier than your average car and cause more wear and tear without paying into the road maintenance funding.

Ms. Perfect said a real solution would be to add more lanes.

Ms. Maxson said people can push for more sales tax to be used for roadways. It is our tax dollars they are using. SANDAG is planning lane additions. There are toll problems on the 125 with the managed lanes. They are hiring a vendor to manage operations.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Announcements and Correspondence Received

The Chair announced that the County DPW Road Division will be removing a tree on Gunn Stage that is damaging the road. She was contacted by someone at the PDS Housing Division who offered to make a presentation to the RCPG on a County Wide Housing Initiative that includes 3 working programs. She wanted to see if there was interest in having this item on a future agenda. Andrew Hayes received our letter about the \$700,000 that had been planned for the skate park but was used for the Mt. Woodson parking project. Mr. Hayes took our letter seriously and will be providing an update. Caltrans will be providing an update and taking input on the SR-67 and Mussey Grade intersection at a meeting at the Library on April 9.

8-B. To recommend an RCPG member to be on the DRB (Seat 9) and serve as the RCPG representative on the DRB

The Chair asked Mr. Turley if he was interested in serving on the DRB as the RCPG representative?

Ms. Turley said he would have a conflict, so he was unable to serve on the DRB.

The Chair asked if anyone was interested in filling the DRB seat?

Ms. Gibson said she could do it, but she would no longer be chairing the Parks Subcommittee.

Mr. Turley said he may be interested in chairing the Parks Subcommittee.

Ms. Gibson said Basil Aruin and Maureen Dant may also be interested in chairing the Parks Subcommittee.

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND/CONFIRM ANDREA GIBSON TO SERVE IN SEAT 9 OF THE RAMONA DESIGN REVIEW BOARD.

Upon motion by Jonas Dyer and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Basil Aruin, Maureen Dant and Holly Hamilton-Bleakley absent.

MOTION: TO TAKE ANDREA GIBSON OFF AS CHAIR OF THE RCPG PARKS AND RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded Lauren Elyse Welty, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Basil Aruin, Maureen Dant and Holly Hamilton-Bleakley absent.

8-C: Discussion Items:

1. Concerns from Members (None)
2. Future Agenda Item Requests

Ms. Mansolf said the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program will be on the May agenda.

3. Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members (None)

8-D: Ramona Design Review Board Report (vacant) – Update on Projects Reviewed

The Chair said there was no report from the Design Review Board meeting.

8-E: Meeting Updates

1. Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings

The Chair said the Planning Commission will be meeting on April 10 and the Board of Supervisors will be meeting April 22. The TAC meeting will be April 3, and there no Ramona items on the agenda.

2. Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 5-7-26
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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