

Jamul-Dulzura

Community Planning Group

Unincorporated County of San Diego

FINAL MINUTES

August 6, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Kevin May, Preston Brown, Michael Casinelli, Thomas Gray, Lisa Hodgson, Ed Mollen, Paul Dombkowski, Courtney Etnyre, Dan Neirinckx, Steve Wragg, Janet Mulder, Eve Nasby, Darla Kasmedo

Guests:

Excused:

Vacant Seats: 5, 13

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for June 17 (amended), July 2 and 16, 2024.

Darla Kasmedo moved that we approved the Minutes with the edits by Steve Wragg on the Condo Conversion/ADU Topic.

Ayes: Kevin May, Preston Brown, Michael Casinelli, Thomas Gray, Ed Mollen, Paul Dombkowski, Courtney Etnyre, Dan Neirinckx, Steve Wragg, Eve Nasby, Darla Kasmedo

Nays: Janet Mulder, Lisa Hodgson

Motion passed. (11-2)

4. OPEN FORUM

- **Paul Dombkowski** announced that the County is setting up a schedule of meetings to discuss projects in the planning. Jamul is not schedule till 2025. But on September 30th there will be a meeting on Capital Improvements. **Kevin May** they will only talk about local issues and our list is still up and submitted. Paul asked if **Mario Orso**, CEO of SANDAG, had gotten back to us and Kevin said “No”.
- **Kathleen Lippit** reported that California is in the top 10 most dangerous places to live in the USA. Facts of crime, rape and suicide is the leading cause of death for preteens, male and female, and is attributed to social media. It is estimated that California has 180,000 homeless people and we have 30% of that population. Camps have been cleaned up but they are back to where they were. There is a study of the greater connection with substance and homelessness. Our homeless policy has only made thing worse. San Diego is facing a 40% rate increase for water over the next few years. This is a big deal as we have no storage ground water. It is free money to the Pot business. The County needs to be more responsive to the County’s needs.

5. WILDFIRE EVACUATION TOUR with SANDAG and Caltrans -SR-94

Paul Dombkowski, our groups representative to the Association of Planning Groups (APG) said that Ramona CPG members met with SANDAG and Caltrans staff along with a fire expert to look at other routes for evacuation other than Wild Cat Canyon Road and Highland Road. **Paul**, who is leading our group Tour here in Jamul, suggested that we expand our search area to include Jamul Drive, critical hazard points of chimneys, and Otay Lakes Road. **Robin Joy Maxson** who lead the Ramona tour and is also the Chair of the APG who attends bi-monthly meetings at SANDAG, raised some important questions that we should also consider.

- Shelter in place or evacuate
- Physical constraints
- Bottlenecks
- The deadly effect of chimneys on fires.
- Brush and homes next to roads
- Are residents familiar with alternative routes.
- We need to include the traffic from Tecate
- Types of vehicles: large trucks, livestock trailers, and which roads to take.
- The Fire expert on the Tour discussed the effects of heat and fuel loads on a fire.

Paul said we need 2 more members from our group to join us and a local Calfire Chief.

Darla Kamedo mentioned that the casino and the new hotel will have a lot of tourists and new visitors who do not know the roads and this presents its own problem. I am also surprised how many people plan to shelter-in-place.

Paul said we have 3 potential dates. **Steve Wragg** asked “What is the ask?” **Paul** said the purpose is to talk about evacuation and our issues. SANDAG staff will report back to **Mario Orso**. **Steve** suggested we have a list of 4 big things. **Paul** agreed. **Janet Mulder** said that Lawson Valley Road remains a nightmare and they have to know that. We need a picture of the whole flow. **Ed Mollen** suggested working with the Fire Chief on a map of the evacuation flow. **Michael Casinelli** suggested contacting **Summer Piper**, a former group member with extensive experience in animal evacuation. **Ed** said that it can take many trips back and forth to evacuate. **Paul** suggested that August 30 would be good as it will show the traffic under the most stress of school back in and a festivity planned at the Casino. **Lisa Hodgson** said that on the Facebook page poll, 26% said they definitely/likely would evacuate, 46% said they were not sure, 28% said definitely/likely sheltering-in-place, 72% said they would definitely/likely be towing a trailer if they were to evacuate. **Kevin** reminded everyone that SANDAG has 2.6 billion dollars to invest in the Unincorporated County infrastructure.

Courtney Etnyre and **Lisa Hodgson** volunteered to join the Tour.

6. CAP: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Preston Brown suggested that the subcommittee, with **Eve Nasby** and **Courtney Etnyre**, meet this next week to continue reviewing the CAP Update.

7. ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING GROUPS (APG)

Paul said at the last SANDAG Board meeting they discussed transit funds. Also, SANDAG is doing a “performance audit” on the summery of findings on the ineptitude of handling funds. It found that:

- There was difficulty in delivering just a review of the audit process.
- The status of major corridors is unclear.
- There are funding shortfalls.
- There are outstanding audits for the years 2015, 16 and 17.
- Unable to locate triannual audits.

But with the new leadership of Mario Orso as CEO this might change.

8. JAMUL CASINO EXPANSIN PROJECT

There are no Updates. **Michael** said the warning signs are still functioning.

9. “JAMUL CASINO INDIAN LAND TRANSFER ACT”

Kevin May said we have sent out our letters and received some confirmations of their receipt but nothing else. Kevin said he believes the Senate Indian Affairs Committee has to vote on this on the open floor.

10. PUBLIC SAFTEY COMMITTEE

Kevin mentioned that the SANDAG traffic portal goes back to 2010 and suggested checking it out. **Darla** said a big problem in reporting crime is the response times and people not reporting it. There is still vagrancy and people find drugs in mailboxes in their mailboxes. It takes 3 hours after a call for a response from the Sheriff. It feels like our complaints are falling on deaf ears. Courtney mentioned that a “Volunteer Force” can come out to patrol but they cannot take reports. This can be helpful if you are on vacation. During holidays they have extra patrols at night. Courtney will get the number for this.

11. FACEBOOK PAGE

Lisa said she just has the poll data that she mentioned earlier.

12. JAMUL SHOPPER

Kevin asked about the work on our survey for the Shopper. **Darla** and **Preston** will work on this.

13. OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARK (OHV)

There are no updates

14. JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

- **August 20, 2024, Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group meeting is canceled.** A special meeting will be called for August 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

- **Battery Energy Storage Systems Project**
Thursday, August 15, 2024, 6:00 PM, Virtual Meeting <https://sdcounty-ca.gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKcuuprzMpHdc3wYvVKMMdZ4FaVAbM5qYT>
For more information contact Michael Madrid at PDS.LongRangePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov or at the following phone number (858) 505-6677, or go to the following link:
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/longrangeplanning/BESS.htm>
- **Road Resurfacing**
October 11 – November 1, 2024, Lawson Valley Rd – Skyline TT to Lyons Valley Rd (0.22 miles)

15. ADJOURNMENT 8:35 pm

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday August 21, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.

Tuesday August 20 is CANCELLED

Jamul-Dulzura Union School District - Jamul Education Center

14581 Lyons Valley Road, Jamul, CA 91935

Hybrid Meeting: Both In-Person and Zoom Attendance

Meeting Minutes and Agendas can be accessed at

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/CommunityGroups.html>

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**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is to represent the best interests of the communities of Jamul and Dulzura while adhering to County of San Diego, California Board of Supervisors Policy I-1.”

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is:

- *To provide a public forum where local citizens can learn about issues of importance to them and their community and provide input.*
- *To carefully consider all input when advising the county on such issues as planning, land use, discretionary projects, and community and sub-regional plans.*