



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
www.rbplanningboard.com

Thursday February 19, 2026 at 6:30pm

Meeting Minutes

In Person: Seven Oaks Community Center 16789 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128

<u>2026 RB PLANNING BOARD</u>									
P = present		A = absent			ARC = arrived after roll call				
Robin Kaufman	P	June Smith	P	Steve Dow	A	Jim Nadlonek	P		
Benjamin Wier	P	Vicki Touchstone	P	Rebecca Rapp	P				
Gary Long	P	Hugh Rothman	P	Sujata Yellaepeddi	P				
								Total Seated	10
								Total in Attendance	9

ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:
 Chair called meeting to order at 6:32pm.

ITEM #2 Chair Remarks
 Construction is occurring near the Shell station on the corner of RB Road and Pomerado Rd. It is unclear what is transpiring. Ben Wier could not find any permits for the project. Robin Kaufman is looking further into it. There is also quite a bit of trash at that location that needs to be addressed.

An inquiry about banners at the Rancho Bernardo Community Park was made, and it was determined that there is no restriction on banners at the park at this time.

ITEM #3 Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker):
 No public comments.

ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports: **Information Item**
 No government staff reports were given

ITEM #5 Administrative Items: **Action Items**

- a. **Jim Nadlonek/June Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion passed 9-0-0.**
- b. **Approve Treasurer’s Report: \$322.95 in checking account. One invoice for \$96.17, leaving a total of \$403.83 in the RBPB city account. Gary Long/Sujata Yellaepeddi made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion passed 9-0-0.**

ITEM #6 **San Diego County Water Authority Presentation:** **Information Item**
 Craig Balben and Rebecca Cole were on hand to present status on the Ramona pipeline project. There have been changes since their presentation a few months ago. Phase 1 will be at 3 sites, two of which are west of I-15 and the third just east of I-15. Phase 2 will all be on Rancho Bernardo Rd east of I-15, up to where Rancho Bernardo Rd becomes Espola Rd. Construction targeted to begin Fall 2026 and last through mid-2027.

The community can expect:

- Up to 2 Westbound lanes of Rancho Bernardo Rd just East of I-15 will be closed intermittently, from late Nov. 2026 to early Jan. 2027.
- Increased traffic delays due to various lane closures during the whole project
- Soundwalls
- Noise and dust
- 24/7 work for approximately 10-15 days at sub-phase location, including night lighting.

Phase 2: Subphases 1-5 are Rancho Bernardo, but 6-10 is Poway.

ITEM #7 **Update from Election Committee:** **Information Item**
 There will be elections for District E and G. The election process will begin immediately. Ben Wier and Gary Long will help the election committee get things going for the upcoming elections of these districts.

ITEM #8 **CPC Letter Addressing Speaking Time** **Action Item**
 Vicki Touchstone presented a letter discussing requested changes to how the CPC handles speaking time. The letter will go to Councilmember Marni Von Wilpert. Vicki Touchstone/Ben Wier made a motion to submit the letter as drafted. Motion passed 9-0-0.

ITEM #9 **Transit Priority Areas:** **Action Item**
 Robin Kaufman has a meeting scheduled with Assemblymember Darshana Patel so that the assemblymember can visually see the issue. The plan is that Robin and the assemblymember will physically walk the distance to clarify the situation. After this meeting occurs, further action will be taken. No action taken at this time.

ITEM #10 **Land Development Code Update** **Action Item**
 Vicki Touchstone presented a document detailing requested changes to the Land Development Code. A was made by Vicki Touchstone/Rebecca Rapp to write a letter detailing these changes and submit that letter to the Land Development Committee. Motion passed 9-0-0.

ITEM #11 **Formation of a community Plan Ad Hoc Committee:** **Action Item**
 Robin Kaufman had a suggestion that she opened for discussion: Vicki Touchstone, Jim Nadlonek, and Robin Kaufman will be on the first committee and Gary Long, Ben Wier, and Rebecca Rapp will be on the second committee. The two committees will divide up the review of the RB Community Plan as they see fit. Robin Kaufman/Gary Long made a motion to approve this plan. Motion passed 9-0-0.

ITEM #12 **Sub-Committee Reports:** **Information Item**
 Development Review..... Benjamin Wier
 Regional Issues.....Vicki Touchstone
 Traffic & Transportation.....James Nadlonek

ITEM #13 **Liaison Reports:** **Information Item**
 Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)
 Community Planners Committee (CPC).....Vicki Touchstone (Report Attached) *separate file
 Community Recreation Group (CRG).....Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)
 SANDAG..... Steve Dow (Report Attached) *separate file
 San Dieguito River ParkVicki Touchstone (Report Attached) *separate file
 San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group.....Gary Long (No meeting)
 Commercial Representative

ITEM #14 OLD BUSINESS ITEM:

None

ITEM #15 NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Gary Long/Ben Wier to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Community Council report: via Robin Kaufman

- A presentation was given on the San Diego County Water Authority’s planned Ramona Pipeline Improvements Project.
- The Board approved providing two more Zone Zero presentations: March 21st and April 4th at the Rancho Bernardo Library.
- The Board approved the 2026 earth day fair to take place Sunday, April 12, 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. at Webb Park.
- The Board approved a date for the annual holiday event to take place at Webb Park Saturday, December 12th 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. with the entire event fully funded by sponsors.
- An update was given on the RBCC election process
- An update was given on the Website ad hoc progress

Community Recreation Group: via Robin Kaufman

- The Board presented Daniel Hazlem with the 2025 Glassman Brown Recreation Leadership Award.
- The Board elected new officers.
- The Board approved their 2027 fiscal year budget. Due to water damage to the gym floor, their account went from a little less than \$230,000 to a little more than \$107,000. The budget of \$43,371 was approved, leaving \$64,206. \$22,000 of the approved budget was for the 3-hour winter holiday event.
- Due to proposed updates to the standard operating procedures (SOP) of all community recreation groups, the Board approved to hold off on the 2026 elections as there may be changes to the process.
- The Board approved Sally Grigoriev as the Hats off to Volunteers recipient.

RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update
(Steve Dow; 2026-02-16)

• December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026 highlights

o SANDAG approves \$55 million for 36 projects

Funded through the TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program

Focus on “safety and mobility enhancements such as curb extensions, high-visibility crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes, ADA-compliant ramps, and complete street improvements”

<https://www.sandag.org/news/news-release-sandag-awards-approximately-55-million-to-14-cities-and-the-county-to-fund-36-projects?>

o Federal government has approved the San Diego Regional Climate Action Roadmap

Potential impact on Rancho Bernardo:

• Likely emphasis on improving transit to job centers, electric vehicle adoption, carpooling, expanded EV charging, policies to reduce vehicle miles traveled, gradual shift away from gas appliances, more tree canopy initiatives, water-efficient landscaping initiatives,

• <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/environment/climate/regional-climate-action-planning>