

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the March 24, 2008 Meeting

Members Present:

Rick Dean	Reggie Dion
Ed Eby	Stephanie Franks
Dan Gaddis	El-Jay Hansson
Phil Henry	
Istar Holliday	Deborah Sprague
Elaine Thomas	Dan Woodson
Richard Wright	Jim Harrison

The roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas and a quorum was declared. Chairman Phil Henry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Wright.

**Election Results:**

Ed Eby announced the results of the election of March 17, 2008 for SCAC Board

Members as follows:

Area #1- no candidate applied

Area #2 – no candidate applied

Area #3 – Sean Schurr appointed as uncontested candidate

Area #4 - Rich Dean appointed as uncontested candidate

Area #5 – Bill Weber appointed as uncontested candidate

Area #6 – Istar Holliday – 41 votes (winner) – Kevin Beauchamp – 20 votes

Area #7 – no candidate applied

Public Safety – Richard Wright – 53 votes (winner), Kenneth Harvey -15 votes

Agriculture – no candidate applied

Signatures of Phil Henry and Ed Eby certified that the results of the election are correct.

Supervisor Katcho Achadjian was present to swear in the new members of the Council.

Supervisor Achadjian announced that the Board of Supervisors will discuss the retro fit water conservation issue at the April 30, 2008 and June 6, 2008 meetings. The meetings are 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Jim Harrison was asked to arrange for two members of the NCSD Board to attend these meetings.

Supervisor Achadjian additionally announced that “Smart Growth” will be on the agenda of the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on March 25, 2008. The SCAC Board was encouraged to attend this important meeting.

**Procedure for Filling Vacancies on SCAC Board**

Ed Eby announced the process for filling the vacancies on the SCAC Board and announced the duties of each officer. Candidates are to submit a petition signed by 10 residents of the specific geographic area to be represented. Representatives for the Agriculture position need to submit a petition signed by 25 residents from within the

SCAC geographical boundaries. The petitions may be submitted at the April 28, 2008 meeting of SCAC or any subsequent meeting as long as a vacant position is available to be filled. The position will be filled by a vote of the Council

### **Election of New Officers for SCAC Board**

An agreement was reached that Richard Wright would temporarily Chair the Council for one month. During this time period, Council members would consider whether they could accept the full term as Council Chair pending their other responsibilities and commitments. Dan Gaddis accepted the Vice Chair position with the same stipulation. This issue will be discussed and decided at the April 28, 2008 SCAC meeting.

Stephanie Franks was elected Treasurer

Elaine Thomas was elected Recording Secretary

Istar Holliday was elected Correspondence Secretary

The election was by voice vote.

The gavel was handed to Richard Wright by out-going Chairman Phil Henry.

### **Presentation of Air Pollution Problem on the Nipomo Mesa**

Richard Wright opened the meeting with the discussion of air pollution of the Mesa.

Larry Allen, Air Pollution Control Officer, presented information concerning air pollutants on the dunes that affect the Mesa area. APCD is in the process of updating a study from previous years and has placed monitors in a numbers of areas to measure the amount and type of pollution that is present. The Mesa has the highest pollution of anywhere in the county and violates all state, county and federal pollution standards. At present there is no conclusive evidence that the off-road vehicles are causing the pollution although they may be a contributing factor along with a lack of vegetation.

Discussion followed indicating strong interest and concern with the problem. The APCD was encouraged to complete the study and return to our meeting in the near future to present the findings of the study that is being conducted.

Dr. Nell Langford and Dr. Norman Murphy presented information concerning health risks as a result of the pollution. Annie Steele and Ms. Duran presented a brief video showing the map and air pollution present. A number of members of the audience voiced their concern with the pollution problems and the health issues that result.

Jim Harrison wanted to know how much tax property owners in Nipomo pay for air pollution. He indicated that we are the only area in the county to have this tax and suggested that it is illegal since it was never voted on by the residents. Mr. Allen pointed out the tax is minimal and is paid by developers for new construction on a one-time basis.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Rick Dean moved, seconded by Istar Holliday, that the minutes of the SCAC meeting of February 25, 2008 be approved. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Stephanie Franks submitted the following report:

Board Meetings	(292.76)	Dump Fees	1905.76
Library	2285.45	Total	\$3898.45

Istar Holliday moved the Treasurer’s Report be approved; seconded by Rick Dean. Motion passed.

**Community Presentations:**

**Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher** – no representative was present to report.

**SLO County Sheriff Commander Brian Hascall** - reported a spike in home burglaries in which electronic devices were the primary items stolen. He urged residents to make sure doors and windows are properly locked. Most of these thefts are taking place during the middle of the day. He also indicated that two separate recreational vehicle storage lots had been burglarized in the past month. Numerous TVs, DVD players, etc. had been taken.

Dan Woodson asked if there had been additional sheriffs’ cars deployed on the North Las Flores Rd area as previously requested to address complaints of speeding vehicles. Commander Hascall indicated there has been an added presence of marked units specifically during the beginning and ending of the school day.

It was noted that the State budget cuts may affect the Sheriffs’ Department. Commander Hascall says it is too early to tell if they will have to cut staff.

**California Highway Patrol Lt. Mark Badovinac** was not present to give a report.

**Parks Commissioner Paul Teixeira** was not present to give a report.

**SLO Planning and Building Department representative Brian Pedrotti** was asked by Istar Holliday why the Land Use Committee had not been able to receive a list of the allowable industry uses in the coastal zone. The request had been made numerous times and the list has not been forthcoming. Brian Pedrotti said he did not know, but would make sure the list is submitted to the Land Use Committee.

Discussion followed concerning the Pace Property, 735 Sheridan Rd, in which 2.25 acres would accommodate a 26,424 sq. ft. building with 27,025 sq. ft. of paving for a commercial warehouse.

Sean Schurr moved that the Pace project be approved; Dan Gaddis seconded. Discussion followed and the motion was amended to include a letter written to the County indicating the SCAC Board’s reservation concerning the air pollution that may be generated by this project. Istar Holliday so moved, seconded by Rick Dean. Motion passed.

**Nipomo Community Services District – Jim Harrison** announced a joint meeting of the NCS D and SCAC to discuss the Oak Glen Specific Plan. This is a Special Meeting and will be held April 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the NCS D office. This is a public meeting and all are invited to attend. Dick Wright announced that he would be out of town during this meeting and asked Dan Gaddis to Chair the meeting for SCAC.

**Public Comment:**

Kevin Beauchamp suggested that the SCAC by-laws should be amended to state that area property owners, instead of area residents, be able to serve as area representatives on the SCAC Board.

Ed Eby said this has been an exciting election with a good turn-out.

Dick Wright thanked Ed for his work on the Election Committee and his work on the SCAC Council.

Dan Woodson announced a NCS D meeting to discuss the EIR on the Willow Rd. Interchange. The meeting will be April 9, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Work is presently scheduled to begin in 2009 on the Willow Rd. extension.

El-Jay Hansson discussed maintenance of Knollwood One and Two trails. Volunteers have been maintaining them for five years. County Parks, at the request of the BOS, has now accepted dedication as prototypes with a year to prove maintenance costs can be minimal. Due to liability concerns, the volunteers are limited to hand tools.

Jeanne Taylor said she had attended two of the Gang Forums in Santa Maria.

Temporary Chairman Dick Wright mentioned that he has an out of state travel commitment during the next three weeks and will need to have Vice Chair Dan Gaddis fill in during this period. Dan Gaddis also announced that he and his wife have to do some traveling and might not be available to chair the meeting. Ed Eby pointed out that in the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair that the Recording Secretary would chair the meeting.

Dick Wright also suggested that we begin using the microphones during the meetings since there are some who have hearing problems. Ed Eby agreed to make sure we have the key to the cupboard where the controls are housed.

Istar Holliday agreed to pick up the SCAC mail at the Nipomo Post Office.

Dan Gaddis mentioned that the lack of organization in electing officers should be improved. Istar suggested that prior to the election meeting next year we announce in the newspaper that the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. That will give the Board an hour to

discuss filling the offices prior to the start of the regular meeting. The public will be invited to the early meeting; however, it is believed that most of the public who attend will come to the regular meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. The formal election of officers will then be held at the 6:30 p.m. meeting and hopefully go more smoothly.

### **Comments from the Outgoing Chairman Phil Henry**

Phil presented each member of the SCAC Board with a certificate of thanks which included a humorous sentence of their work on the Board. He thanked all the Board for their cooperation and expertise during the past year.

**Correspondence** – none to present

### **Old Business**

Colette Hyder presented a proposed change in the by-laws of SCAC and handed each member a copy of the proposed changes. The discussion of the changes will be on the agenda for the April 2008 meeting at which time any changes will be ratified and sent to the Board of Supervisors in order to be in compliance with County regulations.

Further changes to the by-laws, if any, will be discussed in the future.

**Land Use Committee Chair Istar Holliday** mentioned the County Planning Department's lack of cooperation in submitting the requested list of allowable industries for the coastal zone.

**Traffic and Circulation Committee Chair Dan Woodson** mentioned that the Bjorn/Diani Properties, which involves a proposed asphalt plant, would need to be rezoned with the pertinent traffic issues considered. Rick Dean moved, and Istar seconded, that we object to the Bjorn Property plan. It was noted that the Planning Department passed this because they stated they had no objections from the SCAC. Jim Harrison pointed out that the SCAC had objected to the plan previously with a 25-30 page detailed response pointing out the problems with the plan. Our objection was attached to the EIR and submitted to the County Planning Department. A motion passed with the stipulation that an email as well as a letter should be sent to County Planning as well as Supervisor Katcho Achadjian pointing out the objections that SCAC had previously submitted.

Dan Woodson also mentioned that the County had received a grant to provide concrete walkways in the vicinity of Nipomo Elementary School.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. Next meeting April 28, 2008