County of San Diego
Ramona Community Planning Group
MEETING MINUTES
This was a Joint Meeting with the Ramona Design Review Board
September 3, 2026
7:00 PM @ the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Lauren Elyse Welty,RCPG Chair; Scotty Ensign, RDRB Chair

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3: ROLL CALL (Welty, RCPG Chair), (Ensign, RDRB Chair – See RDRB Minutes)

In Attendance:	Basil Aruin	Janelle Clark	Mauren Dant
	Jonas Dyer	Debbie Foster	Andrea Gibson
	Kristi Mansolf	Robin Joy Maxson	Terry Maxson
	Dawn Perfect	Paul Stykel (Arr. 7:30 pm)	
	Lauren Elyse Welty		

Members absent: Holly Hamilton-Bleakley, Andrew Simmons

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 RCPG MINUTES 8-6-26 (Action); APPROVAL OF RDRB MINUTES 7-30-26 (Action – See RDRB Minutes)

Ms. Mansolf said she had sent out an amendment to the minutes that afternoon (September 3, 2026). The amendment was made by Terry Maxson.

The Chair read the amendment, which was on the top of page 8 of the August 6, 2026, minutes, under Concerns from Members.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2026, MEETING AS PRESENTED, WITH THE RECENT AMENDMENT BY RCPG MEMBER, TERRY MAXSON.

Upon motion made by Basil Aruin and seconded by Maureen Dant, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3,** with Holly Hamilton-Bleakley, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel 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: Bill Adelson, Ramona Resident

Mr. Adelson said there are concerns with the Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) being used by Law Enforcement. He compared cell phone tracking of physical location data to that of ALPR, noting 3 big differences.

1. In return for a benefit (the ability to use our phones nearly anywhere), we voluntarily agree to be tracked.
2. For Law Enforcement to access that cellular data, a judicial warrant would be required.
3. Cell phones are already digital, therefore there is not an analog-to-digital translation step required. It's in this translation that errors are made by AI, sending law enforcement after the wrong person.

Speaker: Dave Patterson, Ramona Resident

Mr. Patterson spoke about concerns with the ALPR. He asked for the RCPG to make a future agenda item on this issue to protect privacy rights. He asked that the RCPG send a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking for a top down audit review as it relates to ALPR. He asked that the RCPG demand the Board of Supervisors hold a public hearing in Ramona on the results of the audit, and make a case for the continued surveillance of Ramona residents. He asked that the Flock cameras currently in use recording residents' movements be temporarily disabled until the public hearing is completed. He is aware of 8 cameras in Ramona. Given all of the misuse and abuse of the Flock cameras now prevalent in the news, he thinks County leadership owes Ramona residents a comprehensive explanation of what the cameras are used for and why we need to be under surveillance to make us safe. There are many reports of vulnerabilities of the Flock cameras to hacking. Flock has admitted to security flaws, but do we trust them to completely fix them? Additionally, when they say the data is deleted – does that actually mean deleted or has access just been limited? AI processing of all photos is done and he can guarantee that the result is stored somewhere and then made available to network users. Is the AI record also deleted after the time period or is access just limited? Such questions need to be answered if he will sign on to mass surveillance. There have been illegal searches of Flock data for various Homeland Security departments and California policy departments – including the San Diego Sheriff's Department in violation of state law. The use of camera data has been used to track people for personal reasons. There are news reports on police abuses. Our privacy is at risk. Deployment of Flock and other systems that track us must be stopped. We shouldn't be living under constant surveillance like in the United Kingdom and China. Innocent people are being stopped and threatened because the Flock ALPRs made mistakes. Ramona is not a high crime location. There is no need to track us all because of a few criminals.

Speaker: Jean Duffy

Jean Duffy spoke about establishing a non-smoking policy for Ramona. She has contacted the San Diego County Department of Public Health regarding smoke-free public places in the unincorporated areas. She has also spoken with Supervisor Joel Anderson and Andrew Hayes. It has been suggested/recommended that the matter be placed on a future Planning Group agenda as an action item.

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

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

Upon motion made by Dustin Turley and seconded by Basil Aruin, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3,** with Holly Hamilton-Bleakley, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel 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 his report. A Reserve Deputy worked a one day enforcement on SR 67 and there were 19 traffic stops and 11 citations. One motorist was going 85 mph. He noted that overall the speed on the highway had increased. The CHP is short staffed community-wide. For the patrol, there were 47 arrests, 136 traffic stops, 62 pedestrian stops and 32 citations; mostly criminal. There is also an increase in homelessness in Ramona.

Ms. Foster asked what was going on at the Ramona Library on September 2?

Lieutenant Roller said an illegal vehicle failed to stop and the pursuit ended behind the Library.

Lieutenant Roller said, regarding ALPR – the cameras in Ramona do not record 24/7 but scan specific plates. Cameras can scan a vehicle and a license plate. They can be used to pick up stolen vehicles. ALPR doesn't generate probable cause. The ALPR system is hard to get into. If he logged in to the system – he would have to have a reason to get in. Once someone is logged in to look up a license plate – they are linked to the plate. They only share information with local agencies and only a commander can make the request.

7-**B:** **Action Item:** APN 280-061-28-00 Scenic Waiver proposed at 744 Haverford. The proposed project is a 1,200 sq ft detached workshop, 829 feet from SR 78. Hamilton-Bleakley, Greater Ramona Subcommittee (RCPG)

• ***NOTE:*** ***The Ramona Design Review Board will be joining the Ramona Community Planning Group for a joint meeting on this agenda item– RDRB Chair – Scotty Ensign will take action after the RCPG Action on the item.***

Brian Maciel presented the project. The 1,200 sq ft detached workshop is 450 feet from Haverford and 830 feet from SR 78, a Scenic Highway. The building will have a red metal roof,

and the building itself will be rustic red in color. The building is 17 ½ feet tall and will be 300 feet from the nearest neighbor. Access will be from Haverford.

Ms. Mansolf said she had been in contact with Ms. Hamilton-Bleakley to discuss the action taken at the Greater Ramona Subcommittee meeting on this issue, and the item was approved at the meeting.

MOTION (RCPG): TO APPROVE THE SCENIC WAIVER REQUEST AT 744 HAVERFORD, AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Debbie Foster, the motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3,** with Holly Hamilton-Bleakley, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

The Design Review Board reviewed the project with the applicant, made a motion and voted on the item.

7-C: ADJOURNMENT – RAMONA DESIGN REVIEW BOARD – The Ramona Design Review Board adjourned at 7:30.

(Mr. Stykel arrived at 7:30 pm)

7-D: Action Item: Review and selection of the Initial Conceptual Alternative Alignments for the Rapid 277 Transit Project - developing rapid bus service to/from Ramona - that would best serve the community's needs.
Dawn Perfect and Robin Joy Maxson

Ms. Maxson and Ms. Perfect attended a Rapid 277 Transit Project Meeting to look at key destinations in Ramona for the project.

Ms. Perfect said Sabre Springs is an important stop. There is no transportation to the West from Sabre Springs. To go west, people would have to go to the Mira Mesa transit stop. SANDAG wants our input on this project, which will be slow moving and is several years away from being operational

Ms. Maxson said that SANDAG wants to get our preferences in early for the project. Public comment is due on September 14. We will be the terminus for the route. Everything will touch Ramona. The Cities of Poway and San Diego will be presented the recommended information for their feedback. We are elected and need to give SANDAG the preferences we want. Knowing the preferences early on will help with the funding later on. What do we want? All alternatives have Ramona as the destination. All will go by the Poway Business Park. Sabre Springs doesn't go west, while the Mira Mesa alternative does go west. Ms. Maxson thinks we should vote for Alternative 3.

Ms. Perfect said she would like to see Community Road or Pomerado Road be used as part of an alternative. If the Sabre Springs route doesn't go west and Mira Mesa does – then Mira Mesa is right off I-15, so that seems like a good option. At the meeting they talked about a trailhead.

She doesn't know if it would get used unless there is a Park and Ride in the vicinity of the trailhead.

Ms. Dant said that maybe Mt. Woodson could be a possible stop.

Ms. Perfect said the Sabre Springs route will connect with other transit options to go downtown and it will also go to Mira Mesa, which will connect to communities to the west.

MOTION: THE RCPG SUPPORTS ALTERNATIVE 3, AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED, AS THIS PROJECT MOVES FORWARD, AS FOLLOWS: 1) RAMONA; 2) POWAY BUSINESS PARK; 3) CENTRAL POWAY; 4) SABRE SPRINGS; AND 5) MIRA MESA AS THE TERMINUS.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Dawn Perfect, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2,** with Holly Hamilton-Bleakley and Andrew Simmons absent.

7*-E:** ***INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY: Ramona Municipal Water District presentation on the microtransit shuttle program for downtown Ramona that will operate in 2027-2028 as part of a grant funded project. Input on stop locations and day/times of operation is being requested.

Erica Wolski, General Manager of the Ramona Municipal Water District (RMWD), said a survey is being conducted for a local shuttle service for Ramona. The shuttle service will run through 2029. The RMWD applied for a $10,000,000 grant in 2023. April 2024, the grant was awarded by the California Strategic Growth Council. Since then, the project has included preliminary work, such as arranging an outreach team, collecting bids for transportation services and completing required paperwork. The shuttle service-provider will be Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation Inc. (FACT). The survey is to determine where people want to go in the community and what times of the day the service will be needed. Ms. Wolski introduced Rebecca Cole and Melanie Perry. They work for the company that is conducting the survey.

Ms. Perry said that a survey has been started for the project. The local shuttle service will cover a 3 mile route area around the community. They are trying to reach everyone. Once the survey is completed, they will use the feedback to guide where the shuttle will go and when. They want to know how often people need to use the shuttle and what type of service they need. Accessibility and mobility is their goal. They want to know the barriers in town. The survey is simple. They are available at the Ramona Library, the rodeo grounds and the Community Center. They are also passing out flyers.

Ms. Foster asked if any outreach has been done at the grocery stores?

Ms. Perry said no outreach has been done at grocery stores yet.

Ms. Maxson suggested having the surveys available at the Family Resource Center.

Ms. Perry said they have not gotten a huge return yet.

Mr. Aruin asked whether the shuttle would have a set route or could riders request service as needed?

Ms. Perry said these questions are included in the survey, so they will have a better idea what people need once the survey is completed.

Mr. Aruin said the shuttle would need to be reliable.

Ms. Perry said that after the survey has been completed, they will give the feedback to FACT.

The Chair asked what the capacity of the shuttle would be?

Ms. Perry said it could be 6.

7-**F.** ***INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY***: Ramona Municipal Water District presentation on Measure P, which will be on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot to update Proposition NN.

Erica Wolski presented Measure P, which is going to be on the November 3, 2026, ballot, for RMWD voters, to update Proposition NN. The RMWD had Proposition NN on the ballot in 1988, and voters approved it. Proposition NN limited the RMWD from spending more than $1 million for new capital projects, property acquisitions and/or any improvements to real property unless voters approved it first. There was an escalation factor for Proposition NN, and the current limit in 2026 is about $3.3 million. The limit includes all sources of funds, even grants. Measure P will modernize Proposition NN and update the limit to $10 million and exempt grant funds while retaining the community's right to vote on major projects. Voter authority remains for District debt above the current 1988 limit, which currently is approximately $3.3 million, and the District will be able to complete timely, necessary projects and take advantage of limited grant funding.

Construction costs have risen faster than inflation, which could not be anticipated in 1988. $10 million will pay for 2 miles of 16 inch pipe, or 1 mile of 30 inch pipe. It will pay to connect Lake Poway/Lake Ramona with 1.5 miles of pipe.

Measure P will be discussed in an open forum on October 22 at the Ramona Town Hall at 6 pm.

7-**G:** **Ramona States Routes**
Maxson, RSRS Subcommitee

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

Ms. Maxson said this report had already been given under Item 7-A.

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

Ms. Maxson read the report from Tyler Hicks of Caltrans, on this item: At the last RSRS meeting the Subcommittee members asked the following Caltrans questions regarding parking enforcement by Mt. Woodson: What jurisdiction is the dirt on the side of the highway considered?

Caltrans response: The dirt on the shoulders at Mt. Woodson is Caltrans right-of-way.

- Is this a Caltrans right-of-way?

Caltrans response: The dirt on the shoulder is Caltrans right-of-way out to the right-of-way line, which can vary. Our right-of-way is often marked with a chain link fence, although not always, and in instances where it is not, it is generally safe to assume that at least a cars width past the shoulder line is Caltrans right-of-way

- Where is the right-of-way documentation?

Caltrans response: Right-of-way maps be found here:
https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/04ae3745190047c5adf8f33714af9e3a

- In the Caltrans right-of-way, is parking allowed and can CHP ticket a vehicle?

Caltrans response: Vehicles are prohibited from parking on the side of the highway except in very specific situations (CA Vehicle Code (CVC) 21718). While CHP does have the jurisdictional authority to ticket illegally parked vehicles, you would need to speak with them about their policies/procedures. Also, Caltrans may restrict/prohibit parking on State highways under CVC 22505 and 22506.

- Does Caltrans have a Policy on these right-of ways?

Caltrans response: The 2026 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Section 28.52(06)) references CVC 22505 and 22506.

- If there is a Policy, is there documentation?

Caltrans reponse: CVC 21718, 22505, and 22506. 2026 CA MUTCD 2B.52(06)) How does the CHP know when a vehicle is violating a "No Parking" sign in order to ticket the vehicle given that the divide between Caltrans right-of-way and non-Caltrans property is not clearly marked? Many people park on the "dirt" (considering it off of the highway asphalt and therefore safe to park regardless of the "No Parking" sign. Caltrans CHP knows their jurisdiction and if they have a question regarding what is/isn't Caltrans right-of-way they can/do contact us for clarification. The citizens believing they are safe parking on the dirt are at risk of being ticketed as the dirt is still part of the shoulder of the roadway. Subcommittee discussed recommendations to the RCPG based on this Caltrans information and drafted two motions.

MOTION: TO REQUEST ASKING CALTRANS TO CHANGE VERBIAGE ON "NO PARKING" SIGNS (ALONG SR 67 BY MT. WOODSON) TO INCLUDE "NO PARKING, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE."

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Janelle Clark, the motion **failed 5-9-0-0-2,** with Basil Aruin, Maureen Dant, Jonas Dyer, Debbie Foster, Kristi Mansolf, Dawn Perfect, Paul Stykel, Dustin Turley and Lauren Elyse Welty voting no, and Holly Hamilton-Bleakley and Andrew Simmons absent.

MOTION: TO REQUEST REFERRING THE MT. WOODSON PARKING LOT ISSUE TO SUPERVISOR ANDERSON AS THE PROJECT HAS NOT ACHIEVED THE GOAL OF MOVING VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS OFF OF SR 67 AND ONTO THE NEW PARKING LOT. THE UNEXPECTED ADDITION OF A PARKING LOT FEE AND LIMITED PARKING HOURS HAS CREATED A NEGATIVE INCENTIVE TO USE THE PARKING LOT. REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROVIDE AN UPDATE OF THE USAGE OF THE MT. WOODSON TRAILHEAD PARKING LOT TO INCLUDE VOLUME OF CAR USEAGE AND REVENUE FROM THE PARKING FEES

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Dawn Perfect, the motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2,** with Holly Hamilton-Bleakley and Andrew Simmons absent.

3. **Discussion/Possible Action**: Status of SR 78 safety improvements.

Ms. Maxson said Tyler Hicks of Caltrans reported as follows on this item: Status of Customer Service Ticket 1175886 — after speaking with the Traffic Safety and Operations — East Branch Chief, this is still being investigated. Traffic safety investigations are detailed and time-consuming. As soon as we have a determination, we will update you.

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

Ms. Maxson said Stephen Welborn of Caltrans reported that Caltrans has received the RCPG's Speed Survey. Speed surveys can have the opposite of the intended effect. It is that Caltrans may need to raise the limit instead of decrease it. If there is a request for a speed survey independent from the median concerns, it can be discussed further. Special pedestrian heavy/friendly zones, e.g., in a neighborhood or in a village/downtown area override the potential to increase speed, and California legislation allowing special consideration for such zones, etc. is a consideration, but the speed may still be increased. We normally confirm operating speeds before proceeding with an Engineering & Traffic Survey. If it appears we can lower the speeds, we'll do so. We'll let you know what we determine.

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

Ms. Maxson said the subcommittee asked Caltrans - does Caltrans have any grants that could be applied for on our behalf that would support driver safety and evacuation egress?

Caltrans response: There are various types of grants and different people who administer them. For District and SANDAG type grants, please contact Omar Flores (619-985-2124 / Omar.Flores@dot.ca.gov) and Kimberly Dodson (619-985-1587 / Kimberly.Dodson@dot.ca.gov). For competitive discretionary grants with State and Federal programs, which will require a project in development and matching funds, you can contact Brian Miller (619- 985-5288 / Brian.Miller@dot.ca.gov)

7-H. ***INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY***: APG Report on updates in the unincorporated area
Maxson

Ms. Maxson said SANDAG does not hold Board of Director meetings in August, so there was no report.

ITEM 8: GROUP BUSINESS (Possible Action)

8-A: Announcements and Correspondence Received

Mr. Dyer said he would like to see the amount of time public speakers can speak raised to 5 minutes.

The Chair said that usually 3 minutes is the amount of time a public speaker can speak on an item. In some instances, such as when there are a lot of public speakers on an item, the time is lowered to 2 minutes.

Mr. Aruin said he will be moving out of Ramona in the near future. A specific date has not been determined yet.

The Chair said that the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee will need a new chair, when that happens.

Ms. Perfect asked if there is a vacancy, will we be filling it according to Policy I-1?

The Chair said that we will ask Dawn Noble when the vacancy occurs.

Ms. Perfect said the Ramona Road Station has been very responsive when a road issue is reported to them, such as large potholes, which receive attention within a day or two.

The Chair gave an update of the "pork chop" survey Caltrans is going to be doing on Main Street. They will be looking into it. They will consider safety protocol, and may use such tools as curb painting and soft bollards. Whatever they do will be based on their investigation.

8-B: Discussion Items:

1. Concerns from Members

Ms. Foster asked when, during an RCPG meeting, could she give a report on the County Fire Advisory Board meetings she attends?

The Chair said these reports could be brought up under Announcements.

2. Future Agenda Item Requests

The Chair said we received correspondence from the County that there was a change to the trail for the 9th Street project, and it is no longer classified as a dedicated trail. People will still be able to use the sidewalk, that will be built as part of the project, in place of the trail. The County is asking that since the segment of sidewalk would no longer be incorporated in the CTMP trail, they wanted to check in to see if the RCPG would like to revisit any previous comments or recommendations, or share any additional feedback.

Ms. Maxson said we should make sure the CTMP is adhered to. Trails, pathways and sidewalks are not the same.

Ms. Maxson asked the Chair if she thought we needed to have ALPR on a future agenda?

The Chair said she felt we got a good report on ALPR from our local Sheriff's at the meeting.

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

8-C: Ramona Design Review Board Report – Update on Projects Reviewed

Ms. Gibson said there was no Design Review Board meeting on August 27, 2026.

8-D: Meeting Updates

1. Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings

The Chair said the Board of Supervisors will be October 16th, the Planning Commission will be October 11th, and the TAC will not be meeting in September. Their next meeting will be October 2nd.

2. Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 10-1-26 at the Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main St. (if available)

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 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. Public Disclosure: We strive to protect personally identifiable information by collecting only information necessary to deliver our services. All information that may be collected becomes public record that may be subject to inspection and copying by the public, unless an exemption in law exists. In the event of a conflict between this Privacy Notice and any County ordinance or other law governing the County's disclosure of records, the County ordinance or other applicable law will control.