



County of San Diego Planning & Development Services

November eBLAST

Planning & Development Services Hosts Second Bi- Annual Community Planning & Sponsor Group Chair Meeting

Community Planning and Sponsor Group chairs met for the second time this year as part of an ongoing effort to inform and educate the groups on County Land Use & Environment Group matters.

The meeting, held Oct. 25, was chock full of interesting topics, including an update on Planning & Development Services (PDS) projects, an overview of procedures related to the upcoming election and appointments of group members, an overview of the PDS Code Compliance division, and a presentation by County Parks and Recreation Director Brian Albright on upcoming opportunities to review the County Parkland Dedication Ordinance. The chairpersons took this chance to share how they conduct group business and provide great feedback to PDS staff, setting the stage for the next meeting in early 2015.



New Online Initial Study Research Report Helps Customers



The new [Initial Study Research Packet report \(ISRP\)](#) is an online tool for discretionary permit applicants and other customers to quickly obtain preliminary parcel development and environmental information for properties located within

unincorporated San Diego County. The report also includes detailed property maps, general plan and zoning information. Please see the [step-by-step instructions](#) for assistance. This new tool was developed by the Performance Improvement Team (PIT) and LUEG GIS to replace the existing manual process for researching and compiling information for

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discretionary projects. The online report streamlines our existing process and decreases billable hours for customers. In addition, the report enhances the accuracy of information by retrieving current data directly from the County GIS database.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Chan at Michelle.Chan@sdcounty.ca.gov

Another Online Tool for Our Customers: Property Summary Report

The Property Summary Report is a new and easy online tool to help customers prepare plans and documentation to submit building permit applications. The Property Summary Report includes customized parcel information including zoning, seismic design and flood information, unresolved parcel flags and much more. Customers can use the report to do their preliminary project research with all of the necessary information in one convenient place. The Property Summary Report will also be used by County staff to streamline the pre-review of applications for Building projects.

The new report was developed by the Performance Improvement Team (PIT) to replace the need for staff to examine multiple resources during pre-review and identify building project requirements upfront for both staff and customers. This report is available 24/7 to customers using our [Accela Citizen Access online portal](#) all they need is their assessor parcel number. Please see the [step-by-step instructions](#) for assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Nicholas at Stephanie.Nicholas@sdcounty.ca.gov

PDS Wins Award!



At the Oct. 2 Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) Award Event, PDS received a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Planning Document for the Ramona Village Center Form Based Code (FBC). The FBC

is an innovative tool for developing, enhancing and preserving Ramona's Village. Establishing FBCs that promote compact and viable County village areas is a key component of the County General Plan. FBCs have been shown to be successful tools to help improve aesthetics and walkability, and increase the economic value of developments by diversifying properties with mixed uses. Development of the FBC began with a robust public outreach program in 2009 and culminated in 2014 with approval by the Board of Supervisors. For questions on the Ramona Village Center FBC please contact Joe Farace at (858) 694-3690 or at joseph.farace@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Comprehensive Renewable Energy Plan

Did You Know?

The Ramona Valley AVA is an American Viticulture Area centered on the city of Ramona. It was designated the 162nd American Viticulture Area in January, 2006 by the US Department of the Treasury Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, which recognized the area for its distinctive microclimate, elevation, and soil attributes.

Online Services

[Citizen Access Portal](#)

Research property information and permits. Apply for some permits online.

[GIS Maps](#)

Determine the zoning and characteristics of properties with our web-based mapping tool.



Southern California is faced with some of the highest energy costs in the state and nation. With the emergence of renewable energy and green-building technology, consumers are realizing a growing range of options to reduce energy costs and move towards greater energy independence.

On April 10, 2013, the County of San Diego's Board of Supervisors identified an opportunity for a more thorough approach to energy related issues through the development of a

Comprehensive Renewable Energy Plan (CREP). The Technical Advisory Committee was formed to help develop the CREP. At its first meeting on Oct. 2, the committee was introduced to the CREP and the schedule.

The next meeting will be in December. During the first phase a Planning Commission workshop will be held and public input will be solicited. A comprehensive report detailing the research and analysis will be presented to the Board at the completion of the first phase. The report will include recommendations that will enable the Board to choose the specific plans, policies and incentives it decides are appropriate prior to committing resources to their development in the next phase of the CREP.

If you have any questions about the CREP or the Technical Advisory Committee, please contact Noah Alvey at noah.alvey@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858) 694-8846.



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