

## MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Scripps Ranch Community Center

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:10 p.m., Quorum Established 7:11 p.m.

**Members Present:** (8 total) Dustin Steiner (Chair), Michelle Abella-Shon (Vice Chair), Chris Todd (Secretary), Lorayne Burley, Bill Crooks, Ralph Merg, Chuck Mitchell, Russell Shon. Pat Wright was present at the outset, but did not stay for any formal action of the committee.

**Guests:** Tiffany Vinson, Claudia Tedford, Mark Thompson, Daniel Goldman, Tom Meissner, Lou Segreti, Janay Kruger, Andy Schlaefli, Colton Sudberry, James Sullivan, Marc Sorensen. Additional community members were present but did not sign in.

**Introductions:** Committee members and guests who were then in attendance introduced themselves.

**Public Comment** (Non-Agenda items): None.

**Modifications to the Agenda:** None.

#### **Communications:**

**1. City Council District 5:** Tiffany Vinson reported concerning the importance of brush management in the community, and presented a brush management brochure in the form attached. She also presented an executive summary of the FY2014 City budget in the form attached. She also presented a "Kersey Report" the regular newsletter being prepared by Councilmember Kersey's office, also in the form attached.

**2. City of San Diego Planning Department:** None.

**3. CalTrans:** None.

**4. State:** None.

**5. Federal:** None.

#### **6. Scripps Ranch Planning Group & Scripps Ranch Civic Association:**

**A.** SRCA President Bob Ilko reported, reminding the group of the May 19 Community Fair, to be held at Community Park. A speed limit increase from 35 to 45 is being considered on Stonebridge Parkway between Cobble Creek and Stonecroft. SRPG recently approved 228 dormitory units to be built at Chabad School. Pursuant to requirements, the dormitory units cannot become condominiums or apartments without a rezone. Lastly, on behalf of SRPG, Mr. Ilko requested MRNPC's consideration of a joint meeting to discuss the Watermark project at the southeast corner of I-15 and Scripps Poway Parkway. SRPG would like to weigh in to the City with its own recommendation, independent of MRNPC's. This topic was discussed later during the meeting.

**B.** Marc Sorensen, Chair of the Recreational Council reported concerning the annual summer maintenance issues involving the main soccer field areas at Community and Spring Canyon Parks. He noted that a potentially viable alternative to shutting down the fields for months each summer would be replacement of the grass fields with artificial turf. As this would require significant expenditure, potential funding sources would have to be researched. FBA, "old" Scripps Ranch funds cannot be used. Approximately 4 to 5 acres would need to be turfed in each

park. Both Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Ilko noted that there are at least two city parks with turfed fields, one with a joint use field with a middle school.

**7. Community Planning Committee (CPC):** None.

**Presentations / Discussion / Action Items: (P / D / A):**

**1. Elections:** Tom Meissner, Resident Owner in the MRNPC area, was elected to a four year term effective June 2013, expiring March 2017. Dustin Steiner, Michelle Abella-Shon, and Russell Shon, were re-elected to their second terms, expiring March 2017. John Masters forfeited his seat due to non-attendance. MRNPC Resident Owner Lou Segreti expressed his interest in filling one of the currently vacant seats, and upon satisfaction of the attendance requirement, his candidacy will be considered.

**2. Rancho YMCA:** Claudia Tedford introduced Mark Thompson as Rancho Family YMCA's new Executive Director. Mark has 20 years' experience in the YMCA of San Diego County, primarily in their camp properties. Mr. Thompson reported on the Rancho Family YMCA development plans for a 50,000 square foot, full-service recreational facility. Ballfields and sports courts currently being used will need to be displaced due to the development plans. The Y intends to re-locate current sports leagues to provide ample space for the development. A capital campaign is being initiated.

**3. Sprint Cellular Tower:** Danielle Goldman sought a recommendation for approval of 15 new cellular antennae, 6 feet in length, adjacent to the Weatherhill water tank. Following discussion, and on motion of Bill Crooks, seconded by Lorayne Burley, the motion to recommend approval carried 8-0-0.

**4. Watermark Development / MedImpact Property:** Colton Sudberry, Janay Kruger, and Andy Schlaefli were in attendance on behalf of Sudberry Properties, and they continued to solicit the input of the committee for approval of the Watermark project. For details concerning community concerns, please make reference to the February 2013 minutes. There was significant debate among the committee members and all others in attendance concerning the timing of the request for approval (preceding the completion of the Environmental Impact Report). The chair allowed Colton Sudberry to speak to whether there should be a joint meeting of MRNPC and SRPG to independently consider approval or disapproval of Watermark. Mr. Sudberry was opposed, due to the time and planning investment Sudberry Properties has put into the potential deliberation process by MRNPC. Debate ensued between committee members concerning jurisdictional issues between the two planning groups. Debate also ensued concerning whether to entertain a motion at this meeting as to approval or disapproval, or instead to await completion of City/proponent responses to comments to the Draft Environmental Report (DEIR). 24 comment letters had been submitted to the City. According to Sudberry representatives, four of the comment letters were in favor of the project. Twenty of the letters raised comments as to environmental issues raised in the DEIR. Sudberry reminded members of the committee that the project entails \$2 Million in offsite improvements, and will reap projected tax revenue benefits of \$2.2 Million to the City annually. The chair and several members including Ralph Merg and Chuck Mitchell expressed concern that if a vote were not taken during the May committee meeting, there was an as yet unproved "risk" that a failed quorum in June

would preclude a vote at that time. Following lengthy discussion on these many issues as noted above, Chris Todd moved, Lorayne Burley seconded, to table consideration of the project pending receipt of responses to the DEIR, presumably at the next meeting. The motion failed 2 (Burley, Todd) -6-0. After additional discussion, including debate concerning formulation of an alternate motion, Bill Crooks moved, Michelle Abella-Shon seconded to "Approve Watermark as presented." The motion carried 6-0-2: voting in favor were Dustin Steiner, Michelle Abella-Shon, Russell Shon, Bill Crooks, Chuck Mitchell and Ralph Merg. Voting against were Lorayne Burley and Chris Todd. The chair is to appoint an ad hoc committee for the purpose of determining any additional benefits the community might receive in consideration for Sudberry's development of the property.

**5. Approval of February 2013 Minutes:** Motion by Michelle Abella-Shon, Second by Ralph Merg to approve the minutes without modification. Motion carried 7-0-1, Bill Crooks abstaining.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Chair's Report:** None.
2. **MAD/LMD:** See written report.
3. **New Projects & Transportation:** None.
4. **Spring Canyon Road:** None.
5. **Facilities & Financing:** None.
6. **Schools:** None.
7. **YMCA, Open Space, Parks & Recreation:** None.

**Other Business:** None.

**NOTE:** All members are required to complete City of San Diego's Community Orientation Workshop. The requirement can be met at an in-person workshop hosted by the City May 18, or by online participation. Completion of the workshop is a requirement to being indemnified by the City for acts arising in the scope of services for MRNPC.

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources/cow/ecow.shtml>

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**Adjournment:** at 10:25 p.m.

# Executive Summary

rescue vehicle, a \$502,700 decrease in vacancy savings, and 2.00 full-time equivalent (FTE) Fire Dispatcher positions are included in the Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Budget.

Finally, other significant adjustments such as \$2.6 million for storm water permit compliance; \$200,000 for student bus passes; and \$1.9 million (\$1.4 million in the General Fund) to support the pay-go costs for the continued funding of the supplemental cost of living adjustment (COLA) benefit for those retirees who left City service prior to 1982 are included in this budget. Also, in order to address solar initiatives, the estimated fund balance of \$2.8 million in the Energy Conservation Program Fund will be used as a funding source for energy efficiency projects focused on solar energy.

## City Budget Overview

The City of San Diego's Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Budget of \$2.75 billion is comprised of six operating fund type categories (General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service and Tax Funds, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds) and the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). **Table 1** shows the change in expenditures for operations from Fiscal Year 2012 to Fiscal Year 2014 by fund type and for the CIP.

**Table 1: Total City Expenditure Changes Fiscal Years 2012 - 2014 by Fund Type/Program**

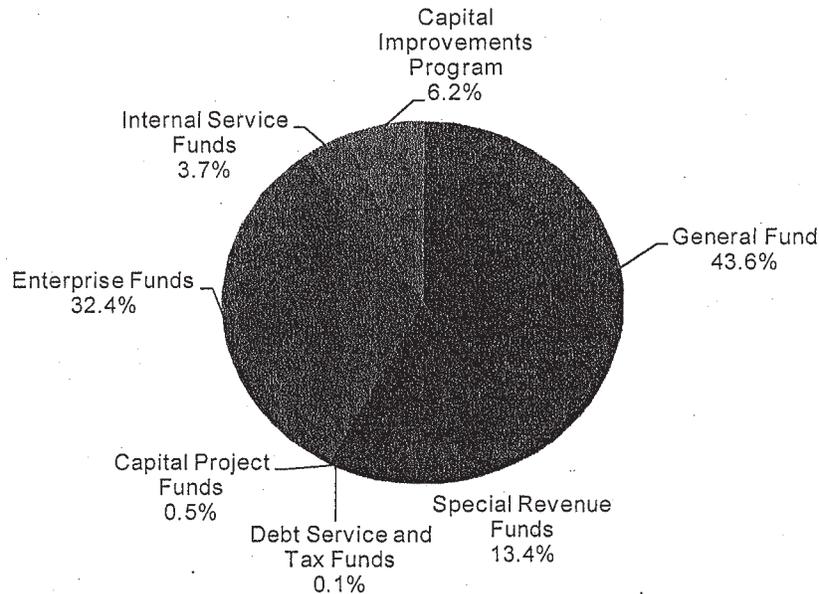
Fund Type	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Adopted Budget	FY 2014 Proposed Budget	FY 2013 - FY 2014 Change	Percent Change
General Fund <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,136,532,533	\$ 1,163,942,747	\$ 1,200,367,373	\$ 36,424,626	3.1%
Special Revenue Funds	323,462,372	360,888,249	367,951,913	7,063,664	2.0%
Debt Service and Tax Funds	3,234,689	1,036,617	2,630,000	1,593,383	153.7%
Capital Project Funds	18,661,676	11,470,515	13,136,289	1,665,774	14.5%
Enterprise Funds	785,186,742	904,284,822	892,158,010	(12,126,812)	(1.3)%
Internal Service Funds	95,940,920	95,601,567	102,836,607	7,235,040	7.6%
Capital Improvements Program	363,174,117	214,917,343	171,619,599	(43,297,744)	(20.4)%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,726,193,049</b>	<b>\$ 2,752,141,860</b>	<b>\$ 2,750,699,791</b>	<b>\$ (1,442,069)</b>	<b>(0.1)%</b>

<sup>1</sup> The Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed General Fund expenditures budget does not match the General Fund revenue budget primarily due to the use of fund balance: \$1.4 million for Community Projects, Programs, and Services appropriations which are budgeted in each Council District; \$0.5 million for Community Plan Updates; \$1.1 million for replacement of Police equipment; \$0.5 million for a Lifeguard cliff rescue vehicle; \$0.3 million for the Balboa Park Traffic Management Plan; and \$0.2 million for MTS student bus passes.

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Figure 1 displays the Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Expenditure Budget by fund type or program.

**Figure 1: Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Expenditure Budget by Fund Type**



Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Table 2 presents the changes in revenues from Fiscal Year 2012 to Fiscal Year 2014 by fund type.

**Table 2: Total City Revenue Changes Fiscal Years 2012 - 2014 by Fund Type**

Fund Type	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Adopted Budget	FY 2014 Proposed Budget	FY 2013 - FY 2014 Change	Percent Change
General Fund <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,189,106,924	\$ 1,151,215,145	\$ 1,196,382,283	\$ 45,167,138	3.9%
Special Revenue Funds	340,440,087	338,168,451	345,508,760	7,340,309	2.2%
Debt Service and Tax Funds	1,032,878	500,000	2,630,000	2,130,000	426.0%
Capital Project Funds	47,379,893	27,135,229	28,491,990	1,356,761	5.0%
Enterprise Funds	1,059,262,473	990,652,247	961,856,836	(28,795,411)	(2.9)%
Internal Service Funds	106,818,162	106,570,762	108,232,652	1,661,890	1.6%
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,744,040,416</b>	<b>\$ 2,614,241,834</b>	<b>\$ 2,643,102,521</b>	<b>\$ 28,860,687</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Non-General Fund operating revenues may be less than operating expenditures due to the use of fund balance.

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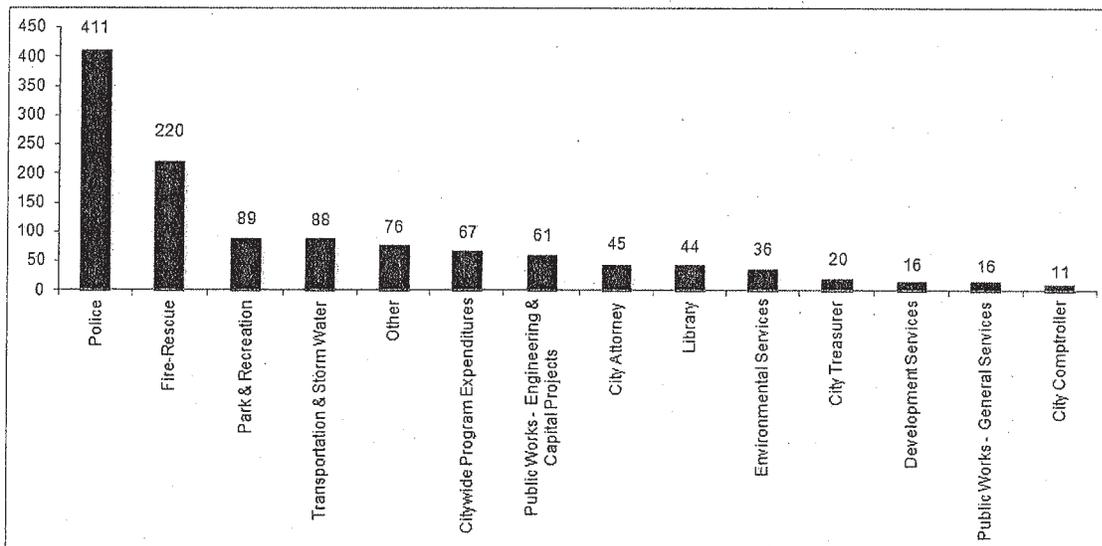
## General Fund

Departments within the General Fund provide core community services, such as public safety (including police and fire protection), parks and recreation, library services, and refuse collection, as well as vital support functions such as finance, legal, and human resources. These core services are primarily supported by major revenue sources that include property tax, sales tax, transient occupancy tax, and franchise fees.

The City's Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Budget reflects General Fund expenditures totaling \$1.2 billion, representing an increase of \$36.4 million or 3.1 percent over the Fiscal Year 2013 Adopted Budget. The Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed General Fund Budget includes 7,212.44 budgeted full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, a net increase of 60.29 FTE positions from the Fiscal Year 2013 Adopted General Fund Budget. The net increase in General Fund positions is primarily due to the addition of Police sworn positions over four academies as part of the five-year staffing plan, the addition of hourly Lifeguard support positions, staffing needed to maintain new Park and Recreation facilities, added positions to address deferred capital maintenance, additional positions to manage and maintain the new Central Library, added positions to support the Civic and Urban Initiatives Program, the addition of Fire dispatch positions associated with the new dispatch contracts with the cities of Coronado and National City, additional staffing to support the Balboa Park Centennial Celebration, and the addition of positions for storm water permit compliance.

**Figure 2** summarizes the Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed General Fund budgeted expenses by department. Only those departments with a total General Fund expenditure budget of over \$10.0 million are displayed. All other General Fund departments are combined in the "Other" category. For a complete review of the expenditures by department in the General Fund, refer to the Financial Summary and Schedules section of this Volume.

**Figure 2: Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed General Fund Expenditures by Department (in Millions)**



Note: The Other category includes: Administration, City Auditor, City Clerk, City Council, Debt Management, Department of Information Technology, Disability Services, Economic Development, Ethics Commission, Financial Management, Human Resources, Office of Homeland Security, Office of the Assistant COO, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Office of the IBA, Office of the Mayor, Personnel, Public Utilities, Public Works - Contracting, Purchasing & Contracting, and Real Estate Assets.



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**Brush Management Regulations**

**BULLETIN #1:**  
**BRUSH MANAGEMENT GUIDE**

The City of San Diego has over 900 linear miles of wildland-urban interface, where the back yards of homes meet the native-naturalized vegetation in canyons and other open space areas. Years of drought have increased the flammability of vegetation. During certain times of the year, vegetation can pose a wildfire risk and requires proper management to prevent future tragedies. This Bulletin describes actions you should take to reduce the chances of being affected if a wildfire ever occurs near you.

**SAN DIEGO'S UNIQUE  
ENVIRONMENT**

San Diego's semi-arid natural environment contains drought tolerant brush called coastal sage scrub or chaparral, which is home to many rare and endangered plants and animals. In fact, San Diego has more sensitive species than anywhere in the continental United States. Dangerous wildfires can occur in this environment. Fire becomes a potential problem where there are homes located next to dense stands of native or naturalized vegetation. But, you can create a defensible space around your home that can slow the fire down, giving firefighters crucial time and space to protect your home.

## CREATING “DEFENSIBLE SPACE”

Defensible Space is the landscape between your house and the potential fuel source (dense stands of native or naturalized vegetation) that is your responsibility as a homeowner to maintain to reduce fire risk. The City’s Municipal Code\* regulates brush management and creates two Brush Management Zones with different requirements. The Code was amended in October 2005 to make these Zones total 100 feet of defensible space from the structure. (However, your property may be governed by a previous entitlement requiring different zone widths. If in doubt, check with the Fire-Rescue Department or Development Services Department *before* you begin your work!)

**Brush Management Zone 1 typically extends 35 feet out from the structure towards the flammable vegetation on the level portion of your property.**

### ZONE 1:

- ✓ Generally must be permanently irrigated to maintain succulent growth.
- ✓ Shall consist primarily of low-growing plant material, less than 4 feet in height with the exception of trees. Plants shall be low-fuel and fire-resistant.
- ✓ All portions of trees, other than the trunk, which extend within ten feet of a structure or the outlet of any chimney shall be cut back.
- ✓ Trees adjacent to or overhanging any building must be free of dead wood.
- ✓ Roof and rain gutters of any structure must be free of leaves, needles, or other dead vegetative growth.
- ✓ Buildings or conditions legally in existence at the time of the adoption of the Brush Management Regulations as amended in 2005 (including habitable structures, accessory buildings, and other structures such as fences, gazebos, and decks) are allowed to have their use or occupancy continued. However, such use or occupancy must not constitute a distinct danger to life or property. New construction of non-habitable structures such as fences, gazebos, and decks must be non-combustible and/or have a minimum 1-hour fire resistance rating.
- ✓ Irrigation from Zone 1 must not run onto Zone 2 as it encourages growth of flammable vegetation.

**Brush Management Zone 2 is the remaining 65 feet that extends beyond Zone 1 and is usually comprised of native and/or naturalized vegetation.**

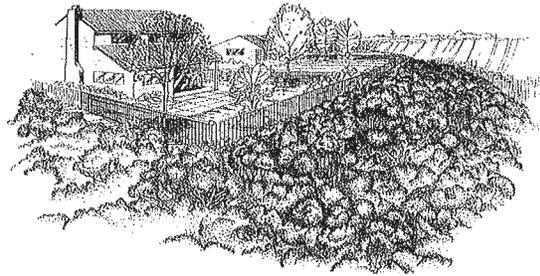
### ZONE 2:

- ✓ Can have NO permanent irrigation.
- ✓ Must be thinned and pruned on a seasonal basis to reduce the fuel-load of vegetation greater than 24 inches in height without harming native plants, soil or habitats, as described on the reverse side of this Bulletin.

## HOW TO THIN AND PRUNE BRUSH IN ZONE 2

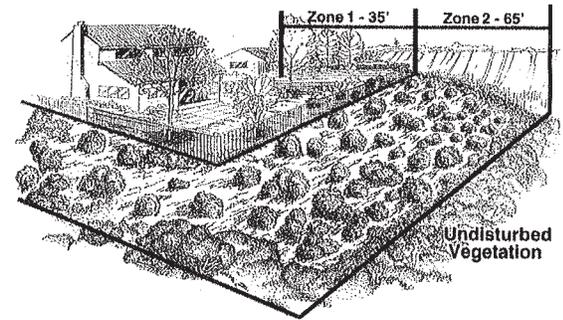
**Step 1: Remove....** as much dead wood/vegetation along with invasive species as you can within the Brush Management Zone areas.

**Step 2: Thin....** the entire Zone 2 area. Start by cutting down 50% of the plants over 2 feet in height to a height of 6 inches. Don't go any lower than 6 inches so the roots remain to control soil erosion. The goal is to create a "mosaic" or more natural look, as shown below, so do your cutting in a "staggered" pattern. Leave uncut brush in groupings up to 400 square feet — that's a 20x20-foot area, or an area that can be encircled by an 80-foot rope — separated by groupings of plants cut down to 6 inches. Thinning should be prioritized as follows: 1) invasive non-native species, 2) non-native species, 3) flammable native species, 4) native species, and 5) regionally sensitive species.



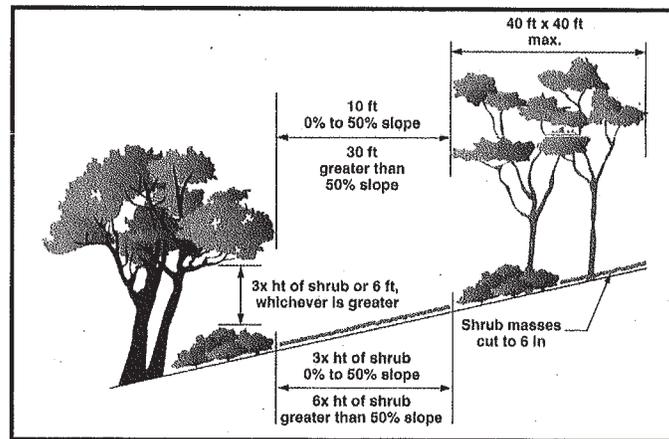
Before Brush Management

San Diego Fire-Rescue Department requires 100 ft.  
(measured horizontally out from the structure)



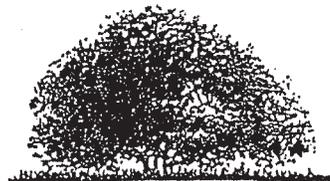
After Thinning and Pruning

**Step 3: Prune....** all plants or plant groupings that are left after the thinning process to achieve the horizontal and vertical clearances shown in the illustration below. (For trees in Eucalyptus Woodland areas, see FPB Policy B-08-1)



Tree and Shrub Spacing

Remaining plants, 4-ft or more in height, should then be cut and shaped into "umbrellas." This means pruning one half of the lower branches to create umbrella-shaped canopies. This allows you to see and deal with what is growing underneath. Upper branches may then be shortened to reduce fuel load as long as the canopy is left intact. This keeps the plant healthy, and the shade from the plant canopy reduces weed and plant growth underneath. Non-woody vegetation that is under 4 feet in height, like coastal sage scrub, should be cut back to within 12 inches of the root crown.



Chaparral Plant Before Pruning



Chaparral Plant After Pruning

**Step 4: Dispose....** of the cuttings and dead wood by either hauling it to a landfill; or, by chipping/mulching it on-site and spreading it out in the Zone 2 area to a depth of not more than 6 inches.

**Step 5: Thin & Prune annually....** because plants will grow back.

*NOTE: Brush management activities are prohibited within coastal sage scrub, maritime succulent scrub, and coastal sage-chaparral habitats from March 1 through August 15, during Gnatcatcher nesting season, except where documented to the satisfaction of the City Mayor's Designee that the thinning and pruning would be consistent with conditions of species coverage described in the City of San Diego's MSCP Subarea Plan.*

## Additional Information

- Brush/Weed Abatement: City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (619) 533-4444. <http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/>
- Property restrictions (easements, permits, deed or title): County Recorder (619) 238-8158. <http://arcc.co.san-diego.ca.us/>
- Brush management on private property with restrictions: City of San Diego Development Services Department (619) 446-5000. <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/>
- Brush Management on City-owned Open Space land: City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department, Open Space Division (619) 685-1350. <http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/brush.shtml>
- See Fire Prevention Bureau Policy B-08-1 for Clarification of Brush Management Regulations and Landscape Standards. <http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/pdf/brushpolicy.pdf>
- See Bulletin #2: Use of Goats for Brush Management as an alternative way to thin brush. <http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/pdf/goatspermit.pdf>

*\*Authority: City of San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 4, Sections 142.0402, 142.0403, 142.0412.*

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# THE KERSEY REPORT

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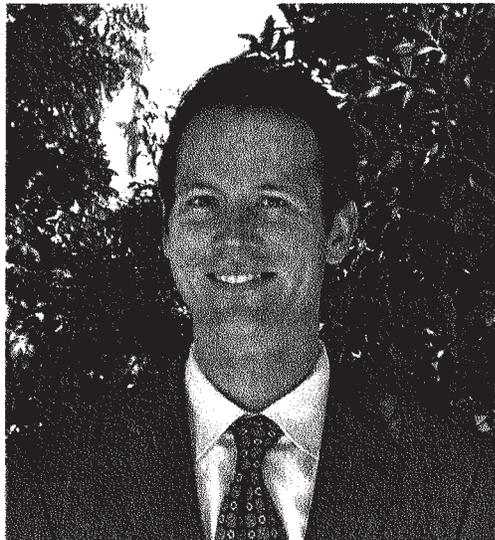
## YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, YOUR PRIORITIES

After years of neglect, our City's infrastructure is crumbling. Needed projects outsize our resources, and objective data can only go so far in setting our priorities.

That's why under my leadership, the Council's Infrastructure Committee will be going into the neighborhoods to hear which projects are most important to you.

The City currently does not have any formal mechanism for neighborhood input on Infrastructure priorities, but that is about to change. I will be presenting a Neighborhood Input Policy for adoption at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting. I'm proud to share that my draft Neighborhood Input Policy was unanimously

endorsed by the Community Planners Committee, which includes a representative from each of the City's 42 citizen planning groups.



The Infrastructure Committee will also organize hearings in the neighborhoods and encourage input at the Committee itself. The first off-site Committee hearing will be held in none other than the Fifth District.

Through all of these discussions, I intend to advance an era of honesty with the community, where the process and basis for decision-making are clear. We

need transparency, we need to hear from you, we need to make the voice of the community permanent in our work to rebuild San Diego.

## 1st DISTRICT FIVE SIGNATURE EVENT



Thank you to everyone who came out for my first Signature Event and contributed to a lively discussion on the infrastructure crisis facing our City. The Fifth District is the farthest geographically from City Hall, so I created this series as a way to bring City Hall to my constituents. Each installment will be held in a different community and on a different topic. Future topics will include the City's budget and public safety with an emphasis on fire safety.

## WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Due to a lack of rain over the winter, fire activity is up by 45% across the state. All signs point to a very dry fire season, so we must be vigilant.



feet of your home; cleaning out your gutters and roof from leaves, pine needles and debris; and having an Evacuation Plan in case of a wildfire.

Protect your home and family from wildfires by maintaining 100 feet of defensible space; removing all dead plants, grass, and weeds within 30

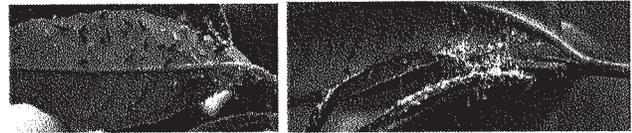
Defensible space could be the difference between losing your home or saving it. Be prepared. For more tips, visit [www.burninstitute.org](http://www.burninstitute.org).

## SAVE YOUR CITRUS!

Huanglongbing (HLB) is a plant disease that is not harmful to humans or pets but is deadly to citrus trees. It can be spread by a pest called the Asian citrus psyllid. Help protect your backyard citrus trees by: inspecting citrus trees for signs each month, calling the CA Dept. of Food & Agriculture at 800-491-1899 if any suspicious pests or symptoms of HLB are found, not bringing any plant material into CA from other states

or countries, only buying citrus trees from reputable/licensed California nurseries, and drying or double-bagging plant clippings before disposing.

For more info, visit [CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org](http://CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org).



## THE SPIRIT OF SUMMERTIME

With summer coming up, take advantage of these affordable outdoor activities.

### LA JOLLA FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

June 22 & 23 9am-5pm

UCSD Warren Field, where Genesee crosses I-5

Featuring artists, activities and entertainment

\$14 at the door, \$12 online

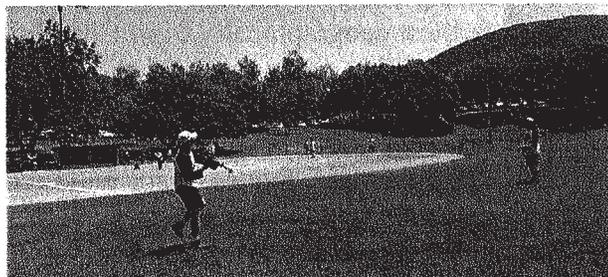
[www.ljfa.com](http://www.ljfa.com)

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR 2013

Del Mar Fair Grounds

June 8—July 4 (closed Mondays, except July 1)

[www.sdfair.com](http://www.sdfair.com)



You can register for the following programs by calling the City of San Diego's Therapeutic Recreation Services at 619-525-8247.

### TANDEM BIKE RIDE (teens and adults)

Saturday, June 1, 10:30AM-12:30PM

Fiesta Island, 1400 Fiesta Island Road

Equipment and snack provided. Cost is \$1.

### PEPPER GROVE PARK PLAYDAY (age 3-12)

Meet San Diego firefighters and police officers

Sunday, June 9, 12-3PM at Pepper Grove Park

Sign up by June 5. Cost is \$5.

### SHELTER ISLAND BONFIRE (age 13-18)

Fri., May 31, 6-8:30PM, 2210 Shelter Island Dr.

Sign up by May 24. Cost is \$5.

Contact the District Five office for information on activities designed for people with physical and mental disabilities or who are recovering from drug and alcohol addictions.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**San Diego Youth Symphony & Conservatory**  
Auditions for 2013-14 will be held June 10-20.  
Registration closes May 24.  
[www.sdys.org](http://www.sdys.org)

### Infrastructure Committee Workshop

Voice your priorities at the first-ever off-site Infrastructure Committee hearing.

*When:* Tuesday, June 18, 6 PM-8 PM

*Where:* RB-Glassman Recreation Center,  
18448 West Bernardo Drive

*RSVP:* (619) 236-6655 or  
[markkersey@sandiego.gov](mailto:markkersey@sandiego.gov)

### Meet Mark

Office hours are available by appointment to all District Five constituents. For availability and to set an appointment, please contact Michelle Porras at:

**619-236-6655**

### Young Audiences presents "The Lady and the Little Tramp"

May 11 at 2pm at The Vine, Mojalet's Place for the Arts at The Bernardo Winery  
13330 Paseo del Verano N., Suite 5

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Young Audiences at 619-282-7599x114 or [sherrie@yasandiego.org](mailto:sherrie@yasandiego.org)

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: SRCA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Scripps Ranch Civic Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a sense of community and improving the quality of life in Scripps Ranch. Among their volunteer programs is SRCA Neighborhood Watch, a model crime prevention network and more.

SRCA Neighborhood Watch not only serves as a conduit for information through the traditional Block Captain configuration, but also incorporates two or three coordinators per area and takes a 21<sup>st</sup> century approach to community policing. The program now includes significant outreach efforts through an extensive email list of over 2,100 residents, a large following on Facebook, and information disbursement through Twitter.

The SRCA's Neighborhood Watch has played an important role in keeping the community informed and safe. When Scripps Ranch was devastated by the Cedar Fire in 2003, SRCA's Neighborhood Watch program assisted the SD Police and Fire Departments in identifying areas

of need and relayed the status of neighborhoods to residents. The program utilized a large network of volunteers to collect donations for fire victims and assist families in rebuilding their lives.



The program is an invaluable asset to the City of San Diego, which is why I recently nominated it for the National Sheriffs' Association *Neighborhood Watch Awards of Excellence*. SRCA deserves the award, and we are all pulling for them.

Visit [www.scrippsranch.org](http://www.scrippsranch.org) to learn how you can get involved with this model community organization.

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Live on Thursday, June 13 at 1:00 PM, Councilman Mark Kersey will answer your questions about public safety, infrastructure, and more.

### **FOLLOW**

Follow [@markkersey](https://twitter.com/markkersey) to get important updates and a reminder about the event.

### **ASK**

Submit your questions via Twitter before or during the event, and be sure to include the hashtag [#AskD5](https://twitter.com/AskD5).

### **ATTEND**

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 **#AskD5** 

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
**PROPOSED COUNCIL POLICY**

SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT ON INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS & PRIORITIES  
POLICY NO.: 000-32  
EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

BACKGROUND:

In 2012, Public Works staff, before drafting the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, conducted the first-ever public process to gain community input on infrastructure suggestions and priorities. The public process was organized under the Community Planners Committee (CPC) and implemented by the community planning groups. Despite a shortened timeline and a steep learning curve, the City's community planning groups conducted public outreach, provided a forum for discussion, and built consensus for recommendations. These community priorities were submitted to the City for consideration in the upcoming budget.

The Council has long recognized public participation and collaboration enhances its effectiveness, expands its range of options, and improves the quality of its decisions. Furthermore, the Council recognizes knowledge and talent are widely dispersed throughout our City, and all benefit when those skills and abilities are directed toward common goals. Along with City staff expertise, the public has an important role in developing the City's CIP.

In 1976, community planning groups were formed by Council Policy 600-24 and recognized by the Council to provide ground level organization for every neighborhood within the City of San Diego (City) as well as make recommendations to the Council and City staff. Planning groups are voluntarily created and maintained by members of their communities, provide democratic elections of their boards, and are subject to California's Open Meeting Law - the Ralph M. Brown Act ("Brown Act"). The CPC was formed under Council Policy 600-09 to advise the Council on citywide matters and consists of the chairs of the planning groups.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to formalize a role and process for neighborhood input on infrastructure needs and priorities for consideration in the City's multi-year infrastructure plan, which is the blueprint for the annual CIP budget. It is intended the process be administratively efficient, structurally predictable, and result in timely community input. This policy is also intended to underscore the importance of citywide public understanding and outreach for the CIP, as well as the need to communicate in various formats to reach all San Diegans.

In developing its multi-year infrastructure plan, the City will consider the neighborhood input collected under this policy along with expert knowledge, judgment, and objective data and information on capital needs provided by City staff that is consistent with Council Policy xxx-xx on Asset Management and Council Policy 800-14 on CIP Prioritization.

## POLICY:

Neighborhood input on infrastructure needs and priorities shall be overseen by the CPC and implemented through the community planning groups. The process shall provide for public engagement that is responsive to the needs of all of its communities, neighborhoods, and residents; and encourages full, effective, and equitable participation.

## RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. In its executive and legislative role, the City shall:
  - a. Initiate the annual community input process with a citywide public outreach effort.
  - b. Assist planning groups in expanding their public education, outreach, and participation efforts.
  - c. Provide City data in user-friendly and accessible formats including:
    1. All City data on current CIP projects and identified infrastructure needs by community planning area
      - i. The City shall make this information accessible via a geographic information system on the City's website.
  - d. Conduct CIP training sessions for planning groups, community leaders, and the general public. Within the constraints of staffing and budget, hold a training session in each council district.
  - e. Bi-annually review and update, if necessary, Council Policy 800-14 "Prioritizing CIP Projects" to reflect the changing needs of the City and its residents.
  - f. Maintain and annually update the Independent Budget Analyst's "Citizen's Guide to the Capital Improvements Program."
  - g. Ensure that one or more of the following attend each meeting of each community planning group during the input process: Mayoral staff, Council staff, IBA staff, CPC Chair.
  - h. Through each respective council office, issue a formal response to each community planning group regarding its annual submittals upon adoption of each multi-year infrastructure plan and/or annual CIP budget so that the public understands why a recommendation was not included or funded.
  - i. Through the Council's Infrastructure Committee, with input from the CPC, community planning groups, and the Council offices, conduct annual public review of this policy and its implementation to identify strengths as well as areas needing improvement including consideration of adequate resources.
2. In its advisory capacity, the Community Planners Committee (CPC) shall:
  - a. Work with the City and the planning groups to improve implementation of this policy including:
    1. Provide support when requested by individual planning groups;
    2. Develop a standardized manner to collect and submit the recommendations and lessons learned;
    3. Partner with other stakeholder groups to enhance public outreach and direct public participation via planning group meetings;

4. Gather, assemble, and submit the community planning group recommendations to the City by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year without evaluating or filtering each group's recommendations.
  5. Gather, assemble, and submit the community planning group recommendations regarding "lessons learned" to the Infrastructure Committee by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to ensure continuous improvement for this policy and its implementation.
3. In its advisory capacity, each Community Planning Group shall:
- a. Start the community input process in July in order to allow as much time for outreach, input, deliberation and consensus-building prior to the October 1<sup>st</sup> submittal deadline.
  - b. Conduct public outreach above and beyond Brown Act and Council Policy 600-24 requirements to obtain input from participants that reflects the diversity of the City's neighborhoods. Consideration shall be given to removing traditional barriers to participation including: day, time, and location of meetings; translation services; and inclusion of other community-oriented organizations.
  - c. Provide outreach for and hold two (2) or more public hearings to gain community input.
  - d. Through outreach, discussion, deliberation, and public input, develop consensus on recommendations, taking inspiration from the following:
    1. Prior years' community recommendations.
    2. Existing CIP projects that have not been funded or need additional funding in order to proceed.
    3. Public Facilities Financing Plans.
    4. Projects identified as documented and validated infrastructure needs by City staff.
    5. "New" projects that have not previously been considered by the City.
  - e. Submit recommendations by October 1<sup>st</sup> in a format developed by the City in collaboration with the CPC that includes:
    1. Name of the Community Planning Group, Council District, Neighborhood/Community, Proposed Project Title, General Location, CIP Number (If any), Type of Project, Project Description, Project Purpose/Need, Project Urgency, and, Planning Group Vote.
    2. The priority of each recommendation.
    3. Supplemental information (graphics, plans).
    4. Description of the process conducted, including outreach, to encourage broad-based participation within the community planning group's diverse neighborhoods.
  - f. Be an advocate for your community by participating in City Council deliberations during budget discussions the following May and June and/or through the development and updating of the multi-year infrastructure plan.
  - g. Submit additional ideas for improving or refining the implementation of this policy or the policy itself to the CPC for its annual presentation to Infrastructure Committee.

Limitations:

Nothing in this policy shall preclude the right of the public or organizations to directly contact the Mayor's Office or the City Council or the ability of the Mayor's Office and the City Council to directly seek public input.