

**OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP**  
**MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 18, 2025**  
**Via Zoom**

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Otay Mesa Planning Group, Chair, Rob Hixson called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.  
Introductions are made across the screen.

<b>Members present:</b>	<b>Members absent:</b>
Rob Hixson, <b>Chair</b>	Tom Simmons
Diane Kirma	Jason Wells
Ted Shaw, <b>Vice-chair</b>	Seth Dorros
Ronnie Taylor	Chris Holder
Jorge Goytortua	Tony Blas
Allen Kashani	Alejandra Mier y Teran
Rita Mahoney	Jose Hernandez
Felipe Nuno, <b>Secretary</b>	

**Approval of minutes:**

May 2025

- **Vote:** A motion was made by *R. Mahoney* seconded by *R. Taylor*. Motion passed (08-0-0-0)  
**Yes:** J. Goytortua, R. Hixson, A. Kashani, *T. Shaw*, *F. Nuno*, & D. Kirma.
- **Recusal:** None
- **Abstained:** None
- **Vote No:** None
- **Comments:** None

**Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda**

**Chairman's Report:** Rob Hixson

**Government Liaison Reports**

- A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE:** *Rodrigo Morales Villarreal*
- Conducted ribbon-cutting ceremonies at local schools and Samuel Middle School.
  - Presented at STEM charter school.
  - Passed Measure B with a 6-3 vote at City Council, with Councilmember Livia Moreno voting in favor
  - Approved Fiscal Year 26 budget, with Councilmember Vivian Moreno voting against.
  - Defeated ADU amendments in a 5-4 vote, with Councilmember Vivian Moreno voting against (on Monday).
- B. MAYOR'S OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- C. ASSEMBLYMEMBER WEBER'S OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- D. SUPERVISOR VARGAS' OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- E. ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ OFFICE:** *Liliana Barba*
- **Legislative Updates**
  - AB 655 passed the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee on June 9. This bill is now heading to the Senate Appropriations Committee for further consideration.
  - This bill would expand representation on the California-Mexico Border Relations Council to include a State Senator and State Assemblymember from a border district.
  - Governor Gavin Newsom will sign, veto, or line item veto the budget bill by June 27 or later.
- F. SENATOR PADILLA'S OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- G. POLICE DEPARTMENT & CODE COMPLIANCE:** *No report was provided.*
- H. FIRE DEPARTMENT:** *No report was provided.*
- I. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT:** *No report was provided.*
- J. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*

**Monthly Reports:**

- A. CPC-** *No report was provided.*

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- B. Southwest Village Committee** – *No report was provided.*
- C. Border Transportation** – *No report was provided.*
- D. La Media Truck Route** – (*David Wick*)
- La Media road is now fully open.
  - Council Member Vivian Moreno was present at the site, indicating a collaborative effort.
  - The project appears to be largely complete, with only minor landscaping work remaining.
  - Despite initial challenges with Mexican customs, recent improvements to Lomita Road have significantly improved traffic flow.
  - The project's success is a result of collective efforts from:
    - + Current administration (Mayor's office)
    - + Past administrations (Mayor Faulkner, Mayor Sanders)
    - + Community leaders (David Alvarez, Juan Vargas)
- E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee** – (*Rob Hixson*)
- The airport is going to have a meeting in the next couple of weeks.
- F. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce** – *No report was provided.*
- G. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update** – (*David Wick*)
- Postponed meeting with the East Otay Mesa Owners Association until meaningful information can be shared with the group.
  - Government construction has begun on the border fence, specifically in areas with existing gaps.
  - Improvements are underway on Airway Road and Viva to East Otay Mesa.
  - Seeking a clear response from Caltrans regarding the opening of SR 11 to Siempre Viva as an alternative egress point.
- H. La Media West Wetlands** – *No report was provided.*
- I. Informational Items** – None.
- J. Action Items**
- a) Southwest Village Specific Plan | PRJ-0614791**
- The Southwest Village Specific Plan provides a comprehensive policy and regulatory framework that guides future development in the Southwest Village. The Southwest Village Specific Plan includes approximately 490 acres within the Otay Mesa Community Plan Area, located immediately north of the United States/Mexico international border; east of Interstate 805 (I-805); south of State Route 905 (SR-905); and west of undeveloped land and a designated community village area in Otay Mesa. The Southwest Village Specific Plan will allow up to 5,130 dwelling units, facilitate the creation of a village anchored by up to 175,000 square feet of commercial and retail uses, and provide public facilities, including approximately 6.2 acres for a future school, approximately 22 acres of parks, a network of trails, 201 acres of open space and connection to San Ysidro via an extension of Beyer Blvd. Part of Southwest Village Specific Plan processing and approvals includes approval of VTM No. 2188969 with up to 920 units, including up to 92 affordable, on 60 acres (Planning Areas 8-14) Tri Pointe Homes owns within the Southwest Village Specific Plan area. Public review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report is expected to occur in Spring 2025. San Diego hearings are anticipated to occur in Fall/Winter 2025.
- Presented by: Allen Kashani, Tri Pointe Homes**
- A motion was made by *R. Mahoney* and seconded by *R. Taylor*. Motion passed (07-1-0-0)  
**Vote Yes:** J. Goytortua, R. Hixson, F. Nuno, T. Shaw, & D. Kirma.  
**Recusal:** A. Kashani  
**Abstained:** None.  
**Vote No:** None
- K. Old Business** – None.
- L. Closing remarks** – *Thank you.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm by Rob Hixson, Chair of the Otay Mesa Planning Group.*