# SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes for the June 27. 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Art Herbon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elaine Thomas who called the roll with the following members present:

Art Herbon - Chairman Gary Spelbring- Trreasurer

Vince McCarthy Dan Woodson - NCSD Elaine Thomas Verb Dahl - Ex-Officio LMUSD Michael Pieper - Vice Chairman Richard Wright - Correspondence Secretary & Public Safety Kevin Beauchamp Ron Smith Pat Duron - Agriculture

Members Absent: Richard Malvarose - Recording Secretary Harry Walls David Nilsen

## **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

Chairman Art Herbon announced that Richard Malvarose was on vacation and Elaine Thomas is taking minutes for this meeting. Harry Walls is traveling and David Nilsen is ill. Art also announced that he will be missing for the next two meetings. Michael Pieper, Vice Chairman will conduct the meetings.

## **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

**Board of Supervisors** representative **Jocelyn Brennen** reporting for Supervisor Lynn Compton:

1. The Board of Supervisors is presently on recess.

2. The recent tree removal in North County is being discussed and an ordinance needs to be in place concerning future tree protection.

3. Laetitia Winery expansion with homes and additional vineyards will be discussed at the July meeting of the Board of Supervisors

4. The Phillips 66 rail extension will be discussed at the Planning commission meeting in September.

5. Shea, the developer for Trilogy, is requesting to change the community's third golf course into a vineyard. The residents voted 83% in favor of a vineyard.

6. Views from the air show many pockets of marijuana growing in the area. Board of Supervisors need to determine what amounts can be grown, if any and to decide if we want local control rather than the State of California making the decisions.

7. One more sheriff has been added to the force for South County.

# SLO County Sheriff - Commander Jay Donovan reported:

960 calls for the month of June, 2016

41 arrests9 assaults20 property crimes9 ID thefts (double from previous month)

3 burglaries

Roadside dumping has increased. Thefts from automobiles since the realignment of the prison population.

**CHP - Mike Bueno** announced normal activity with little to report. Huckfest will not be officially held this year. Illegal parking at the Speedway area will be ticketed in the future.

**NCSD - Dan Woodson** reported that as of April 25, Joshua Road Pump Station is 9% complete and having used 11% of its 270 days, \$213K of it \$2,251,000 award amount has been spent. The project is scheduled to be finished Jan. 2017.

The District received San Luis Obispo Branch Of the American Society of Civil Engineers 2016 award for the Santa Maria/Nipomo Intertie Project. Kudos to the District Engineer Peter Sevcik and staff. The District also received the Government Finance Officers Association Award for excellence. Congrats to AGM Lisa Bognuda and staff.

The NMMA has submitted a press release indicating the Key Well Index demonstrates that the well levels continue to be below the 16.5 foot mark. This means that the Nipomo Mesa will degrade to a Level 4 drought condition which requires a 50% reduction in water use for all users. Purveyors shall determine what measures are taken to reduce use. NCSD may not be too impacted as the supplemental water project has reduced ground water pumping by 47% to date.

**LMUSD Vern Dahl** reported that Arroyo Grande High School has held their graduatiion. New Tech High School held their first graduation. The students at New Tech presented the principal with a year book that each student had signed.

Internet access will be available in all classrooms in about 2 years as a result of available funds. A security office with a dog will be on a rotation of the schools in the District.

Dr. Paul Fauteg will be the director for the Special Needs students. The new Principal at New Tech High School is Christian Holt who had been a teacher at New Tech.

**SLO County Planning Stephanie Fuhs** is the new liaison replacing Brian Pedrotti.

## Self Help Presentation by Kendall Flint

Self Help Services is working to place on the November ballot a 1/2 cent sales tax increase which would be augmented by State of California for infrastructure. Several Counties in the State have approved this plan and received some State funds. A slide presentation was shown and discussion followed. The gas tax that was previously designated for roads has been allocated for other projects.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dan Woodson asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be a member of the Sierra Club. A person volunteered.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

The Minutes for the May SCAC meeting as well as the Treasurer's report were approved. Abstaining: Dick Wright and Vince McCarthy

#### **OLD BUSINESS – none**

#### **NEW BUSINESS – none**

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Traffic and Circulation Committee - Dan Woodson** said the accident that recently happened at Black Lake may show a need for a traffic light in the area.

The camera at the traffic light on Pomeroy and Willow Rd. is regulating the lights.

# SCAC Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee - Art Herbon said the

information is based on the 2010 Census which shows the population in each area. This will determine if greater or less representation is need on the SCAC.

The Committee consists of Vince McCarthy, Kevin Beauchamp, Pat Duron and Art Herbon.

**SCAC Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee - Dick Wright** said this Committee will proceed after the report from the Redistricting Committee Report is complete.

SCAC Finance Audit Ad Hoc Committee: David Nilsen, Harry Walls, and Richard Wright. This committee has been unable to meet and will hope to report at the SCAC July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Next meeting will be July 25. 2016