

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 28 September 2009.

Item 1. Chairperson Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1905 hours and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Planning Group members Dillard, Ulm, Slagill, Walls, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Vandover, Harris, Myrick and Gabler were present, forming a quorum of 12.
- Members Krickhahn and Hertel were absent, excused. Member Bowen was absent, not excused. Seat 14 is vacant.
- Minutes for the previous meeting were not available for review.
- There were no requests for reimbursement.

Item 2. Announcements.

- Mary Manning announced that a fund-raising spaghetti dinner to support the Harbison Canyon Youth Group is scheduled for 3 October 2009, 5 – 7:30 PM at the Ironsides Park community center.
- Wally Riggs announced that the regular meeting of the Planning Group on 12 October 2009 will be at the Ironsides Park community center in Harbison Canyon; and he provided information from Supervisor Jacobs' meeting on 17 September concerning the co-mingling of the San Diego Rural Fire Protection and Sycuan Tribal Fire Departments: Sycuan is considering waiving Tribal sovereignty to accomplish the project of constructing a 26,000 square feet Community Center and Fire Station complex with 5 engine bays, a heliport, a training center, and a community meeting room at the Dehesa Fire Station property; Supervisor Jacobs has stated that if Sycuan cannot waive tribal sovereignty then the project cannot succeed.

Item 3a. Open Forum. No one requested to speak.

Item 3b. Group Forum. Mary Manning discussed the announced exclusion of children from the 92019 Zip Code area from the new high school being built in Alpine by the Grossmont School District; she said that a petition is being circulated to gather information for the school board's consideration about the degree of community support for allowing those children to enroll in the new high school.

Item 4. Unfinished Business. Sycuan Tribe Fee to Trust Application, Planning Group Response to Environmental Assessment. Chairperson Wally Riggs moderated the Group's discussion of Sycuan Tribe's application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for transferring about 2000 acres of land from Fee to Trust ownership, and of the Environmental Assessment prepared for the BIA concerning this application. This agenda item is a continuation of the Group's initial consideration of this as Agenda Item 8 at the 14 September regular meeting. Members took turns discussing aspects of the application and the Environmental Assessment that warrant response by the Planning Group. Group consensus was that the EA is incomplete, misleading or inaccurate in many respects, and that the Planning Group should recommend that the BIA requires a

thorough, comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement to be prepared for the proposed action.

Jane Davies, Sweetwater Authority, attended this discussion and reported that the Sweetwater Authority planned to submit a letter of comments concerning the Environmental Assessment's analysis of water resources issues and impacts to the Sweetwater Authority's operations on the Sweetwater River.

Chairperson Wally Riggs requested that all Group members should provide him their specific comments and notes concerning the Planning Group letter of comments about the Environmental Assessment immediately, so that he could prepare and submit the Group's letter to the BIA prior to the 8 October deadline for comments.

<Lory Walls moved adjournment at 2035 hours. The motion passed unanimously. >

Respectfully submitted, William L. Bretz (Secretary)