

CREST/DEHESA/GRANITE HILLS/HARBISON CANYON
SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP
FINAL AGENDA - January 13, 2025

DATE: January 13, 2025
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Crest Community Association Clubhouse
 113 North Park Drive, El Cajon CA 92021

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional)

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of December 9, 2024

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

An opportunity for members of the public and Planning Group to speak on items within the jurisdiction of the Planning Group and not on the agenda. Time limit 3 minutes. No group discussion, action, or vote.

E. ACTION ITEMS - *Discretionary projects, tasks, motions, proposals requiring a decision or vote*

1. Review and Response to County of San Diego Concerning Stoneridge County Preserve condition.

F. GROUP BUSINESS - *Reports, updates, announcements, administrative discussions*

1. Presentation: I Love a Clean San Diego community group
2. Announcements and Correspondence Received.
3. Discussion
 - a. Capital improvement and maintenance projects for county-maintained assets – due March 30.
 - b. Zoning and code compliance issues concerning ADU’s
 - c. Community plan, fire resolutions and related actions update
 - d. Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 5, 11, 13 and 14.
4. Meeting updates.
 - a. Reports on and upcoming BOS, PC and other Hearings/Meetings.
 - i. APG Meeting of January 4
 - b. Chairman’s/Vice Chairman’s Report
 - c. Member reports
 - d. Next meeting date **Monday, February 10, 6:30 PM at Crest Community Association**

G. ADJOURNMENT

Planning Group Members:

Crest	1. Michael Rich	2. Pat Ulm	3. Ron Nehring	4. Diana Griffin
Dehesa	5. Vacant	6. Christina Becker	7. Paul Healy	8. Bill Bretz
Harbison Cyn.	9. Mary Manning	10. Robert Lutz-Partain	11. Vacant	12. Dave Geiger
Granite Hills	13. Vacant	14. Vacant	15. Tim Lucas	

Chair

Ron Nehring, 619-743-6402

Vice-chair

Tim Lucas

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CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 9 December 2024, at Dehesa School (Cafeteria/Auditorium), 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, CA 92021.

A. ROLL CALL. Chair Ron Nehring called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM, and the roll call was conducted. Planning Group members Rich, Ulm, Nehring, Griffin, Becker, Bretz, Lutz-Partain, and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 8. Member Manning was absent, but excused; member Geiger was absent, not excused. Seats 5, 7, 11, 13 and 14 are vacant.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Member Diana Griffin moved that the Group approves the minutes of the 18 November 2024 meeting, as submitted by Secretary Bretz. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. No one requested to speak.

E. ACTION ITEMS. Discretionary projects, tasks, motions, proposals requiring a decision or vote.

E1. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for the Dec 2024 – Dec 2025 term. Member Christina Becker, Chair of the Officers' Election Nominating Committee, reported that she corresponded with emails to Group members, inquiring about their interest(s) in being considered for nomination for any of the Group offices; that she received clear volunteer responses for the offices of Chair and Vice Chair; but that she received somewhat qualified responses for the office of Secretary, with interest based on the sharing of the duties of the position with another member(s) serving simultaneously as elected Co-Secretary.

Committee Chair Becker announced that the Officers' Election Nominating Committee nominates Ron Nehring for election to the position of Planning Group Chair, and asked if there were any other nominations from the meeting floor for this position. There were none, and Becker moved that the Group votes to elect Ron Nehring to be Group Chair for the December 2024 to December 2025 term. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Committee Chair Becker announced that the Officers' Election Nominating Committee nominates Tim Lucas for election to the position of Planning Group Vice Chair, and asked if there were any nominations from the meeting floor for this position. There were none, and Becker moved that the Group votes to elect Tim Lucas to be Group Vice Chair for the December 2024 to December 2025 term. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Committee Chair Becker announced that the Officers' Election Nominating Committee nominates Diana Griffin and Dave Geiger both to be elected to the shared positions of Planning Group Co-Secretaries, and asked if there were any other nominations from the meeting floor for this position.

< At 6:42 PM member Dave Geiger joined the meeting, raising the Group quorum to 9. >

There were no other nominations from the meeting floor, and Becker moved that the Group votes to elect members Diana Griffin and Dave Geiger both to be elected to share simultaneously the positions of Planning Group Co-Secretaries for the December 2024 to December 2025 term. The motion passed (9yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E2. 2025 Planning Group Meeting Schedule. Chair Nehring distributed to the Group a handout of the draft 2025 Planning Group Meeting Schedule, showing meetings planned for the second Monday of each month: with those of January – April to be at Crest Community Association Clubhouse, Crest; with those of May – August to be at Old Ironsides Park, Harbison Canyon; and with those of September – December to be at Dehesa School. He noted that there is no conflict in any month with an official holiday date.

E3. Recommendations concerning Nancy Jane Park improvements (Member Griffin). Chair Nehring announced that he would forward all relevant past Planning Group minutes and correspondences concerning its recommendations for Nancy Jane Park improvements, to establish pickleball recreation opportunities at the tennis courts there, to the County’s Department of Parks and Recreation, the Board of Supervisors, and any other appropriate offices.

F. GROUP BUSINESS. Reports, updates, announcements, administrative discussions.

F1. Announcements and Correspondence Received. Chair Nehring reported that in response to County’s correspondence regarding proposed suggestions for changes to existing County policies by the 1 December 2024 deadline, he submitted the following as his personal suggestions (not as Planning Group approved suggestions); 1) that the title of the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregional Planning Group should be changed to be the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregional Planning **Board**; and 2) that the County should make funding available to Sponsor/Planning Groups/Boards for publicity efforts to increase greater public engagement/involvement, as recently proposed by Dehesa resident Paul Healy. Chair Nehring also reported that he plans to attend the 14 December 2024 meeting of Planning Group Chairs.

F2. Discussion.

F2a. Crest Firewise Update. Member Diana Griffin reported that the first Crest Firewise application submitted for one neighborhood was rejected, as CalFire required a better map with Assessor’s Parcel Numbers included; that this has been done, and if approval is given, applications will be prepared for other Crest neighborhoods.

F2b. 2025 Sunrise Powerlink Mitigation Grants. Member Diana Griffin reported that SDG&E representative Bonnie Bertchel will give a presentation on 19 January 2025 at

the Crest Community Association clubhouse, concerning the availability of 2025 Sunrise Powerlink Mitigation Grants, including those of up to \$2,500 for creating “Zone Zero” five-foot defensible space conditions around residences; and she recommended that this representative from SDG&E should be invited to give a 30 minute presentation about this (including Q&A time) at the 13 January 2025 meeting of the Planning Group.

F2c. Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 7, 11, 13 and 14. Chair Ron Nehring reported that Dehesa resident Paul Healy’s application for appointment to Seat 7 of the Planning Group is now on the agenda of the Board of Supervisors; and that the application for the appointment of Crest resident Michael Rich to Seat 1 of the Planning Group is in process by the County.

F3. Meeting updates.

F3a. Reports on and upcoming BOS, PC and other Hearings/Meetings. None to report.

F3b. Chairman’s/Vice Chairman’s Report. Chair Ron Nehring reported that he talked with new State Assembly Representative Carl DeMaio, concerning the needs for new legislation to address Wildfire Risk Reduction and Wildfire Safety issues in the rural East County; and that he will invite a representative from DeMaio’s office to come to a meeting of the Planning Group to gather input from the community about its concerns regarding these issues.

Chair Nehring also reported that he has not yet heard back from the County regarding its taking any actions related to the County’s Stoneridge Preserve “tinderbox” conditions; and that he will pursue followup contact on this issue before the January meeting of the Planning Group.

F3c. Member reports. Member Diana Griffin reported learning from a Facebook post about a 3 December 2024 cleanup event conducted by “I Love a Clean San Diego” at South Lane Park in Crest, and that she was surprised that the Crest community was not informed about this in advance.

Member Christina Becker suggested that the Planning Group should officially recognize and thank the “I Love a Clean San Diego” organization for its park cleanup activity at the January meeting, by passing a Group resolution to this effect and forwarding it to Supervisor Anderson’s office. Member Griffin volunteered to invite a representative from the organization to attend the Planning Group’s January meeting.

Member Pat Ulm suggested that the Planning Group recommends that the Board of Supervisors should recognize Member Bill Bretz for his years of service as Group Member and Group Secretary. Member Bretz suggested that this should not be done unless former Member and Chair Wally Riggs also receives the Group’s recommendation for Board of Supervisors’ recognition for his historic service.

F3d. Next meeting date, Monday, 13 January 2025, 6:30 PM at Crest Community Association.

G. ADJOURNMENT. Member Robert Lutz-Partain moved adjournment at 7:07 PM. The motion passed unanimously (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)



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December 5, 2024

Ron Nehring
Vice Chairman and Crest Member
Crest/Dehesa/Harbison Canyon/Granite Hills Planning Group

Via e-mail: Ron@RonNehring.com

Dear Mr. Nehring,

Thank you for your recent request and for meeting with us onsite to explore additional fuel reduction opportunities at the Stoneridge County Preserve (Preserve). The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) appreciates your engagement in this important discussion and would like to provide you with an update on our ongoing fire reduction initiatives.

DPR is dedicated to fully adhering to our Resource Management Plan, and we will continue to prioritize this commitment moving forward. We are collaborating closely with CAL FIRE and the San Diego County Fire Protection District to continue maintenance of fuel modification zones on the Preserve, specifically in areas adjacent to or within a 100-foot boundary around residential structures. This partnership between DPR and CAL FIRE will enhance fire safety for both the Preserve and the surrounding communities.

In regard to the existing dirt trail, we are committed to ensuring the trail remains clear of any fuel. We will work in coordination with CAL FIRE and the San Diego County Fire Protection District, as well as San Miguel Fire & Rescue, to effectively maintain the trail. During our onsite meeting, you specifically requested that we consider expanding the current dirt trail to a larger fire break across the Preserve. After coordination with CAL FIRE, we have determined that making the requested fire break would not significantly protect the Preserve or surrounding communities from fire hazards. Additionally, expanding the trail could lead to increased unauthorized activities, which may inadvertently elevate the risk of fire due to unregulated access. By keeping the trail as is, we intend to minimize potential fire hazards and enhance safety.

DPR is dedicated to maintaining strong partnerships with all local fire associations to ensure we are in compliance with fire reduction measures. We value your input and support as we work together to protect our community and the natural environment of Stoneridge County Preserve.

If you have any further questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Carl McCullough, Region Manager at 619-961-0159 or Carl.McCullough@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Sincerely,
Jason Hemmens
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Interim Director

cc: Ryan Silva, Deputy Chief, Community Risk Reduction, CAL FIRE
Crystal Benham, Chief of Resource Management, DPR
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December 20, 2024

Dear Community Planning Group,

The San Diego County Department of Public Works (DPW) requests your participation in identifying and prioritizing a list of capital improvement and maintenance projects for the county-maintained assets in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Project may be related to safety, capacity, accessibility, and operations. Types include:

- **Road Reconstruction/Reconfiguration/New Roads:** Adding/modifying street lighting, drive lanes, turn lanes, bike lanes, roundabouts, new striping, paving a dirt road, or improving a road slope.
- **Bridges Repair/Reconstruction:** Adding/modifying street lighting, lanes, or bike lanes.
- **Sidewalks/Pathways/Pedestrian Access Ramps:** Adding/modifying sidewalks, pathways, and ramps.
- **Drainage:** Improvements and cleaning of publicly maintained roadways and waterways, as evidenced by trash accumulation, blocked drainage, or other indicators of persistent historical flooding.
- **Intersection Improvements:** Repair traffic signals or install new signals and turn lanes.
- **Road Resurfacing:** Maintenance such as asphalt resurfacing, approximately 1 mile or less. It takes 2 years for a road to be evaluated and placed into a resurfacing project on our annual maintenance list. View a list of County-maintained roads [here](#) and learn more about our annual program [here](#).

Next Steps:

1. **Your Role:** Using the attached [Project Request Form](#), compile a list of ten capital projects and ten road resurfacing requests that you deem most critical. Return completed lists by **March 30th, 2025** via email at dpw.cip@sdcounty.ca.gov.
2. **Project Review and Prioritization:** All projects require funding, design, and environmental review prior to being built. DPW will schedule a time with your CPG to evaluate requests and discuss projects. We are also visiting each CPG to discuss projects in your area. Learn more [here](#).

Contact Information: For any further questions, you may either email the DPW Outreach team at dpw.cip@sdcounty.ca.gov, call the San Diego County DPW at (858) 694-2212, or visit our website at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw.

Thank you for your time and effort in helping us improve the infrastructure in your community. Your input is extremely important as you live and experience the greatest needs of your community every day. We look forward to working together to update your project list and coordinate community priorities in your area.

William P. Morgan, P.E., Interim Director
Department of Public Works

Department of Public Works - Road Improvement Project Priority List

EMAIL FORM

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2024-25 _____ Community Planning Group Road Improvement Project Proposed Priority List

Priority Number	Project Type (e.g., road, drainage, sidewalk, etc.)	Location (please include cross streets or any specific location details to support review)	Description of issue, needs, possible solutions, etc.	Why is this a priority?	Planning Group	Previously submitted as a priority project? (yes/no)
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