



Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198
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Thursday August 20, 2026 at 6:30pm

Meeting Agenda

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

2026 RB PLANNING BOARD									
P = present		A = absent		ARC = arrived after roll call					
Robin Kaufman		Don Myers		April Warford		Jim Nadlonek		June Smith	
Benjamin Wier		Vicki Touchstone		Rebecca Rapp		Emily Liebscher			
Gary Long		Hugh Rothman		Sujata Yellaepeddi		Michael Popper			
								Total Seated	13
								Total in Attendance	

ITEM #1 Call to Order/Roll Call:

ITEM #2 Seat New Members

New members shall be seated at the start of the regular meeting in order to allow their full participation as elected members at the current planning group meeting.

ITEM #3 Non-agenda public comment (3 minutes per speaker): To discuss items not on the agenda, yet within the jurisdiction of the RB Planning Board. Board members should limit discussion of non-agenda items so as not to detract from the time available for agenda items.

ITEM #4 Government Staff Reports: **Information Item**
 Various government staff have an opportunity to present updates to the Board.

ITEM #5 Modification and Adoption of Agenda: **Action Item**

ITEM #6 Administrative Items: **Action Items**
 a. Approve July 2025 Meeting Minutes:
 b. Approve Treasurer's Report:

ITEM #7 Community Members to Identify Themselves if Interested in Appointment **Action Item**
 Community members can present themselves for open positions on the Board providing they have met the pre-qualifications.

ITEM #8 Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Group Overview **Information Item**
 Overview of the purpose, abilities, and some past project highlights for RBCPB.

ITEM #9 Rancho Bernardo Community Plan Update **Information Item**
 Brief overview from the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc committee

ITEM #10 Sub-Committee Reports: **Information Item**
 Development Review.....Benjamin Wier
 Regional Issues.....Vicki Touchstone
 Traffic & Transportation.....Jim Nadlonek

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

Community Council.....Robin Kaufman
 Community Planners Committee (CPC).....Vicki Touchstone
 Community Recreation Group (CRG).....Robin Kaufman* (Report Attached)
 SANDAG.....
 San Dieguito River ParkVicki Touchstone* (Report Attached)
 San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group..... Gary Long
 Commercial Representative

ITEM #12**OLD BUSINESS ITEM:****ITEM #13****NEW BUSINESS:****ADJOURNMENT:****Meeting Notes Prepared by V. Touchstone - August 7, 2026****San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Citizens Advisory Committee**

The new Executive Director for the River Park, Leana Bulay, was introduced.

Park issues addressed included:

- An update on the Ozuna Bridge project for the Coast to Crest Trail was provided. The bridge's location the east of the old polo fields was revised to avoid a new water pipeline. This and the need for deeper footings has resulted in a significant increase in the cost of the bridge.
- A response has yet to be received from the City of San Diego regarding the current conditions in Lake Hodges.
- Mark your calendar for the 2026 River Valley Fest, the 40th-anniversary celebration and major annual fundraiser for the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. It takes place on Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the La Valle Coastal Club in Del Mar.
- A new interpretative panel is being installed near the western end of the river valley that addresses the history and importance of the river valley to the Kumeyaay.
- The next "Roaming with Rangers" event at the San Dieguito River Park is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 9:00 am at the San Dieguito Lagoon Trail. Participants can join a free, ranger-led interactive hike to learn about the history and local ecology of the lagoon.

A presentation was given by the group of park supporters who are proposing to pay for a new osprey nesting pole near one of the restored pond areas in the upper portion of the San Dieguito Lagoon. The project, referred to as the Al Tarkington Memorial Osprey Project, would provide a new permanent nesting site for ospreys within the San Dieguito Lagoon area. The proposal also includes installing a camera with online internet access that would allow the public to view the nesting activities in real time, similar to the camera provided at Big Bear Lake for a pair of bald eagles.

The group asked the River Park if they would be willing to take the lead on the permit/approval process, as well as the final decision on the location of the pole. All funding would be provided by the project proponents. The CAC members unanimously agreed to support the proposal and have it move on to the JPA Board for final approval.

Park updates included information about the several developments proposed within the River Valley, as well as ongoing progress on the Coast to Crest Trail in the vicinity of the old polo fields.

Community Planners Committee Draft Meeting Notes
 for the Meeting of July 28, 2026

(Prepared by V. Touchstone; note that these are not the official meeting minutes, official meeting notes will be available prior the next CPC meeting)

Note: The CPC now has a website where agendas, meeting minutes, presentation, and other information is available for review. Go to: <https://www.sdcpc.org/> and explore the site. The entire recorded meeting is also available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URcmuhzT88M> Other information is also provided for use by all CPGs.

ITEMS #1 and #2– Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM followed by Roll Call

ITEM #4 –NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment included a discussion opposing the decision to close bathrooms at Mission Bay Regional Park due to the impact to San Diego residents and visitors to San Diego. Funds are available and should be used to open the restrooms. In addition, a representative from the Chollas Valley Community Planning Group relayed information that the City Council despite comments from multiple groups throughout the City denied the appeal that the approval of a subdivision at the radio towers, an area previously designated for a community park, be overturned and the project be denied. Groups from throughout the City, including the CPC and Neighbors for a Better San Diego, all testified in favor of reversing the decision to approve the project. Unfortunately, only Councilmember Campillo (District 7) voted in favor of the appeal. A representative from Pacific Beach informed that CPC that Scott Peters will be speaking at a special meeting between the PB Planning Group and the PB Town Council on August 26 to talk about the turquoise tower and his position opposing its approval. A representative from La Jolla talked about the proposal for La Jolla to become its own City. A consultant has been hired to assist. Becky Rapp shared concerns regarding the transfer of approved marijuana business to new ownership. Transfer is permitted, but no opportunity community input or information about how and if prior commitments with the original owner to the community will still be implemented. The LDC should be updated to require notice when a change in ownership is to occur. Some level of discretionary action should be required. A gentleman from Scripps Ranch indicated that the City is proposing affordable housing on library sites – everyone should check the list to see if your library is affected. The preservation of libraries is important. All CPGs need to check how this affects your library.

Item #5 – The minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

ITEM #6 – SB 958 Sponsored by Senator Webber Pierson – the issue will affect residents citywide. The CPC heard a presentation with a proposed letter to be sent to the State requesting denial of the bill. The CPC approved a final letter to be sent to the State Senators.

ITEM #7 – Information Item regarding the requirement for CPGs to pay for an appeal. There was discussion about how a CGP could gather the funds necessary for an appeal. They explored Best Practices and Coordination for funding, but the question of where a CPG can obtain the required funds for an appeal remains unclear.