



**Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board**  
 12463 Rancho Bernardo Road #523, San Diego, CA 92198  
[www.rbplanningboard.com](http://www.rbplanningboard.com)

**February 20 , 6:30pm**

**Meeting Agenda**

**InPerson: Bernardo Heights Community Center 16150 Bernardo Heights Pkwy San Diego 92128**

**\*Please note new address\***

<b>2025 RB PLANNING BOARD</b>												
<b>P = present</b>			<b>A = absent</b>			<b>ARC = arrived after roll call</b>						
Robin Kaufman			June Smith			Steve Dow			James Nadlonek			
Benjamin Wier			Vicki Touchstone			Rebecca Rapp			Alfredo Ortiz			
Gary Long			Hugh Rothman			Sujata Yellaepeddi						
											<b>Total Seated</b>	<b>11</b>
											<b>Total in Attendance</b>	

- ITEM #1      Call to Order/Roll Call:**
  
- ITEM #2      Chair Remarks:**
  
- 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 February 2025 Meeting Minutes:  
 b. Approve Treasurer’s Report:**
  
- ITEM #7      San Diego County Water Authority’s planned Ramona Pipeline Improvements Project **Information Item**  
 Rebecca Cole, Director – Public Affairs & Community Relations with Adurra, will provide an overview of the San Diego County Water Authority’s planned Ramona Pipeline Improvements Project. The project is expected to begin construction in mid-2026 and will occur at 11 locations on Rancho Bernardo Road and Espola Road.**
  
- ITEM #8      Dish Wireless LLC PRJ-1120671 **Action Item**  
 This is for a new wireless communication facility at the Rancho Bernardo Community Park located at 18448 West Bernardo Dr. San Diego 92127. The project is for the installation of a wireless facility with equipment mounted to a field light pole at the location of an existing field light pole.**
  
- ITEM #9      Update from Election Committee **Information Item**  
 Ad-hoc Election Committee will give an update on the current status of the upcoming elections.**

- ITEM #10      City of San Diego Trash Collection Proposed Fee      **Action Item****  
Discussion and review of the City's proposed collection fee
- ITEM #11      RBCPB Annual Report      **Action Item****  
Discussion and approval of the Annual Report.
- ITEM #12      Sub-Committee Reports:      **Information Item****  
Development Review..... Benjamin Wier  
Regional Issues..... Vicki Touchstone  
Traffic & Transportation.....Robin Kaufman
- ITEM #13      Liaison Reports:      **Information Item****  
Community Council.....Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)\*  
Community Planners Committee (CPC).....Vicki Touchstone  
Community Recreation Group (CRG).....Robin Kaufman (Report Attached)\*  
SANDAG..... Steve Dow (Report Attached)  
San Dieguito River Park .....Vicki Touchstone (Report Attached)\*  
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group..... Vicki Touchstone  
Commercial Representative .....
- ITEM #14      OLD BUSINESS ITEM:**
- ITEM #15      NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

RB Planning Board – SANDAG Update  
(Steve Dow; 2025-03-12)

- March 2025 highlights
  - Survey for Community Climate Priorities:
    - Provide feedback concerning protecting the environment
    - Survey closes on March 26
    - <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/environment/climate/regional-climate-action-planning?>
  - SANDAG's LOSSAN (Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo) Rail progress:
    - On Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, SANDAG Board approved move forward into environmental document process
    - See link for alignment alternatives: <https://www.sandag.org/railrealignment?>
  - Hillcrest roadway construction
    - Roadways affected on Normal Street between University Ave and Washington Street
    - Impact will last through 2025
    - <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/bikeways-and-walkways/bikeway-and-walkway-projects/>

**Traffic and Transportation committee:** Via Robin Kaufman

-Due to lack of agenda items, this meeting was cancelled.

**Community Council:** Via Robin Kaufman

-Councilwoman Marni von Wilpert made a surprise guest appearance. She commented on

- the 10 hour meeting earlier in the week where ADUs were discussed;
- the meeting she had with the Chairs/Presidents of the Community/Town Councils as well as Planning Boards in District 5. Each had an opportunity to address concerns in their community.

-she commented on the community meetings to discuss trash costs and that households will be receiving notification from the city on how they can oppose it.

-she discussed projects in the works will continue, but all others are being put on hold.

-she commented on the higher freeze right now throughout the city.

-Gatwood Hills Pump Station presentation took place after the Councilwoman's comments.

- Discussion and vote transpired on a student volunteer appreciation recognition throughout the community.

-Discussion and vote took place regarding possible grant/scholarship for Community Council student members.

-An update was given on the Earth Day Fair scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. through 1 p.m.

**Community Recreation Group:** Via Robin Kaufman

-Due to lack of action items, the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled.

San Dieguito River Park Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Notes from the March 7, 2025 CAC Meeting

Discussion/Action:

1. 2. A new property owner was appointed to the CAC.

San Diego LOSSAN Rail Replacement Project: SANDAG has proposed several new potential realignments for the railroad line that currently following the top of the cliffs in Del Mar. More information at: <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/featured-projects/lossan-corridor-improvements/lossan-rail-realignment>. The additional alignment options were developed after receiving over 1,400 public comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Report issued in June 2024. A new NOP will be issued in Spring 2025 that addresses the additional alignment alternatives. The JPA will provide additional input at that time. Watershed Explorers Program Presentation: JPA staff presented information about the Watershed Explorers outdoor education program. This program provides youth an opportunity to travel and experience the length of the San Dieguito Watershed. The explorers journey includes the headwaters of the San Dieguito River on Volcan Mountain, Lake Hodges, the San Diego Archaeological Center, Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, and the award-winning Birdwing Open Air Classroom at the San Dieguito Lagoon. Each visit focuses on a different theme providing a unique opportunity for participants to experience and learn about the many facets of the watershed from the natural world to its history and cultural significance. The program focuses on youth who do not have opportunities to explore and learn about the natural environment. For some, this program takes them to the beach for the first time. More information is available at: <https://sdrp.org/watershed-explorer-program/>.

Committee Reports:

Updates from the Project Review Committee, Trails Committee and Interpretation Committee were provided. The Project Review Committee is not currently reviewing any projects in the Rancho Bernardo area. The Trails Committee is looking for volunteers to conduct a trail user survey. Survey data will be

utilized by the SDRP staff to quantify the users and activities in the park for grant writing and other purposes. They are looking for volunteers for Thursday, April 3, 1-3 PM (rain date May 1) and Sunday, April 6, 10AM-12PM (rain date May 4). Locations are Volcan Mountain trailhead; Pamo Valley staging area; San Pasqual Valley staging area; Lake Hodges north shore trail at the David Kreitzer bridge; West Bernardo Drive Bernardo Bay Staging Area (Piedras Pintadas trailhead); and the Lagoon Trailhead at San Andres. For more information, email Jennifer Disser at [jennifer.disser@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.disser@gmail.com). There will be a Zoom call for all survey takers a couple days ahead of the survey to get everyone on the same page. The Interpretation Committee is currently reviewing and considering updating of the existing interpretive panels present in the area east of Sikes Adobe along the Coast to Crest Trail.

Information:

Coordination of the Horsepark Trails Repairs project is ongoing with the 22nd Agricultural District, which manages the fairgrounds, as well as with the manager of the Horsepark.

Osuna Trail Segment – Work on this trail continues.