

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for the May 28, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Dan Woodson who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas with the following members present:

Bill Dorland	Patricia Duron
Mike Eisner	Stephanie Franks
Dan Gaddis	El-Jay Hansson
Gary Spellbring	Elaine Thomas
Dan Woodson	Richard Wright

The following members were absent:

Rick Dean	Istar Holliday
Vince McCarthy	Mike Winn – NCSD non-voting

Additions and changes to the Agenda: The Planned Development Ordinance will be discussed at a later meeting since changes are being made at the County level.

Approval of Minutes for the April 25, 2011 Meeting: Mike Eisner moved, seconded by Dick Wright that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Stephanie Franks submitted the following report:

Board Meetings	\$147.44	Dump Fees	\$1885.76
Library	<u>\$2,182.01</u>	Total	\$4,215.21

El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Dick Wright that the Treasurer’s Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Several items of correspondence were submitted by Chairman Dan Woodson. The Notice of Public Hearing in reference to the Title 26 Code of Growth Management was held on May 24, 2011 at the Board of Supervisors Chambers. Chairman Woodson stated that the growth cap for South County is being held at 1.8%. Redistricting boundaries will continue to be discussed.

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher submitted the following report:

Nipomo Station 20 – 97 Total calls – YTD 425

8 Fires	56 Medical
11 Vehicle Accidents	22 Other

Mesa Station 22 – 66 Total calls – YTD 254

8 Fires	26 Medical
11 Vehicle Accidents	21 Other

Training: Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters trained on Vehicle Extrication, Radio Procedures.

Prevention: Wildland inspections stated this week. Less staffing this year means fewer inspections. The Department has three rather than four firefighters this year.

Other: New Fire Chief Robert Lewin and new Assistant Chief Rick Swan have been hired.

Fire season staffing started this week with the beginning of fire season now in effect.

Dozers and aircraft are available for wildfires.

Some areas of Highway 166 are being serviced by San Luis Obispo County Firefighters, Santa Barbara County Firefighters and also the U.S. Forrest Service.

SLO County Sheriff Commander Ken Conway offered the following report:

Calls for service/activity	May 2011	YTD
Nipomo	548	2,966
Unincorporated Arroyo Grande	274	698

Commander Conway stated that burglary continues to be a problem with cars windows broken and items inside being stolen. He was happy to announce that additional officers are now available in South County.

The release of prisoners state-wide was discussed. Commander Conway said that our area would be affected with over 40,000 prison inmates being released over the next 3 years.

California Highway Patrol John Townsen said one of the primary problems in the Nipomo area is drivers passing school buses while they are loading and unloading children. He said when the red lights are flashing on the bus it is unlawful to pass. The tickets for this violation are \$500 for the first offense. He said if you see someone pass a school bus try to get their license number and call it in.

He mentioned a 17 year old girl in another area of California who was texting and ran over and killed a child. The cellphone use is difficult to enforce since people simply hang up when they see a patrolman

He said that DUI's are down. Motorcycle safety and 18 wheeler speed limits were discussed.

SLO County Planning – not present

Parks Commissioner – not present

Nipomo Community Services District Member Ed Eby announced that Prop 84 funding for supplemental water in the amount of \$2.4 million will be decided by DWR on May 31. The total cost of the WIP is \$24 million. There is a possible need for a water rate increase.

The State of California has recently mandated new diesel generators be installed for the sewer pumping station on Southland. The present generators are tested only once a month for approximately 1 hour and generated very little pollution. They are necessary to pipe sewage that is at a lower elevation than the sewer. The generators are used only in the event of a power outage. The state is mandating the new diesel generators because of

possible air pollution and will cost \$8.4 million. NCSO has budgeted some of the costs, but the additional cost will be approximately \$900,000.

A survey of 400 residents on the Mesa was conducted by phone. Safe reliable water ranked more important than public safety, job opportunities and limiting local tax increases. Many of the residents were unaware of our current water shortage status. About 24% thought supplemental water would be too expensive but only 15% thought it was unnecessary. NCSO is following up with a survey to assess increased awareness.

Urban Water Management Plan – State Mandate will include additional costs for water. The NCSO presently has 4 or 5 unfilled positions. The cost in salary savings is a benefit, but it causes extra work for other employees.

Lucia Mar School District - not present

Chamber of Commerce Steve Schumann - not present

Public Comment:

Jon Snyder said he disagrees with the numbers being published by the NCSO on the availability and cost of water.

Bonnie Eisner suggested that the SCAC Land Use Committee does not have a current copy of the zoning maps for Nipomo and that the SCAC should use the available funds in the account to purchase the map from the County.

Clyde Cruise announced the VFW is hosting a memorial service at the cemetery in Arroyo Grande to honor all Veterans on Saturday. Dan Woodson announced that a shuttle is now available for veterans in the North County to get transportation to Santa Maria. Other transit services transport them from The Santa Maria VA as needed.

Bill Dorland who resides in the Cypress Ridge area said that a meeting at Mesa Middle School will be held on June 16, 6:30 p.m. to discuss water issues. Speakers will be Bill Petrick and Pat Eby.

Consent Agenda

Conoco-Phillips Representative Jim Anderson presented a proposal for a new building to be built on the Conoco-Phillips property to consolidate six buildings into one. The existing buildings will not be allowed as habitable structures but will remain intact because of the electrical wiring running through them. Mike Eisner moved, seconded by Dick Wright that the SCAC approve the consent item. Motion passed.

Bonnie Eisner has been working to update the SCAC by-laws and is submitting a number of changes. She said the amendment requests can take place for 30 days and then will be posted on the SCAC website for public review. Discussion followed. Bonnie was thanked for all her work.

Residential Accessory Units Ordinance The Planning Department of SLO County is proposing changes to the Residential Accessory Uses to reflect current trends and simplify the accessory structure section. The proposal includes:

Antennas – height and placement on the property or structure and permit requirements.

Accessory Structure including garages and workshops may be used for non-commercial, hobbies, guest houses or home offices. A bathroom and heat source may be included if building codes are adhered to. If the structure is used for commercial enterprises it must meet the building code standards. Size of the structure is regulated by County Codes.

Greenhouses may occupy of to 500 sq. ft. or 10% of the site. Larger greenhouses are subject to commercial greenhouse codes.

Guesthouses and home offices may contain a maximum of two bedrooms and one bathroom with no kitchen or laundry facilities. If the building is used as a rental it must comply with County Codes.

Outdoor kitchen may not be enclosed and must be open on two sides and may not include a bathroom.

Home Occupation Commercial Kitchen must comply with County Code, may not exceed 300 sq. ft. and may contain a bathroom.

Discussion followed. Dick Wright moved, seconded by Mike Eisner that the SCAC approve recommended changes. Motion carried. Chairman Woodson was authorized to draft a letter of support to be sent to the County.

Small Wind Energy Systems These systems are being encouraged by the Planning Department to provide energy not to exceed 50 kilowatts per customer site. The proposal includes permit requirements, parcel size, safety, setbacks, proximity to airports, guy wires, lighting tower access, signs designating high voltage, visual impact, height limitations, noise impact and density per parcel. Mike Eisner moved, seconded by Pat Duron that the SCAC support the proposal. Motion passed. Chairperson Woodson was authorized to draft a letter of support to be sent to the County.

Horse Trail on Via Concha **El-Jay Hansson** said that she believe the original plan for the trail was not included in the present updated version. It was suggested that a copy of the General Plan Amendment be obtained and studied to determine if and where the trail was designated. If the trail is in the General Plan Amendment, the SCAC should urge the County to comply with the original plan.

Committee Reports

Land Use **El-Jay Hansson** said the Adams Property Card room is still being discussed at County. Bill Dorland announced that a petition had been circulated in the neighborhood adjacent to the proposed card room and obtained 700 signatures to deny the card room location. The petition has been submitted to County.

Traffic and Circulation Dan Woodson said the double round-abouts at Halcyon and Highway 101 are being discussed and there are strong objections concerning land acquisition and the inability of people to use the round-abouts.

PM10 Report Pat Duron offered the following: A monitor was placed at Mesa Middle School for 2 weeks and that school should be linked to the Nipomo Park monitor for air quality forecasts. The readings were not as high as the CDF readings (good news) and now that monitor is being placed at Lopez High School.

The APCD recently launched a phone recording of the air quality forecast. The forecast can be heard by dialing 805-781-4390/

On April 27, the ALA released their State of the Air Report which ranks counties and metropolitan statistical areas throughout the United States with grades A-F for air quality. The ALA Report gave all of SLO County an “F” for poor air quality due to high ozone levels that exceed federal standards at our Red Hills and Carrizo Plains monitoring stations.

APCD’s Clean Air Chronicle e-newsletter is distributed every other month following APCD Board meetings. The newsletter distribution has grown to 270 individuals. Individuals can sign up to receive this at www.slocleanair.org along with achieved old issues.

Particulate Matter: Oceano Dunes Pilot Projects – A team of scientists from the Desert Research Institute (DRI) and staff from the APCD and State Parks gathered at Oceano Dunes in April to install three small scale pilot projects where monitoring and measurements were conducted from April 15 to May 9 to assess their effectiveness and long-term viability in reducing particulate matter emissions from the Dunes. High winds provided an ideal environment for measuring the movement of sand up-wind and down-wind within the projects. The three pilot projects included introducing surface roughness with straw bales to disrupt wind flow, measuring the effects of vegetation in reducing sand transport and measuring the difference in PM emission between disturbed and undisturbed open dune areas. A press release, media interviews and posting of information on the website were used to inform the public on the progress of the project and the development of a long-term PM Reduction Plan for the dunes. Upon completion of this pilot projects, the district issued a press release to summarize the status of the study, success of capturing high wind events (i.e. over 50% of the total days sampled were high wind events and exceeded the State PM standard), and the next step in the process. A slide show documenting the pilot projects is available at [www/slocleanair.org](http://www.slocleanair.org)

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 Next meeting June 27