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April 23, 2022

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Raul Alvarado III
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Kristi Mansolf
Secretary

RE: ALL WAY STOPS, SAN DIEGO COUNTRY ESTATES

Scotty Ensign

The Ramona Community Planning Group reviewed the installation of all way stop signs at the following 6 designated intersections, at the meeting, April 7, 2022.

Debra Foster

Lynn Hopewell

Casey Lynch

Elio Noyas

Dawn Perfect

Matt Rains

Michelle Rains

Andrew Simmons

Paul Stykel

Dan Summers

Kevin Wallace

- Vista Ramona Road and Arena Way (all way stop)
- Vista Ramona Road and Sargeant Road (all way stop)
- Del Amo Road and Arena Drive (all way stop)
- Arena Way and Open View Drive (all way stop)
- Arena Way and Arena Drive (all way stop)
- Arena Way and Gunn Stage Road (all way stop and crosswalks)

The following motion was made:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF ALL WAY STOP SIGNS AT DESIGNATED INTERSECTIONS, AS PRESENTED BY RAUL ALVARADO III OF THE COUNTY (AT THE TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING).

The motion passed 10-4-0-0-1, with 4 members voting no and 1 member absent.

Sincerely,

ROBIN JOY MAXSON, Chair
Ramona Community Planning Group

Cc: Murali Pasumarthi

**County of San Diego
Ramona Community Planning Group
MEETING MINUTES**

December 1, 2022

Meeting was In Person

7:00 PM @ Ramona Community Library, 1275 Main Street, Ramona

ITEM 1: Call to Order

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3: ROLL CALL (Maxson, Chair)

In Attendance:	Torry Brean	Scotty Ensign	Debbie Foster
	Lynn Hopewell	Casey Lynch	Kristi Mansolf
	Robin Joy Maxson	Elio Noyas	Dan Summers
	Kevin Wallace		

Members Absent: Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons, Paul Stykel

Robin Joy Maxson, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting, Torry Brean, RCPG Vice-Chair, acted as Vice-Chair of the meeting, and Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary acted as Secretary for the meeting.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11-3-22 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2022, AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on posted agenda. (Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes) *No Speakers for Non Agenda Items*

ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Elio Noyas and seconded by Dan Summers, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 7: Consent Calendar:

7-A: Ratification and Continuance of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

In order to continue the teleconferencing meeting option, when needed, the following motion was made:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RATIFICATION AND CONTINUANCE OF THE TELECONFERENCING MEETING OPTION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e).

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Elio Noyas, the motion **passed 10-0-0-0-5**, with Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 8: ACTION ITEMS:

8-A: Recognition of the pivotal role played by Chief Tony Mecham in improving Fire and EMS Services to the Community of Ramona

CAL FIRE/San Diego County Fire Authority Chief, Tony Mecham, was in attendance. Mr. Summers said that emergency medical services and fire protection services were provided by the RMWD in the past. Ramona needs an ambulance and the RMWD paid for the ambulance. The RMWD recently surrendered control of fire and emergency medical services to the County Fire Authority. Chief Mecham has been instrumental in this process. Chief Mecham ordered 3 new fire engines for Ramona – 1 for Station 80, 1 for Station 81 and 1 for Station 82. The new ambulance should arrive early next year. The ambulance will be stationed at Station 82. These actions have improved our fire and emergency medical services immensely. Mr. Summers thanked Chief Mecham and presented him with a plaque honoring him.

Chief Mecham said he has worked in Ramona for CAL FIRE in the past and the Ramona Fire Department had been short staffed then. Now it is better. He said he and his staff will continue to work with Ramona in the future. Highway 67 is a challenge for evacuations.

8-B: Update from San Diego County Sheriff's Department - Ramona Substation for the community of Ramona

Lt. Vengler said that in the last 6 weeks, deputies responded to 3 drug related deaths. Ages ranged from the mid 20's to the early 50's. He asked that people don't give up on their loved ones who may use drugs. It's never too late to stop, and the drugs are out there. Narcan can make a significant difference.

Ms. Hopewell asked if individuals can get free narcan to have at home?

Lt. Vengler said a prescription is no longer required for narcan. Right now there is a nation wide shortfall of narcan. There is a new drug available on the market. After the drug is administered for an overdose, the person who overdosed cannot get high again for 3 days. In the next week, the Board of Supervisors will have it on their agenda to get approval.

8-C: T-Mobile, 325 10th St., Building changes to roof line and adding antennas Simmons, CUDA Subcommittee

Mr. Ensign gave the report on this project as this project went to CUDA and the Design Review Board. The applicant did not show up to the meeting. Everything has been built already, but it was not approved by the Design Board before it was built. Additional screening for the antennas is being put up now, which may be the reason the County sent the project to the RCPG and the Design Review Board for input. This item will be on a future RCPG agenda.

MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL THE JANUARY 12, 2023, MEETING.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 9-0-0-1-5**, with Casey Lynch stepping down and Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

8-D: Report and Discussion on Community Q&A with Department of Public Works (DPW) Staff and the Presentation by DPW on the Potential Options for Zone 2 Traffic Calming (from 11-16-22 Transportation/Trails Subcommittee Meeting)

- 1. Close Median on San Vicente Dr at Arena Dr to restrict all left turns**
- 2. Reduce southbound right turn lane on Gunn Stage Rd at San Vicente Rd**
- 3. All-way stops at the following intersections:**
 - a. Gunn Stage Rd at Arena Way**
 - b. Arena Dr at Del Amo Rd**
 - c. Arena Dr at Arena Way**
 - d. Arena Way at Open View Rd**
 - e. Arena Way at Vista Ramona Ed**
 - f. Vista Ramona Rd at Sargeant Rd**

Rains, Transportation/Trails Subcommittee

Ms. Hopewell gave the Transportation and Trails Subcommittee report in Mr. Rains' absence. Murali Pasumarthi and Ernie Bartley attended the Zoom meeting and talked about their proposal to put in 6 stop signs but also to close the median on San Vicente at Arena Drive. Many SDCE residents came to the subcommittee meeting and spoke. The motion that passed at the subcommittee was just in support of putting in the stop signs and not closing off the left turn from San Vicente to Arena Drive.

Speaker: Randy Withrow, Ramona Resident (*information provided by speaker*)

Mr. Withrow said he appreciates the opportunity to speak to the RCPG committee.

During last T&T meeting on Nov 16, the sub-committee passed a motion for RCPG consideration that recommends a compromise to the closure of the Arena Dr left turn lane solution proposed by DPW engineer Murali. Instead of closing the left turn lane and extending the raised median, the current intersection can be modified to a “directional intersection” that would continue to allow:

- a) Left turns from San Vicente to Arena Drive
- b) Right turns from Arena Dr to westbound San Vicente, but
- c) It would block left turns from Arena Dr to eastbound San Vicente.

Community attendees at the T&T meeting were overwhelmingly supportive of the compromise solution. The sub-committee agreed and voted to pass the motion. However, one sub-committee member voted “no” on the motion, stating, if I remember correctly, that any solution should be data-driven, not driven by emotion.

Even though points made by community attendees have mostly been presented in a calm and rational way, there has sometimes been spirited, passionate and even tempestuous discussion. However, I don’t believe the compromise solution is based mainly on emotion.

- a) Some of the points presented by the community to the T&T subcommittee and DPW include the following
 - i) A fact with known data: There are currently over 340 households served directly by the Arena Dr left turn lane. That number was derived by Mr. Withrow counting the number of physical home addresses where the left turn lane is the easiest and shortest route for a driver using San Vicente to return home from the direction of Ramona.
 - ii) Another fact with known data: Closing the left turn lane and extending the raised median would delay emergency vehicles responding to the same 340 households. As we’ve verified, emergency responders will NOT cross a raised median and would be forced to follow a much more circuitous route to their destination. The extra distance a responder would have to cover is a minimum of 1/2 mile up to 1 mile depending on the route they choose. Based on Mr. Withrow’s own stopwatch measurements, it takes 3-5 times longer to get to any particular address if the Arena left turn lane is closed. Also bear in mind that closing the left turn lane requires that the responder negotiate the Gunn Stage Rd intersection possibly against a RED light. If that light is RED responders do not expect cars ahead of them to move into the intersection.
 - iii) Another fact, but actual data not known by Mr. Withrow: he has not counted the number of households served by Vista Vicente Dr (on the south side of San Vicente) whose drivers would be negatively impacted by the additional traffic forced past Vista Vicente to the Gunn Stage intersection. But Vista Vicente drains numerous neighborhoods in that area and he thinks the number of impacted drivers would be ALOT
 - iv) Another fact but actual data not known Mr. Withrow: If the Arena Dr left turn lane is closed, he doesn’t know the actual amount of increased traffic that will circumnavigate Gunn Stage Family Park and then drive down Arena to get back home, but again he is confident it would be ALOT, causing impact to joggers, walkers, bicycle riders, and also drivers trying to access Arena Dr from Scarbery Rd and Hampson

Speaker: Ward Rickman, Ramona Resident

Mr. Rickman showed maps of SDCE during his presentation. Mr. Rickman said that closing the left turn onto Arena Drive from San Vicente will not make the traffic disappear. Six hundred vehicles will have to make a u-turn on San Vicente to get back to Arena Drive at a point about a half mile away from Arena Drive. There is no data supporting closing off the left turn from Arena Drive. Speed won't be calmed. This is a volume issue and it will impact all of the homes in the area. As there is no data supporting the need for closing the left turn due to speed, and there is no new connection to be made – there is no reason to do anything. There is some speed data available for San Vicente Road, but no data supporting closing off the intersection to calm traffic.

Speaker: Karen Pellettera, Ramona Resident (*information provided by speaker*)

Ms. Pellettera said she has been a homeowner in SDCE since 1987 and she lives off Arena Drive and uses that left hand turn lane from San Vicente Road onto Arena Drive every time she leaves/enters SDCE. She has NEVER heard of an accident at that left turn lane. It's even marked as a legal crossing for golf carts AND vehicles to go left from Arena Drive onto San Vicente Road to reach the golf course or the resort.

Ms. Pellettera said she didn't have time to discuss how unwise it would be to reduce the 3 lane road on Gunn Stage to 2: 2 dedicated lanes to only turn right onto San Vicente Road and one dedicated left turn to go to the golf course and beyond. What would happen to the middle lane on Gunn Stage? Drivers MUST turn either right or left or end up on the golf course!

Supposedly 2,000 SDCE residents signed the petition. The petition was to ask the County to provide proposals to help slow down the crazy, speeding drivers trying to enter or exit SDCE. So the DPW responded with ONE proposal.

Residents at SDCE did NOT request anything concerning the design of residents' existing streets for safety - just speeding cars. When SDCE was laid out, and approved by the County, all the streets were named, custom homes began to be built and SDCE "owned" and maintained all our streets. It was fairly recently that the County took over streets as is/where is. FYI: next door Ryland Homes subdivision is still privately owned because the County said their streets were not wide enough for a fire truck to drive through if there were cars parked on both sides of the streets. Evidently SDCE's streets meet County standards.

So DPW just took it upon themselves to add safety to their study. There are only 2 ways to get in and out of the Estates. We are surrounded by Cleveland National Forest. There are over 10,200 residents living in SDCE. ANY restrictions or squeezing of these critical paths is extremely dangerous. It will slow response time for any emergency vehicles entering the Estates to reach residents in distress and slow evacuation times when we are ordered to leave our homes. Another important point: She spoke with the gentleman standing next to her in the back of the meeting room said he was shocked that NO ONE had notified the Fire Department of these proposals!

It was also mentioned at the meeting that the DPW could go back to the design manual (that was created back in the early 70's) and it could be used to justify removing the left turn lane from San Vicente Road onto Arena Drive AND reducing the 2 right lanes on Gunn Stage to 1 right turn lane. Obviously the design of ALL SDCE streets would probably be different if done today, but you can't just go charging in and changing intersections and turns just because it isn't up to "today's" standards.

And a huge THANK YOU for those driving out to SDCE to actually see what everybody is talking loudly about. I think it should be mandatory - just like a jury does before they make up their minds – to look at what you are making a decision on.

Final comment: the gentleman from DPW really came to the T&T Zoom meeting last month very demanding and "smug" that DPW has the power to do whatever they want with or without the residents of SDCE, the T&T Subcommittee or even the RCPG's support. After much discussion he came back with a compromise of NOT going through with the package "proposal" as he did in the early stages of meetings, but installing just the 6 new stop signs for Zone 2. So if HE proposed it, and the RCPG voted to support it, why wouldn't that carry a LOT of weight when this thing goes to the TAC?

Speaker: Dan LaFuze, Ramona Resident

Mr. LaFuze said closing the left turn onto Arena Drive is ridiculous in his opinion. There is no data available supporting this decision. Closing off the left turn will create a greater hazard. Mr. LaFuze asked why Mr. Lynch voted against a motion on this issue recently?

The Chair said the issue came up because of SDCE. It went to the Transportation and Trails Subcommittee. Some plans are presented as a package deal. The Transportation and Trails Subcommittee voted to keep the 6 stop signs part of the package but not the closing off the left turn onto Arena. The County doesn't want to piecemeal it. If we don't want the package, the County wants to move to looking at traffic calming for Zones 3 and 4.

The Chair made the following motion:

MOTION: TO START WITH 6 STOP SIGNS AND LET DPW STUDY THE RESULTS OF ZONE 2 STOP SIGNS.

(Discussion on the motion)

Mr. Brean said he is against any action closing off the left turn from San Vicente to Arena Drive. People will have to go down Del Amo. This decision was made without using an appropriate model. It sounds like DPW did not do modeling for this intersection. Closing off the left turn lane will make traffic worse.

Mr. Lynch said the RCPG has been looking at traffic calming out at SDCE for 2 years. When this issue first came up, he was at the meeting. There was no speeding data but there was circulation data. The neighborhood was not designed well originally. If it were designed today, it would be different. He was never in favor of the median but was told it was all or nothing. That is why he voted no. He wants people at SDCE to be happy. Three years ago, he wanted just the stop signs to be put in. Mr. Pasumarthi knows the history of the area. People in the past have installed speed bumps. The process is moving forward. This issue needs to go to the TAC. Mr. Pasumarthi advises the TAC. Crossing a 4 lane road is dangerous – more so when turning left. There are no sidewalks as SDCE was designed as a retirement community. The ADT's down Arena Drive are 400 cars during the traffic peak, morning and night. Mr. Lynch is in favor of adding the stop signs.

Mr. Noyas said there is a lot of speeding on Ramona Oaks and Gunn Stage, too. We are advocating for SDCE to the County by asking for the stop signs.

Mr. Lynch recommended keeping the pressure on regarding the stop signs. Members of the public can attend the TAC meeting.

Ms. Hopewell said she had a concern regarding the stop signs.

The Chair requested Ms. Hopewell to bring up her concerns under members concerns on the agenda.

(Voting on the motion)

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 9-1-0-0-5**, with Kevin Wallace voting no and Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

Mr. Brean made the following motion.

MOTION: THE RCPG HAS A RECOMMENDATION AS PART OF THIS ANALYSIS, AND THE RCPG DOES NOT RECOMMEND ANY TURN RESTRICTIONS AT ARENA DRIVE AND SAN VICENTE ROAD.

(Discussion on the motion)

Ms. Hopewell doesn't want the stop signs delayed.

Mr. Brean said he felt there was a lack of clarity just having the original motion to send to the County.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion was withdrawn by Torry Brean.

8-E: Discussion on Community Concerns Regarding Coyote Behavior at County Parks

Wallace, Parks Subcommittee

Stan Dvorak made the presentation. Mr. Dvorak said he is an avid hiker and he hikes the Barnett Ranch on a very regular basis. Recently he saw 2 coyotes attack a woman and kill her dog. The coyotes came out of the chaparral and attacked. There is nothing warning people of the dangers of coyotes in the area. He recommended that notices be posted at the entrance to Barnett Ranch warning hikers of coyote danger. He is concerned for the young children in the area and out at the SDCE. He would also like to see mitigation measures. Maybe someone should be hired to hunt/track coyotes. This is the first time he was aware of a coyote attack on a person, but the coyotes wanted her dog, which she had picked up when the coyotes came around, and they took the dog out of her arms. She was injured, but not seriously. She was upset and did not want to report the incident. Another time, more recently, he saw a coyote following a woman and her young daughter, and he chased the coyote away.

Mr. Wallace said the Parks Subcommittee had no quorum, but he did talk to Stan at the meeting location. He said this was a very unfortunate event. Mr. Wallace had a coyote incident in his yard recently involving one of his dogs. This is a sign of aggressive behavior and people need to be aware of their surroundings. He would like to see cautionary signage added and no more incidents. He doubted the State had coyote wranglers.

Mr. Lynch said it may be good to recommend solar predator lights, too, in the area.

Mr. Ensign said the solar predator lights are an excellent deterrent where they are used in the Cleveland National Forest. Mr. Ensign also said a kiosk at Barnett Ranch, warning people of possible aggressive coyote behavior would be a good idea.

Mr. Summers said there have been 2 contacts between people and coyotes. How many will it take to make a change?

Ms. Foster said this matter is a huge concern. She would like a letter sent to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, making them aware of the situation. Wild animals don't like us. They stay wild and away from us. She has concerns that the coyotes are no longer keeping their distance like wild animals normally do.

Mr. Dvorak said he would like to go to the schools and educate the teachers and the students about the coyote behavior he witnessed.

Ms. Mansolf said she asked County Parks about resources they had currently, warning people at County Parks about possible aggressive coyote behavior. Mr. Quinn, a Regional Manager at County Parks said DPR doesn't have any pamphlets of any sort. Regarding the incident at Barnett Ranch, they reported it to the US Fish and Wildlife. They investigated and were hoping the victim would contact them but it never occurred. They also reached out to the witness to gather more details. They found out about the attack by reading a post from the witness in the "Next Door" app.

They were informed by the witness that the victim didn't want to call 911. Also, there were no other witnesses that observed this incident. Documentation of incidents of aggressive animal behavior need to be reported to the parks related government entities that would be involved with an incident of this nature.

MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO COUNTY PARKS REQUESTING COUNTY SIGNAGE (FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION) REGARDING COYOTE DANGER AND TO REQUEST SOLAR PREDATOR LIGHTS BE INSTALLED AT BARNETT RANCH.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 10-0-0-5**, with Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

MOTION: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE DUE TO AN INCREASE OF ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR OF AGGRESSIVE ANIMALS (COYOTES) AND ASK, IS THERE A PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR IN ANIMALS, AND IF SO, WHAT IS IT? TO REQUEST THAT THEY REPORT TO US ON REPORTED INCIDENTS.

Upon motion made by Debbie Foster and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 10-0-0-5**, with Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

8-F: Presentation by Planning and Development Services on 2023 Housing Zoning Ordinance Update

The Chair said the County presenters for this item requested to move the item to the January 12, 2023, meeting.

MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL JANUARY 12, 2023.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Scotty Ensign, the motion **passed 10-0-0-5**, with Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

8-G: Presentation by the County of San Diego on the changes to County's Graffiti Removal Program. The new program would utilize a contractor to respond to reports of graffiti and to remove graffiti on private property at no charge. The County is requesting feedback on this new program.

Ken Melton presented the County's Graffiti Removal Program. Planning & Development Services is developing a program that would remove graffiti on private properties in the unincorporated County for free. Currently, private property owners are responsible for graffiti removal and even subject to code enforcement action such as citations if they do not remove graffiti on their property. The new program would utilize a contractor to respond to reports of graffiti and to remove graffiti on private property at no charge, with the property owner's consent. The County does not want to lay a cost on the property owner for graffiti removal. With the new program, cases will be closed sooner. The cost of staff time really adds up.

This item is going to the Board of Supervisors on January 11, 2023. Should the item go through as proposed, the code will be updated in February.

Mr. Melton said there will be a timeline and more research is required. Encinitas and El Cajon are already using contractors. Public funds can be used and they think the process will be more efficient.

Mr. Summers asked if there have been any efforts to prosecute those who make graffiti?

Mr. Lynch asked if anyone is tracing gang activity? His building was tagged.

Mr. Melton said the police get all the data.

Mr. Ensign said he did not think there was a lot of graffiti in Ramona.

Speaker: Dan LaFuze, Ramona Resident

Mr. LaFuze asked how many violations have there been in Ramona?

Mr. Melton said there is no data on Ramona, and graffiti is not a big problem in Ramona.

8-H: Feedback to County on 11-3-22 presentation of the Decorative Community Identification Signs - Expansion of the Region-Wide Community Identification Signs Program

The Chair said for the Decorative Community Identification Signs-Expansion of the Region-Wide Community Identification Signs Program, we are going to give feedback from the presentation that was given at the November meeting. Some of the things we may want to consider requesting are that we want the County to pay for part of the sign, we want the County to pay for maintenance of the sign, we want to limit the number of signs in the community or we may ask that the County pay for all aspects of the sign.

Mr. Lynch said that maintenance is an important aspect of the project. Who will maintain the monument signs? The County can work with the Ramona Archway Association and help get the project funded. We need to help insure the funds can be spent within the Caltrans right of way. It needs to be determined whether the sign will go over Main or 10th.

Mr. Ensign said the Ramona Archway Association wants to put banners on the monument sign, but Caltrans does not allow banners on a State highway. The thought now is to have monument signs at all 4 entry ways into Ramona. They would all need to be in harmony with the areas they will go into.

Mr. Lynch noted that Mr. Ensign has donated a lot of time and effort to help maintain the sign at Hwy 67 and Highland Valley/Dye. Would Mr. Ensign be okay if the County took over maintenance of the existing sign.

Mr. Ensign said he would be okay with it.

MOTION: TO SEND COMMENTS ON THE COUNTY COMMUNITY SIGN PROGRAM.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Lynn Hopewell, the motion **passed 8-1-0-0-6**, with Kevin Wallace voting no, and Torry Brean, Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

**8-I: Update on Ramona Vernal Pool areas
Noyas**

Mr. Noyas has been researching the vernal pool issue in Ramona. There is a 24 page document from 2009 that talks about how the vernal pool mitigation banks are set up. For the Aldi Market, 2 vernal pool credits were purchased at \$120,000 per credit. The property the Sheriff's Department owns and wants to develop has vernal pools on it. When it rains, puddles form which can turn into vernal pools. The Ramona Unified School District owns a 40 acre piece of land by the high school that has vernal pools on it. The County is thinking of buying it to make it a mitigation bank. Erica Wolski of the RMWD had been involved in the discussions and she gave Mr. Noyas information on these negotiations.

The County is doing the vernal pool credit program and the mitigation banks are owned by the County. The credits are public. People who want to develop with vernal pools on their property have to buy credits to build.

Mr. Wallace said the Environmental Protection Agenda is there for a reason. If not for the vernal pools, Ramona would be run over by developers. Aldi paid for credits and now the County may buy the 40 acres by the high school.

Mr. Noyas said that not just developments have to adhere to the vernal pool laws. The RICC will have to deal with them as well as the Sheriff's Department if they want to build.

**8-J: Discussion/Consideration of requesting DPW to make the private road segment on Creelman Lane a County maintained road segment
Ensign**

Mr. Ensign said he would like the RCPG to write a letter to DPW to request Creelman Lane become a County maintained road. Parts of it are County maintained, but the portion in front of the proposed battery storage facility is privately owned and maintained.

Speaker: Ramona Resident

The proposed battery storage facility will be right next to his house. Creelman Lane is a private road and he would like to see this segment of Creelman Lane become County maintained.

Mr. Lynch said that if the RCPG writes a letter, he would like it to include asking the County if there are any IOD's on private properties at the east end of Creelman. He would like to know if there are IOD's, would the owners be willing to support Creelman becoming a County maintained road?

MOTION: TO WRITE A LETTER TO DPW/PDS REGARDING THE PAVING OF CREELMAN FROM SAN VICENTE TO KEYES ROAD (ADDED TO THE RCPG CIP LIST IN 2014) AND TO REQUEST THE STATUS OF COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING THE IOD'S ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES OF CONCERN. (PRIVATE PROPERTIES AT EAST END OF UNPAVED CREELMAN ROAD).

Upon motion made by Scotty Ensign and seconded by Elio Noyas, the motion **passed 9-0-0-0-6**, with Torry Brean, Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

8-K: Monthly update from Caltrans on SR 67 projects.

Mr. Summers announced that Marvin Canton has left his position at Caltrans and Cynthia Hoffman has replaced him.

1. Update on repaving SR 67 project

The work on repaving SR 67 is expected to start in April, 2023.

2. Update on Mina De Oro boulder removal

Mr. Summers said the boulder on Mina De Oro has been removed.

3. Update on the requested repaving and painting of the SR 67 and Mussey Grade Road intersection within 30 days.

Mr. Summers said that regarding the repaving of the intersection of SR 67 at Mussey Grade Road, Caltrans did not want to spend the money for repaving now and then later, when adjacent work will be done. The RCPG had sent a letter requesting the work to be done in 30 days. The letter was addressed to Randy Voepel and Brian Jones, with a cc to Caltrans. The intersection was improved with the work starting on a Tuesday and being completed on Wednesday.

4. Update on the timeline for downtown traffic calming projects including sidewalks and locations.

Mr. Summers said there is no update on Clean California and Ramona.

**5. Follow-up on letters sent to State Representatives regarding Mussey Grade intersection
Summers, RSRS Subcommittee**

This issue has been resolved. Also the call box blocked behind a guardrail on SR 67 was brought up to Caltrans.

8-L: Follow-up on letters sent to SANDAG/Caltrans regarding CMCP proposal

Mr. Summers made a presentation at the SANDAG meeting and hasn't heard anything back yet. There's another SR 67 evaluation (other than CalTrans) currently underway. If that evaluation decides that we need 2 more lanes on Hwy 67, then CalTrans has to abide by that. He is waiting for the evaluation to be completed. He believes the California Highway Safety Council is doing the study. We need to find out when the study is completed and be notified of what results are decided for the State Route 67 Improvement Project – which is being done by the State of California. It's ongoing and in light of CMCP, we need to find out status and how to get the results. This will be an agenda item next month.

ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS (Possible Action)

9-A: Announcements and Correspondence Received

The Chair gave a reminder about the upcoming annual training available to RCPG members.

The Chair said she attended a staff level meeting on the Ramona Monument sign with Kenton Jones and Murali Pasumarthi. Next they will be meeting with Supervisor Anderson to gain his support.

9-B: DESIGN REVIEW REPORT (Ensign) – Update on Projects Reviewed

Mr. Ensign gave the report for the Design Review Board. The T-Mobile representative did not show up to the meeting. They have added 33-1/2 foot panels to their project and no one remembers the Design Review Board approving it. If left in place, this will be a backdrop to the Ramona Monument sign. They are trying to cover it up, but haven't been very successful.

The Design Review Board also saw a change for Mr. Simmons restaurant, Mamma Ramonas. Mr. Simmons wants to plant olive trees on the property, and the Design Review Board approved the plans presented.

Mr. Ensign gave a Code Compliance update. People move on at their jobs at the County, and Brent Panas had moved up in his department. There is a concern at the Design Review Board that people are putting up bright lights and they don't know what the lumens are.

9-C: To recommend an RCPG member to be on the DRB (Seat 9) and serve as the RCPG representative (on the DRB)

The Chair said we don't have all of the information for this item, and she would like to move the item to the next RCPG meeting.

MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL THE JANUARY 12, 2023, MEETING.

Upon motion made by Casey Lynch and seconded by Robin Joy Maxson, the motion **passed 9-0-0-6**, with Torry Brean, Dawn Perfect, Matt Rains, Michelle Rains, Andrew Simmons and Paul Stykel absent.

9-D: Discussion Items (Possible Action)

1. Concerns from Members

Mr. Noyos said that regarding the Mussey Grade Road and Highway 67 intersection and putting in a stoplight, he would like to see the South Bypass explored as another option for motorists. On another issue, Phil at the Warnock solar facility and David Kahler started working on removing the weeds on Warnock. There will be a list submitted.

Ms. Foster said she would like to ask Jessica Turner about who to contact for the Ramona Cemetery District. Currently the cemetery in Ramona is in bad repair.

2. Future Agenda Item Requests

The Chair said the issue of pop up rodeos will be on our next agenda. These events are on Supervisor Anderson's radar. One was permitted by the Sheriff's and the public is complaining about it. Some are unpermitted. There is a permit process in place. Both types will be explored – permitted and unpermitted.

The Chair is putting on the next agenda for the RCPG to a letter to SANDAG regarding having a representative on their board from the unincorporated area. There is lack of representation for the unincorporated area at SANDAG.

3. Addition and Confirmation of New/Continuing Subcommittee Members

Ms. Mansolf said Bob Stoodly resigned from the CUDA Subcommittee.

4. Recognition of Outgoing RCPG Members

The Chair thanked the outgoing members for their service to the Ramona community.

Mr. Ensign was the Design Review Board go-to person, and we will miss him very much. He is a very valuable team member.

Ms. Hopewell was the East Subcommittee chair, and she did the majority of the minutes for the other RCPG subcommittees. The volume of work completed was amazing.

Mr. Noyas served as the South Subcommittee chair. The passion with which he approached various RCPG issues elevated the RCPG to a new level.

Ms. Wallace was the Parks and Recreation chair. He brought valuable insights to the RCPG from his environmental background.

Mr. Ensign said he has served on the RCPG for 12 years.

The Chair thanked the 4 outgoing members for their outstanding service to the community.

9-E: Meeting Updates

- 1. Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and TAC Meetings
(No information brought forward)**

- 2. Future Group Meeting Dates – Next RCPG Meeting to be 1-12-22,
Ramona Library, 1275 Main Street**

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

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San Diego County Traffic Advisory Committee
5510 Overland Ave. #410 and room 470

I am writing about the January 27th meeting of the SDCTAC with the Ramona Planning committee sub-committee meeting of the Traffic and Trails.

It will be a zoom meeting and I tried that last time, did not work for me.

I was at the last meeting in September that was in person here in Ramona. There were 40 people there against the closure of Arena Dr. in Ramona. And the next month Supervisor Anderson had a Town Hall meeting in Ramona that was mostly attended by people against the closure of Arena Dr. There was probably 70 people in attendance.

This has to do with the challenge to have more safety in San Diego County Estates and quiet traffic. Our request hopefully has been sent to you. We requested more stop signs in our area, but not the Arena Dr. closure.

Most people in this area can see no safety problems on San Vicente Rd. and Arena !!!! By closing this entry to the area of homes, it will send the traffic to add to the traffic at Gunn Stage Rd. It will create more of a hazard there.

So I am hoping my letter will be read and considered. I am very saddened by the death of the boy on Calistoga Rd. I am 88 yrs. young, have 13 grandchildren and 6 children. I know how the death of any of my family would be hard to live with.

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