



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198  
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**December 19, 2024, 6:31 pm**

**Meeting Agenda**

**InPerson: 7 Oaks Community Center 16789 Bernardo Oaks Dr, San Diego, CA 92128**

<b>2024 RB PLANNING BOARD</b>									
<b>P = present</b>		<b>A = absent</b>		<b>ARC = arrived after roll call</b>					
Robin Kaufman	P	June Smith	P	Steve Dow	P	James Nadlonek	P		
Benjamin Wier	P	Vicki Touchstone	P	Rebecca Rapp	A	Alfredo Ortiz	P		
Gary Long	P	Keith Mikas	P	Sujata Yellaepeddi	P	Hugh Rothman	P		
								<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>12</b>
								<b>Total in Attendance</b>	<b>11</b>

**ITEM #1**      **Call to Order/Roll Call:**

**ITEM #2**      **Chair Remarks:**

**ITEM #3**      **Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker):** None.

**ITEM #4**      **Government Staff Reports:** None. **Information Item**

**ITEM #5**      **Modification and Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Remove items 7,8 & 9 **Action Item**  
 Motion made by Robin Seconded by Steve 11-0-0

**ITEM #6**      **Administrative Items:** **Action Items**

- a. Approve November 2024 Meeting Minutes: Motion presented by June and seconded by Jim 7-0-4  
 Vicki, Sujata , Keitha and Ben abstain
- b. Approve Treasurer's Report: Board has \$304.95 in the bank. Motion presented by Gary to approve  
 the treasurer report seconded by Hugh. 11-0-0
- c. Banc of California is charging \$9 a month and that is huge for our account. Gary proposed moving  
 the funds to some other bank. Gary proposed to check out Mission Federal Bank the rates etc. before  
 the end of this month. Robin presented a motion to investigate the bank and Ben seconded the motion.  
 11-0-0.

**ITEM #7**      **Request New Community Members to Identified/Seated** (Removed from agenda.)

**ITEM #8**      **ATC/Verizon Oaks North – PRJ-1118724** (Removed from agenda)

**ITEM #9**      **Crown Castle/T-Mobile RB High School - PRJ-1112006** (Removed from agenda)

**ITEM #10**      **Sub-Committee Reports:** **Information Item**

Development Review..... Benjamin Wier  
 Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone  
 Traffic & Transportation.....Robin Kaufman

**ITEM #11**      **Liaison Reports:** **Information Item**

Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Oral Report)\*  
 Community Planners Committee (CPC).....Vicki Touchstone

Community Recreation Group (CRG).....Robin Kaufman (Oral Report)\*  
SANDAG..... Steve Dow (Report Attached)\*  
San Dieguito River Park .....Vicki Touchstone (Report Attached)\*  
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group..... Gary Long  
Commercial Representative .....

**ITEM #12     OLD BUSINESS ITEM:** Elections Committee –Hugh & Alfred with Gary helping as needed. Vicki gave a report that our report was not included in city’s report. She proposed that we send an email to city to remind the city to include our report soon.

**ITEM #13     NEW BUSINESS: that**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update  
(Steve Dow; 2024-12-07)**

- **December 2024 highlights**
  - Serve on SANDAG Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee
    - **Applications due December 20, 2024**
    - Ideal applicants would have 10-years experiences in real estate, land economics, or right-of-way acquisitions
    - [https://www.sandag.org/news/public-notice-solicitation\\_of\\_applications\\_for\\_membership\\_on\\_ITOC-2024-11-19?](https://www.sandag.org/news/public-notice-solicitation_of_applications_for_membership_on_ITOC-2024-11-19?)
  - SANDAG’s Coordinated Plan Survey
    - **Survey open until December 31, 2024**
    - Concerns the 5-year strategy to connection regions via safe & accessible transportation
    - Special focus on older adults and those with disabilities
    - <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/transit/coordinated-plan?>
  - SANDAG’s Interactive Park and Ride Map
    - Highlights bike parking, electric vehicle charging stations, and transit routes
    - <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/regional-initiatives/sustainable-transportation-services/vanpool/park-and-ride-map?>
  - SANDAG’s “Vision Zero” Travel Safety program
    - Interactive Traffic Safety Dashboard showcases locations of collisions by year, bike routes, etc.
    - <https://opendata.sandag.org/stories/s/5f7y-nefe>

San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Citizens Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes for December 6, 2024 – Submitted by V. Touchstone

### Chair's Report

As a result of several factors, including the resignation of one of the Del Mar City Council representatives on the JPA Board due to illness, the JPA has not been able to establish a quorum. This affects various aspects of the River Park's everyday operations and future development proposals. The last JPA meeting had to be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

### Executive Director's Report

The 32nd Annual Holiday Dog-friendly 5K & 3K Fun Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 on the beach in Del Mar. The Red Nose Run, which began in 1992, is a volunteer-organized activity that raises funds for various organizations. This year the proceeds will go to Semper Fi & America's Fund and the San Dieguito River Park. For more information go to: <https://www.therednoserun.com/>.

The pedestrian bridge across Lake Hodges was recently featured in a travel magazine article "Walk Across The World's Longest Stress Ribbon Bridge In California For Picturesque Views" (see attached or go to: <https://www.islands.com/1706070/walk-across-world-longest-stress-ribbon-bridge-california-picturesque-views/> to read the article).

### Public Comments

A resident representative provided a proposed resolution for the CAC's consideration related to the increasing the water level in Lake Hodges. The proposed draft resolution states that the water level in Lake Hodges is currently being maintained at 280 feet or less above sea level. The resolution requests that the level be raised to 293 feet above sea level to cover hundreds of areas of flammable vegetation that currently exists within the lake's footprint. The raised water level would also benefit aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and allow reconnection to the Olivenhain Reservoir. The risk of dam failure has been described as <0.1%, but the resolution states that the risk of wild fire under current conditions is much greater. The authors of the resolution urge the JPA and all relevant authorities and stakeholders to take the necessary steps to undertake further environmental and economic study to ensure the safety, health, and wellbeing of the surrounding communities.

The resolution could not be considered at the meeting because it was not included on the agenda. It will likely be revised at a future meeting.