

**County of San Diego
Descanso Community Planning Group
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 19, 2023 @ 6:00PM
Descanso Town Hall, 24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916**

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A. Roll Call

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| 1. Kerry Forrest | 4. John Elliott | 7. Terry Gibson |
| 2. Jo Ellen Quinting AB | 5. Mark Gassert | |
| 3. Wayne Hay | 6. William Bauer AB | |

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of November 17, 2022

Motion to approve minutes with changes Gassert/Hays 5-0-0-2

D. 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. Group action is not permitted on items not on the agenda in accordance with the Brown Act.

None

E. Action Items

1. Election of group officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary **Motion to elect Kerry Forrest, Chair, Mark Gassert, Vice Chair, John Elliott, Secretary Gibson/Gassert 5-0-0-2**

F. Group Business

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received

- a. Records Subpoena for Court Case and pending deposition of Chair

In response to a lawsuit, SUBPOENA-Nevarez v Hooter, Case #37-2021-00055007-CU-PO-CTL, the Descanso Planning Group received a subpoena through the County requesting records of traffic conditions at Descanso Junction. Chair could be asked to testify in a future court proceeding. County holds planning group records for two years. A search of Descanso Planning Group records showed information going back to the 1970's. Copies of those documents were turned over per the subpoena.

- b. Email from "The Protect our Communities Foundation" with Newsletter

Protect our Communities Foundation has concerns with the County of San Diego's Regional Decarbonization Framework proposal. They feel it will result in the further industrialization of the backcountry with solar, wind and other renewable mechanisms.

- c. Letter from Cleveland National Forest Foundation

Cleveland National Forest Foundation is requesting support of their opposition of a residential development project in Alpine. Group deferred any comments to the Alpine Planning Group.

2. Discussion Items

- a. Training and paperwork for 2023

Ethics training and Form 700's are due.

- b. Status of increased traffic request for study by DPW

DPW Traffic division is requesting a study of the traffic impacts the new 3 Sisters Waterfalls parking project will have on Descanso and surrounding communities.

- c. PDS Chair Meeting Topics of Discussion

Items discussed during a recent Chair meeting with PDS included increased fire fees and greater firebreak requirements.

- d. Identification of individual group members to follow topics
 - i. Environmental Justice County Program **John Elliott**
 - ii. Broadband Study County Program **Wayne Hay**
 - iii. Housing Zoning Ordinance update **John Elliott**
 - iv. Regional Decarbonization Framework **Mark Gassert**
- e. Draft letter for submittal to SANDAG regarding lack of representation on the board for back country residents, Chair initiated

Unincorporated areas of the County have been unrepresented on the SANDAG Board for years. Recent changes in voting protocols have exacerbated this lack of representation. Letter to include requesting an additional seat on the SANDAG Board for the unincorporated areas. Motion to support this position Gibson/Gassert 5-0-0-2

- 3. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas
- 4. Meeting Updates, next meeting: February 16, 2023 @ 6:00PM.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Any Questions or Comments; Please contact Kerry Forrest, Chair: descansocpg@gmail.com

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