



OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 17, 2026
 Via **Zoom**

Otay Mesa Planning Group, Chair, Rob Hixson called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.
 Introductions are made across the zoom screen.

Members present:	Members absent:
Brandon Plasencia	Allen Kashani
Chris Holder	Aj Jashan
Diane Kirma	Alejandra Mier y Teran
Felipe Nuño, Secretary	Seth Dorros
Jessica Damshen	
Jorge Goytortua	
Jose Hernandez	
Rob Hixson, Chair	
Ronnie Taylor	
Ted Shaw, Vice-Chair	

Approval of minutes:

April Special Meeting 2026

Vote: A motion was made by T. Shaw *seconded* by F. Nuño. **Motion Passed (10-0-0).**

- **Yes:** R. Hixson, J. Goytortua, B. Plasencia, R. Taylor, C. Holder, D. Kirma, J. Damshen, & J. Hernandez.
- **Recusal:** None
- **Abstained:** None
- **Vote No:** None
- **Comments:** None

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda

Becky Rapp:

- Expressed concern regarding the continued sale and advertising of illegal marijuana products, flavored tobacco products, and kratom at certain smoke shops in San Diego despite recent enforcement actions and court orders.
- Encouraged the City to expand enforcement efforts citywide and pursue stronger penalties for businesses that continue to violate state and local laws.
- In response to a Board member's question, the speaker confirmed that the two smoke shops identified in the City's enforcement action are not located within the Otay Mesa community planning area.

Chairman's Report: Rob Hixson, Chair

Items Received:

1. EPOCA Neighborhood D | Third Review Cycle Assessment Letter | PRJ-1145347

Government Liaison Reports

A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: - No report was provided.

B. MAYOR'S OFFICE: No report was provided.

C. ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ OFFICE: No report was provided.

D. COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE: No report was provided.

E. SENATOR PADILLA'S OFFICE: No report was provided.

F. POLICE DEPARTMENT & CODE COMPLIANCE: Officer Edington

➤ **Backflow water thefts in Otay Mesa:**

- 11 incidents reported, with 10 of them occurring east of Britannia
- Total loss estimated at \$7,000
- Awareness and proactive measures (e.g., setting cages around pipes, installing walking mechanisms) are recommended

➤ **Vehicle thefts near CBX:**

- 1000 stolen vehicles reported in the service area over the past 5 years
- 400 of those thefts occurred within a mile of CBX on Siempre Viva Road
- CBX has good security, but thieves target city streets where parking is free
- Extra patrols and social media campaigns to raise awareness are being implemented

➤ **National Night Out:**

- An annual event celebrating community-police partnership
- Largest in the county, with 3000 residents attending
- Features police vehicles, SWAT team, food, and resource booths



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- Takes place on August 4, with a community walk starting at 4:30pm
- Free booth space is available for community groups to promote themselves or gain new members

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT: *No report was provided.*

H. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT: *No report was provided.*

Monthly Reports:

A. CPC- (Allen Kashani) – No report was provided.

B. Southwest Village Committee – (Felipe Nuño)

- I have nothing to report at this time.

C. Border Transportation – (Alejandra Mier y Teran) - No report was provided.

D. Siempre Viva Rd / Britannia Blvd Route – (Ted Shaw)

- Projects that require priority from the CIP team:
- Completing the La Media Rd project from the border to Siempre Viva Rd, addressing a bottleneck in the current road.
- Improving the missing piece of Siempre Viva west of La Media Rd, which creates a dangerous cul-de-sac and is a concern for nearby residents and businesses.
- Upgrading the Airway Road, which has inconsistent improvements and is in need of a comprehensive overhaul.
- The group advocates for creating a task force or working group with the mayor's office and council office to:
- Pressure engineering and capital projects to prioritize these projects.
- Ensure that designs are complete and funds are allocated for these projects.
- We suggest holding regular meetings with city officials to track progress and expedite the process.
- We encourage everyone to reach out to the mayor's office, council office, and Vivian Moreno's office to support the creation of this task force.

E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee – (Rob Hixson)

- They are working on a new Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at the airport.
- Grading has been done, but vertical construction has not yet started.
- The exact timeline for vertical construction is unknown.
- I will continue to monitor the progress of the project.

F. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce – (Alejandra Mier y Teran) – No report was provided.

East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update – (David Wick)

➤ **Gas Line Project**

- Gas line upgrade underway on Enrico Fermi, north of the CHP checkpoint.
- Project appears unrelated to the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry.
- Future plans for the existing gas line under the port remain unclear.
- County of San Diego appears to be leading the project.

➤ **Border & Immigration Activity**

- Protests continue near the immigration facility in East Otay Mesa.
- Double border fence construction is complete through Otay Mountain.

➤ **Amazon Facility**

- Unconfirmed reports suggest Amazon may not occupy the new facility at Enrico Fermi & Otay Mesa Road.
- Separate rumors indicate Amazon may be looking for additional land.
- No official confirmation has been provided.

G. La Media West Wetlands - *No report was provided.*

H. Informational Items – *None.*

Action Items:

a) Appointment to Fill Vacant Seat on the Otay Mesa Community Planning Group | Adriana Castañeda | Representative from the San Ysidro Community Planning Group

The Otay Mesa Planning Group to consider an action to appoint an Adriana Castaneda to fill a vacant seat as a representative from the San Ysidro Planning Group.

- **Vote:** A motion was made by R. Hixson *seconded* by R. Taylor. **Motion Passed (10-0-0).**
- **Yes:** T. Shaw, J. Goytortua, B. Plasencia, F. Nuño, C. Holder, D. Kirma, J. Damshen, & J. Hernandez.
- **Recusal:** None
- **Abstained:** None
- **Vote No:** None
- **Comments:** None

I. Closing remarks – *Rob Hixson, Chair, Thank you.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 pm by Rob Hixson, Chair of the Otay Mesa Planning Group.