

NAVAJO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Allied Gardens - Del Cerro – Grantville - San Carlos

MINUTES

Mission Gorge Rock Quarry Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, July 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. via [Zoom link](#)

Email: navajoplanningsecretary@gmail.com / Website: navajoplanners.org

Chair Calls Meeting to Order at 5:01pm.

Roll Call of MGR Quarry Subcommittee Members

Subcommittee Chair, Jana Hartwell
Subcommittee Member, Pamela Cotta
Subcommittee Member, Kevin Parker
Community Subcommittee Member, Jay Wilson

Applicant for CUP review: A representative from Vulcan Materials was not present

Community Attendees

Bea Riley, invited guest
Gary Whaley

Modifications to the Agenda None.

Minutes: Pam Cotta motioned to approve the June 19, 2026 meeting minutes as drafted. Kevin Parker seconded. Jana Hartwell and Jay Wilson agreed for unanimous approval.

Chair's Introductory Comments

Info provided to the Quarry Subcommittee and action items completed since the last meeting.

- 1) Appointment of Vice-Chair and Secretary for Subcommittee. Kevin Parker was appointed Vice-Chair and after some discussion, the Chair agreed to appoint Co-Secretaries: Kevin, Pam, and Jay would rotate responsibilities for transcribing the first draft of minutes. Bea would be assisting with editing and proofing. Jana would receive the final draft.
- 2) Community responses to our Nextdoor.com group page and the initial post were mostly non-supportive, snide, or disparaging. Jana responded to each comment to explain what our main purpose and message is.
- 3) News coverage of blast by KUSI/Fox5 news and comments on Facebook for Fox News. The interview of Jana overlooking the blast site at Mariposa was interesting and mostly thorough. Facebook page comments were similar to those appearing on the Nextdoor.com page and some from the same people.
- 4) Vulcan's Ready-mix concrete operations bought out by CalPortland--not the land, just the operations. We will post a contact # on the "Quarry Concerns" page of NCPG website for complaints related to their operations (e.g., truck noise, excessive dust, etc.)
- 5) New QuarryConcerns@navajoplanners.org page on NCPG website. Chair will answer questions emailed to Quarry Concerns. All correspondence will be archived. Complaints will be summarized and shared at NCPG meetings.

Public Non-Agenda Comments. There were none

Subcommittee Member Non-Agenda Comments. There were none.

Presentation items:

Bea shared a map from Travis Cleveland, Supervising Development Project Manager for the City of San Diego's Development Services Department (DSD). The map showed ownership of parcels, which areas are active in the

CUP, and shown in the Reclamation Plan only (no mining is allowed there). Map shared on screen: 2026-06-29__parcel ownership...jpg. **Map of area that is restricted on Saturdays.** Bea shared a photo taken by Michele Addington from a higher-than-average altitude in Tierrasanta, showing thick plumes of smoke coming from the asphalt plant, blowing over some nearby homes. From that perspective, it was easy to see there were no physical barriers between the asphalt plant and homes 900 feet away, across the gorge, on Chaparajos Court in Allied Gardens. This would allow for easier transmission of potential pollutants from the facility operations than would be apparent from a map or a ground level perspective. **“Different Perspective” image.** General discussion followed, focusing on the fact that following the lawsuit with Superior Ready Mix progress had been made and the community felt that change was possible. Vulcan then purchased the Quarry and a lot of progress seemed to stop.

Currently, Vulcan has a number of outstanding violations from the City and other regulatory agencies. Kevin Parker pointed out that these violations and lack of oversight affect the entire community and not just the residents close by. There are possible issues with air quality, storm drains, and damage to the roads. These issues also affect the city’s budget.

Reports:

Jay Wilson: Articles in Mission Times; Discussion with SDSU & meeting with administrator of business school, discussion with Elyse Lowe (revisited) and violations issued to Vulcan.

- 1) Jay spoke of his conversations with the new editor of the Mission Times Courier. They are tending to use their in-house journalist staff or interns to write the majority of articles, instead of community members.
- 2) Jay received a copy of a May 28, 2026 violation notice to Vulcan from his contact at the DSD. Refer to: *BLUE# 0518690_7500 Mission Gorge Rd_blue105_SFB*. Vulcan has until the end of this month to respond and show that they are correcting the conditions stated on the violation.
- 3) An initial meeting with the administrator of SDSU’s Fowler School of Business has resulted in the scheduling of another meeting to include Dr. Eric Frost, Emeritus Professor of Geology at SDSU. Jay Wilson, Bea Riley and Jana Hartwell. We will discuss the feasibility of using some SDSU students to perform data-collecting studies in regards to various effects on residents and properties located near the quarry.

Bea Riley: Monitoring blasts. Although many blasts have registered on the Richter scale as quarry blasts, occasionally, some are categorized as full earthquakes and several recent blasts have been categorized as earthquakes.

Kevin Parker:

- 1) Suggested that the sensitive habitat near the site is also an issue that should be addressed as it has the potential of limiting blasting near nesting grounds.
- 2) Kevin was asked how we can arrange to have an objective, qualified, third party perform a sound study that the City could review and comprehend easily. The sound study prepared by LDL Consulting (who was hired by Superior Ready Mix in 2022) was tailored to what Superior Ready Mix wanted to hear. The data collected appeared to be valid, but the findings appeared to be skewed, confusing and misleading. Kevin said that It is common knowledge that such studies are frequently done to provide “evidence” in favor of whoever is paying for the study, so city reviewers don’t usually evaluate studies like the LDL noise study.

Discussion Item #1: Justyna’s letter. Refer to: *letter_Safety...docx*. This topic was tabled so Justyna could be present for the discussion.

Discussion Item #2: Protocol for new “Quarry Concerns” email address. The protocol draft was reviewed on the screen and suggestions were made for improvement. Bea will rework the protocol based on what was discussed and provide it for the Subcommittee’s approval at the next meeting. Refer to: *Draft Protocol for QuarryConcerns email.docx*.

Discussion Item #3: Upcoming presentation to Planning Commission.

- Bea provided a description of the process flow.

- What do we want to say to the Planning Commission? Kevin suggested we draft an executive summary to outline the most important concerns and highest priorities for us. Make it a concise report, maybe 2 pages, well-written, of how we want to see that issue addressed in a measurable way that is easy for the City—or State agency—or citizens to report that it's not being enforced. Reference all project numbers and IDs, etc.
- Bea suggested that Conditions 10 and 23 are very important to us.
- Gary suggested that the planning commission should have all the information ahead of time.
- Travis Cleveland has provided some helpful suggestions and resources, including links for watching recordings from previous Planning Commission meetings. Refer to: *Questions-Responses_Travis Cleveland-01...docx*; *Questions-Responses_Travis Cleveland 02...docx*; *Framework for CUP recommendations.docx*; *Recommendations...pdf*.

Action Item #1: Reporting a new sensitive receptor to the APCD. This discussion was tabled, in the interest of time.

Action Item #2: draft letter from NCPG chair to Development Services Dept. (DSD) about the use of the 1983 vs 1990 CUP. Jana motioned to approve the draft letter for John Hoy's signature requesting a formal decision about which CUP is the governing CUP and which CUP will be used for the CUP review. *Refer to: draft Subcommittee cover email to John Hoy...docx*, and *draft NCPG Chair's letter to SD Development Services Dept.* After some discussion, it was agreed to add Elyse Lowe's email address to the top, add the City's Project #1070 to the subject heading, and add Resolution numbers for both the 1983 and 1990 CUPs referenced in the letter. The motion was seconded by Pam and unanimously approved.

Action Item #3: Email to Travis Cleveland. This discussion was tabled, in the interest of time.

Action Item #4: Who will do what before our next subcommittee meeting?

- 1) Jana to will add Elyse Lowe's email address, the City's Project #, and the CUP Resolution numbers to the letter for John Hoy to sign.
- 2) Bea will firm up our protocol for how and when to use the QuarryConcerns@navajoplanners.org email,
- 3) Jay will firm up next week's meeting with the former SDSU Geologist, Dr. Frost, including Bea Riley, Jana Hartwell, and Greg Tennenberger,
- 4) Pam has agreed to transcribe the first draft of minutes. She will send it to Bea for editing/proofing. The final draft will be sent to Jana.
- 5) Jana will send background info to Kevin Parker to help him get more familiar with the rock quarry issues that are most important to us at this time.
- 6) Kevin will review more documents provided to him about the quarry issues we are prioritizing. He will also reach out to his contacts at the State of Calif. Dept. of Conservation, Division for Mining and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. He agreed to copy Jana and Bea on any relevant emails sent back and forth to help with quarry issues.

The Following Upcoming 2026 Quarry Subcommittee Meetings were approved: Fridays from 5:00pm to 6:30pm on July 31st, August 21st, September 11th, and October 2nd.

Meeting Adjourned. A motion was made by Kevin Parker to **Adjourn the Meeting at 6:41pm**. Jay Wilson seconded. Jana Hartwell approved. (Pamela Cotta departed the meeting at 6:30pm).