
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT PROCESSING REVIEW COMMITTEE (DPRC)
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 8:30 A.M.

CAS, 1st Floor Multipurpose Rooms 103 & 105
601 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana, California 92701

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Recupero - Chair – Recupero & Associates, Inc. (1st District)
John O’Neill – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Orange County (1st District)
Rick Foster – Universe Properties, LLC (2nd District)
Joe Lambert – Construction Planning Services (3rd District)
Richard Vuong – Rancho Mission Viejo (4th District)
Jeff Okamoto – Huitt-Zollars, Inc. (5th District)
Evan Carey – Vice-Chair - OCFA (5th District)

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Justin Kirk – Deputy Director, Development Services
Cindy Salazar – Planning Division Manager
Hadi Tabatabaee – Building & Safety Manager
Marissa Leahy – Secretary

GUESTS

None

1. Introductions / Roll call
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - The meeting minutes for October 1, 2025 were motioned for approval by Richard Vuong and seconded by Rick Foster and unanimously approved. The minutes of December 3, 2025 were continued until the next meeting.
3. Election of Officers for 2026
 - Mike Recupero was voted as Chair. Nominated by Joe Lambert and unanimously approved. Evan Carey was voted as Vice-Chair. Nominated by John O’Neil and was unanimously approved.
4. Comprehensive General Plan Update (CPA- 24-01)

- This item was presented by Ashley of Brodtkin of De Novo Consulting, who is leading the work on this project in conjunction with Development Services staff. More information can be found at [County of Orange General Plan Update](#).
 - Last updated in 2025. Working to make it look and act like other General Plans. Make it more user friendly overall, especially for staff members.
5. 2026 Goals
 - There will be some rollovers from the 2025 goals.
 - Action Item – Everyone is to have their 2026 goals ready to present at the next meeting.
 6. LMS Dashboard
 - Permitting is busy as expected processing all the requests related to the code update. Also seeing an increase in projects related to John Wayne Airport and Rancho Mission Viejo.
 7. Business Items
 - None.
 8. OC Development Services and Service Delivery Status – Justin Kirk
 - Communicated to the board offices to fill vacancies on commissions and committees.
 - There is a general hiring freeze across the county. You need to submit requests documenting why the position is needed. This is creating further delays in filling vacancies.
 9. Other Business
 - OCFA
 - Has been working through a lot of leadership changes. Will see many changes with plan reviewers.
 - Have seen insurance companies be more aggressive with fire insurance policies. They are out there doing property inspections and submitting records requests.
 10. Items of Interest to the Public: Members of the public may address the Committee regarding any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the DPRC; no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.
 - None.
 11. Adjournment
 - The February 4, 2026 Development Review Processing Committee adjourned at 9:40am.

Development Processing Review Committee
 Attendance Matrix
 2026

Name / District	Jan 7	Feb 4	Mar 4	Apr 1	May 6	Jun 3	Jul 1	Aug 5	Sep 2	Oct 7	Nov 4	Dec 2
Mike Recupero District 1	N/A	X										
John O’Neill District 1	N/A	X										
Rick Foster District 2	N/A	X										
Vacant District 2	N/A	N/A										
Vacant District 3	N/A	N/A										
Joe Lambert District 3	N/A	X										
Richard Vuong District 4	N/A	X										
Vacant District 4	N/A	N/A										
Jeff Okamoto District 5	N/A	X										
Evan Carey District 5	N/A	X										

Table Legend:

“X” =	In attendance
“-” =	Not in attendance