

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the August 25, 2008 Meeting**

Chairman Richard Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jim Harrison. The roll was called by Recording Secretary Elaine Thomas and a quorum was declared with the following members present:

Stephanie Franks	Dan Gaddis
El-Jay Hansson	Phil Henry
Istar Holliday	Vince McCarthy
Elaine Thomas	Harry Walls
Richard Wright	
Jim Harrison	

**Minutes were amended** with further information from Jan DiLeo to be added. Mr. Harry Walls moved, seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Franks that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Stephanie Franks** was as follows:

Board Meetings	\$1,149.78	Dump Fees	\$1,905.76
Library	\$2,285.45	Total	\$5,340.99

**No Comments from the Chair – No Correspondence** was noted.

**Community Presentations:**

**Fire Fighter Jonathan Cox reporting for Cal Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher** reported the following:

Nipomo Station 20: 106 total calls

13 Fires

10 Vehicle accidents

53 Medical

30 Other                      YTD: 675

Mesa Station 22: 55 total calls

4 Fires

5 Vehicle Accidents

30 Medical

16 Other

There is progress on the new Fire Station. Nipomo Station is participating in Rope Rescue Training.

Three structure fires were reported during the month, each occurring during the early morning hours.

197 E. Dana, an electrical fire, one foot injury to resident from jumping out of window.

2105 Holder, an electrical fire, no injuries. Couple awakened by their dog, garage and \_ of the home was lost.

July 4<sup>th</sup> reported 15 calls

The fire season has calmed down after a very busy summer. He asked all to be on alert for fire during our warm autumn weather. Some fire fighters have been able to take some time off after working long days and hours fighting fires during the summer.

There were 2500 “down strikes” – in which lightening started fires.

Additional APC funding will allow additional chipping and the program will concentrate on the Suey Creek area.

One fire fighter is presently inspecting properties to determine if they are in compliance with the code regarding defensive space near structures.

Mrs. El-Jay Hansson asked if any training had taken place to evacuate animals in a fire. Fire Fighter Cox indicated that the area she was referring to is Federal Land and would fall under Federal Authority.

**San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department Commander Brian Hascall** reported the following:

On August 4, four people were showing “gang signs” at Soars Dr. and Sebastian in Nipomo. This is near the Orchard – Division intersection. The Sheriff’s Department was called by motorists and some of the suspects fled prior to their arrival while others were arrested. The Sheriff’s Department is trying to suppress any gang-related activities and. Commander Hascall requested a call if anyone sees anything that might be gang-related.

In Oceano, a man entered through an unlocked window and tried to sexually molest the woman resident. He was arrested and was found to also have committed the same act in the Pismo Beach area.

The theft of copper wire is on-going. Mr. Michael Rojas was arrested with stolen copper wire and pole climbing equipment in his vehicle.

The fatal motorcycle accident on Pomeroy was discussed. Allegedly several young men placed some wood on the roadway and the motorcycle rider hit it, causing the accident that resulted in his death. The CHP have identified the suspects and are conducting the investigation. .

Mr. Valente who disappeared several weeks ago from his Calendar Street home has not been found.

It was noted that door-to-door solicitors have been known to enter homes and attempt to sexually assault residents. Commander Hascall asked that the Sheriff’s Department be called immediately if a solicitor seems aggressive.

**California Highway Patrol Lt. Mark Badovinac** - not present.

**Park Commissioner Mr. Paul Teixeira** – not present

**San Luis Obispo County Planning Staff Mr. Brian Pedrotti** – no report provided. **Nipomo Community Services District Mr. Jim Harrison** reported that the Nipomo Incorporation Committee for Education (NICE) will be holding a meeting at The Woodlands on September 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. He encouraged all those interested in incorporation to attend.

He noted that the pipeline from Santa Maria and the Black Lake sewer question are still on-going.

Mr. Bruce Buell, NCSO Manager, noted that hydrants are presently being inspected and some replacements will take place. The funds to proceed with this project are not yet available. Mr. Dan Gaddis asked about the water use near Camino Caballo during the road-widening project that seemed excessive. Mr. Buell noted that this water is monitored and sold at a higher rate than regular water and that the amount of usage is approved.

#### **Informational Presentations:**

**Mr. Ed Eby Presented an Overview of Past and Future Water Use in Nipomo.** Mr. Eby gave a detailed slide report on the water needs in Nipomo and how to solve future needs for additional water. He pointed out how we get water, where it goes and what the future holds for future growth in our area. Mr. Eby noted that we average approximately 16 inches of rain per year and at the present rate of growth projected at 4% we will need supplemental water in the near future. A pipeline from Santa Maria is being proposed to supply this additional need. He noted that a de-salination plant would cost approximately \$100 million, but would provide unlimited amounts of water for the future. Mr. Dan Gaddis complimented Mr. Eby on his excellent and detailed presentation and the SCAC Board voiced appreciation.

Mr. Bruce Buell, NCSO Manager, reported on the cost of the Santa Maria pipeline tie-in. He showed a chart indicating the best scenario and the least optimistic cost projection for the Santa Maria Pipeline. Homeowners will be facing additional charges for water as more water is needed and acquired. The cost of building the pipeline could be as high as \$20 million and could be completed by 2011 if all permits and agreements are met. The EIR should be completed by March 2009. Agreement with Santa Maria is still in the preliminary stage.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Bill Petrick, a Black Lake resident who stated he was a member of the Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group, stated that Mr. Eby's report was not based on scientific information and was in error. The Technical Group monitors the NCSO and disagrees with their findings.

Mr. Ed Eby announced that the Board of Supervisors are projecting the Willow Rd. Interchange Project is under funded by approximately \$12 million. This cost may be passed on to Nipomo residents in the form of an additional property tax or assessment district. The Board of Supervisors will hold workshops in the area to show the benefits

of the additional freeway access and the value added to our property as a result with the goal of persuading voters to approve the additional tax.

Mrs. Istar Holiday noted that the proposed boundary change for the Perrett Property is coming before the Board of Supervisors. The boundary change includes approximately 5000 acres from San Luis Obispo County to Santa Barbara County. It has been noted in the past that the County of San Luis Obispo would receive no benefit from this change and it would be detrimental in several ways. A letter indicating the SCAC's objections to the change is in the hands of Supervisor Katcho Achadjian and will be available at the Board of Supervisor's meeting, Tuesday, August 26, 2008.

**Old Business:**

**Hernandez Property**, Callender – Garrett area. 18.1 acres originally proposed for 2.5 acre parcels now changed to 1 acre cluster building.

Istar Holiday reported that Mr. Hernandez initially applied to the Land Use Committee and SCAC Board for approval for the division of his property in 2005 into 2.5 acre parcels. He received a recommendation of approval from the SCAC Board but when he applied to the County Planning Department, he was required to divide the property into 1 acre cluster lots with open space. Mrs. Holiday indicated this is in conflict with the County's General Plan. . Mr. Brian Pedrotti, Planning Department, was asked to explain this discrepancy. He indicated that the Code is applied differently in different situations and that the 2.5 acre minimum lot size can be changed to allow for cluster building as long as the total number of lots allowed under a 2.5 acre division is not increased. However, the Land Use Committee and the SCAC Board were unaware that such arbitrary changes can be made and Mr. Pedrotti was asked to supply additional information.

Discussion followed with Mr. Jesse Hill, Mr. Brian Pedrotti and the SCAC Board. It was concluded with a motion by Mrs. Holiday that a letter will be sent to the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors with the following information and questions:

The Land Use Committee and the SCAC Board were in agreement with the San Luis Obispo County Code Regulations in recommending approval of the division of Mr. Hernandez's property into 2.5 acre parcels of his 18.1 acres which is presently in agriculture. However, the County Planning Department advised him that he should create a cluster subdivision instead. The Community of Callender-Garrett Village was strongly opposed to clustering. The letter requested that the South County Plan be applied to Mr. Hernandez' property or indicate any exceptional reason to do otherwise.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Vince McCarthy. Motion passed. Mr. Dan Gaddis abstained, Mr. Harry Walls and Mrs. Stephanie Franks opposed.

**New Business:**

**Chambers Property**, 781 Calle Bendita – Proposal to build a 2,625 square foot metal shed and a 1200 sq. ft. caretaker residence. Mr. Jim Meinert, Agent for Thomas Chambers and Karen Bray, Owners.

Mrs. El-Jay Hansson indicated she believed the parking should be in the back of the building rather than the front. However, Mr. Dan Gaddis noted that the property is a contractor's place of business and the large equipment will be parked and stored in the back of the building. Mr. Harry Walls moved that we support the project. Mrs. Stephanie Franks seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mrs. El-Jay Hansson opposing.

**Committee Reports;**

**Land Use Committee, Mrs. Istar Holiday** – no additional report was presented.

**Traffic and Circulation Committee, Mr. Dan Woodson** - not present.

Mr. Dan Gaddis asked for information about the eucalyptus trees that were cut down on property at Dawn/ Sun Dale. . Mr. Jim Harrison reported that the owner bought the property for a low price and was cutting the trees in order to sell them to Canada for the paper mills. The trees are presently lying on the ground.

Mrs. Istar Holiday noted that she is unable to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, Aug 26, and asked that everyone who can attend do so. It is important that the SCAC Board indicate our opposition to the Parrett Property transfer to Santa Barbara County. Mr. Jim Harrison and Mrs. Stephanie Franks have written letters to the Board of Supervisors voicing their opposition to this transfer.

**Next meeting: September 22, 2008**

**Mr. Harry Walls moved the meeting be adjourned, Mrs. Istar Holiday seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.**