

**South County Advisory Council  
Minutes for the October 27, 2008 Meeting**

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

Kevin Beauchamp	Stephanie Franks
El-Jay Hansson	Reggie Dion
Dan Gaddis	Rick Dean
Istar Holliday	Elaine Thomas
Richard Wright	Harry Walls
Dan Woodson	Jim Harrison

Members absent:

Phil Henry	Vince McCarthy
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**Additions to the Agenda:** There was a request to discuss County Housing Elements during the New Business item on the agenda. However, this item was subsequently postponed to a future meeting.

**Minutes of the September 22, 2008 Meeting:** Minutes were approved with a motion by Istar Holliday, second by El-Jay Hansson, Motion carried. Rick Dean abstained since he was not present at the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Stephanie Franks presented the following report:

Board Meetings	\$988.69	Dump Fees	\$1,885.76
Library	\$2,285.45	Total	\$5,159.90

Mrs. Stephanie Franks requested help in setting up and organizing Library Publications. She will then email a list of the publications the SCAC committee should have. Mike Winn volunteered to help her with this project. Rick Dean moved that we file this report, seconded by Istar Holliday. Motion passed.

**Comments from the Chair:** Chairman Richard Wright clarified the question of a quorum that was discussed at the September 2008 meeting. A quorum consists of one more than 50% of the voting members. Mr. Wright also requested that our future minutes list the members present as well as the members absent.

**Correspondence:** Chairman Wright received the Land Conservancy newsletter and circulated it to interested Council members.

**Community Presentations:**

**Fire Chief Mike DeLeo presented the following report:**

Nipomo Station 20 had 96 total calls

16 Fires                      12 Vehicle Accidents  
59 Medical                  10 Other  
Year to Date: 885

Mesa Station 22 had 46 total calls  
4 Fires                      5 Vehicle Accidents  
26 Medical                  9 Other  
Year to date 666

Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters drilled on Mass Casualty Incidents and Wild land Hose Lays.

Prevention: Fire Prevention Week focused on "Preventing Home Fires."

The Burn Relay is starting at Nipomo Grammar School on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:50 a.m. This year the Relay will stop at 16 schools and provide a burn prevention message for up to 5700 grammar school children. Donations go to the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.

The second Wild land inspections have begun.

Smokey Bear and Sparky Dog attended the Conoco Phillips Day in the Park and the Lopez Lake Camp Fire Program.

A chipping event will be scheduled for Suey Creek area.

Administration: A new phone system has been installed in Station 22.

New Station 20 is progressing with drywall and paving this month. The finish date is estimated to be sometime in April, 2009.

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

1. An arrest in the Von's parking lot resulted in 2 lbs of meth being recovered. This led to another 9 lbs of meth being recovered in Southern California.
2. A burglary on Riviera Circle in Black Lake was discovered by the resident who called the Sheriff's Department and waited in the car until they arrived. The burglar was discovered in the bushes and the property was recovered.
3. There was another burglary on Kelly Ct. at the Jorge Mendoza residence and property was recovered.
4. There is a scam currently being used involving a check for \$50,000 which looks authentic. The recipient was requested to send money and then the check could be cashed. Mr. Jim Harrison mentioned another scam that is circulating with the amount of the check being \$2 million and the request is for \$20.00.
5. At last month's meeting of the SCAC the question of the card room on West Tefft was discussed. Commander Hascall reported that the California Department of Justice's Bureau of Gaming has a moratorium on new licenses and new gaming licenses will not be issued until 2015.
6. Mr. Dan Woodson asked about the ability to enforce excessive noise violations. Commander Hascall indicated that enforcement was on a case by case basis. He advised that if the noise continued past 10:00 p.m. the Sheriff's Department should be called.

7. Mrs. Hansson asked about a traffic accident at Lopez High School involving a motorcycle that smashed into a van. The response was that the motorcycle rider was speeding prior to the accident. He was hospitalized following the accident and will be charged for the violations.

8. Due to recent car burglaries, residents were urged to lock their cars and park in the garage is possible. Car windows have been smashed and items taken.

**California Highway Patrol Sgt. Pete Barrera** introduced a new patrolman in our area: Officer John Carr from Santa Barbara.

1. There have been many calls involving alcohol and drugs which resulted in crashes and excessive speed. With the holidays coming, he urged extra care in driving.

2. Mrs. Hansson asked about the traffic death on Pomeroy that resulted from the boys putting wood in the roadway. It was reported that all the boys had been located and the parents had cooperated. The case is now submitted to the courts.

3. With the decreased budget for the State of California our area will probably not be getting the previously discussed motorcycle unit.

**San Luis Obispo County Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti** will report later in the meeting.

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

**Nipomo Community Service District: Mr. Jim Harrison** reported Santa Maria water may be available if the EIR is positive.

The discussion is continuing to combine the Black Lake and Nipomo sewer systems.

Nipomo will be facing a 3 tiered water rate increase in approximately 3 months. We are presently at a Level 3 severity of available water.

There was a report that Conoco Phillips was using 300,000 gallons of water per day. Mr. Harrison said that was not an accurate figure.

**Consent Agenda:** The Hearn property owners at 2635 Green Place requested division of their 10 acres into two five acre parcels. Mrs. Holliday noted that there are no objections to this proposal since there are already two residences, two wells, and two septic systems. The remainder of Green Place will be paved. Mrs. Franks moved, seconded by Mr. Dean that we offer no objections to this proposal. Motion carried.

**Informational Presentations:** Ms. Carolyn Novak, representative for the Red Cross gave a brief summary of disaster preparedness. She had limited time and the SCAC Council asked her to return at the November 24 meeting to give a complete report. She accepted the invitation.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Clyde Cruise of the Chamber of Commerce reported that the October Festival in the Park was a success.

Mr. Mike Winn presented a study on “Some Overarching Assumptions Essential for the Successful Implementation of Strategic Growth Principals.”

Mr. Winn reported that the Board of Supervisors at the October 21, 2008 meeting discussed the water planning on the Mesa in light of in-lieu fees for new development. He pointed out that Nipomo is the number one place for more growth in the county and we will be expected to absorb 60% of mandated building. We presently do not have the water to support this kind of growth and Mr. Winn pointed out that the Santa Maria water is not for new growth, but to provide water for existing homes. Mr. Winn mentioned SB375 dealing with sustainable community and green house effects by household and also CEQA and Community Separation. He urged the SCAC and NCS D to study these items.

Mr. Winn announced a Land Use and Water Availability meeting at UCLA on January 23, 23009 and urged members of the SCAC and NCS D Board to attend.

**Old Business:**

Village at Nipomo #6 Last Chance Liquor and Delicatessen is requesting approval to sell wine, beer and spirits. Mr. Rick Dean noted no objections if they close at 2:00 a.m. and provide security lighting and security cameras on the premises. Mrs. Istar Holliday moved that we note no objections and agree to Mr. Dean's requirements. Mr. Rick Dean seconded the motions. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Mr. Dale Ramey, San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department** presented the 2008 South County Traffic and Circulation Study report with slides to illustrate the various areas of improvement and concern.

Mr. Ramey requested we receive and approve the request for an increase in the fee schedule. Discussion followed. Mr. Harry Walls moved we approve the fee increase; seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Franks. The vote was 7 in favor, 4 against.

**Laetitia Agricultural Cluster Tract Map and CUP: Mr. Brian Pedrotti of the SLO County Planning Department** presented the draft EIR requesting division of 1910 acres of agricultural land into 102 clustered residential one acre lots and 4 buildable open space lots. Ms. Alison Donatello of RRM Design was present representing the developer and presented preliminary information about the project.

A number of neighbors of the project were in attendance at the meeting and the following residents spoke with strong objections to the proposal:

Tina Grietens, Mike Murphy, Kim Weber, Bernie Orkin, Vernon Garcia, John Dicus, Allen Moriarity, Jay Hardy, Laurie Laughlin, Ray Toomy, Nancy Penny, John Anderson, Ernie Penny, Julie Johnson and Joanna Kearns.

Objections to the proposal were primarily water availability, depletion of neighbor's wells, traffic, density, noise, emergency vehicle access, school bus access, Indian artifacts, natural habitat for California oaks and objections to the proposed dude ranch with a number of buildings included.

Mr. Mike Winn pointed out that this is not compatible with the General Plan established by the SLO County. Mr. Kevin Beauchamp moved that Corresponding Secretary Istar Holliday write a letter to County Planning and the Board of Supervisors stating strong

objections to this project with the reasons stated. Mrs. Stephanie Franks seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mrs. Holliday indicated that she will write the letter noting the identified concerns. Mrs. Holliday will route the letter to the SCAC by email for review prior to sending it.

**Committee Reports:**

**Land Use Committee:** Mrs. Istar Holliday offered no further report.

**Traffic and Circulation Committee:** Mr. Dan Woodson reported that another meeting was held concerning the Las Flores speeding problem. It was decided to construct a crosswalk at Osage and Las Flores and also speed bumps will be constructed. It was also suggested that residents trim trees that may be obstructing vision on the road and add more police presence.

**Next Meeting: November 24, 2008**

**Mrs. Istar Holliday moved the meeting be adjourned, Mrs. El-Jay Hansson seconded, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.**