

**County of San Diego  
Descanso Community Planning Group  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 16, 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 <b>AB</b> |
| 2. Jo Ellen Quinting | 5. Mark Gassert <b>AB</b> |                           |
| 3. Wayne Hay         | 6. William Bauer          |                           |

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Approval of the Minutes** for the meeting of January 19, 2023 **Motion to approve w/changes Quinting/Hay 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.

**Mark-No County action on  
Friends of the Library- SDGE Opt Out date for Community Power  
Sherry Diffenbach, Chair of Jacumba Sponsor Group  
Opt out date for Community Power and new Cal Fire Fire Hazard Map is out for review.  
John Elliott- Recent passing of Aaron Buecus**

**E. Action Items**

1. None

**F. Group Business**

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received
  - a. **No announcements**
  - b. **Received letters from Crest Dehesa PG and Borrego Springs pointing out problems with De Carbonization Plan and supporting the Protect our Communities Foundation positions on same.**
2. Discussion Items
  - a. The "Protect our Communities Foundation" presentation regarding the San Diego County's Clean Energy Strategy Regional Decarbonization Framework  
**Presentation by Bill Powers, of the Protect Our Communities Foundation (PCF)  
PCF is opposed to the County Regional Decarbonization Plan that promotes industrial scale energy projects in the backcountry. PCF wants greater rooftop and garage solar systems throughout San Diego. Current rooftop and garage systems are successful, where as the industrial scale systems have issues including additional costs and fees that are not being considered. PCF is asking for group support of PCF's rooftop solar alternative to the Regional Decarbonization Plan. Several members of the public and group members spoke in favor of the PCF position.  
Motion to approve the PCF position and to send letter to the Board of Supervisors. Forrest/Hay 5-0-0**
  - b. Report on Meeting of East County Planning Group Chairs with Supervisor Anderson  
**Anderson meeting included several Chairs supporting an additional seat on the SANDAG Board. This seat would represent the San Diego County unincorporated areas.**
  - c. Training and paperwork for 2023

**Chair and group reviewed the current training requirements of board members.**

- i. Online Training: [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/Groups/Chair\\_Resources/CPSGAnnualTraining2023.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/Groups/Chair_Resources/CPSGAnnualTraining2023.pdf)
  - ii. Training Completion Form: [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/Groups/Chair\\_Resources/CompletionForm.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/Groups/Chair_Resources/CompletionForm.pdf)
  - iii. Biannual State Mandated Ethics Training
- d. Status of increased traffic request for study by DPW

**County DPW has requested a traffic study of the impacts the new Three Sister's Trailhead could create. County is waiting on results.**

- e. Reports by individual group members to follow topics
- i. Environmental Justice County Program
  - ii. Broadband Study County Program
  - iii. Housing Zoning Ordinance update
  - iv. Regional Decarbonization Framework **Zoom meeting end of month**
3. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas
4. Meeting Updates, next meeting: March 16, 2023 @ 6:00PM.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Any Questions or Comments; Please contact Kerry Forrest, Chair: [descansocpg@gmail.com](mailto:descansocpg@gmail.com)

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