

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for the November 24, 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. A quorum was not present which prevented any votes on proposed action items.

Members Present:

El-Jay Hansson	Phil Henry
Istar Holliday	Elaine Thomas
Harry Walls	Dan Woodson
Jim Harrison	Richard Wright

Members Absent:

Rick Dean	Stephanie Franks
Dan Gaddis	Vince McCarthy
Kevin Beauchamp	Reggie Dion

Addition to the Agenda: Two items were added to the agenda and will be discussed during New Business.

Mrs. El-Jay Hansson requested a discussion on a pending ordinance amendment concerning the number of horses permitted on 1 acre properties.

Mrs. Istar Holliday requested a discussion of the Santa Marguerita Ranch development plan that is pending before the Board of Supervisors in regard to a possible precedent setting decision that could apply to South County developments.

Approval of Minutes of the October 27, 2008 meeting: Since no quorum was present, the minutes will be approved at a later meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stephanie Franks was not present; however her report was submitted and presented by Chairman Wright as follows:

Board Meetings	\$931.69	Dump Fees	\$1886.76
Library	\$2285.45	Total	\$5102.90

The Treasurer's Report could not be approved since no quorum was present.

Fire Apparatus Engineer Danner and Juarez went to the Texas A&M Oil Fire School for a week of training with ConocoPhillips

Prevention: Conducted a 2,800 acre control burn on the Porter Ranch at Highway 166 and Alamo Creek Rd.

Fire Safety Programs put on at the October Festival and Nipomo Elementary School.

Administration: Station 22 is working on a retaining wall on the west side of the apparatus room. New station 20 update: Concrete walkways and the driveway are underway. Finish date sometime in April 2009.

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

A burglary at High Meadow Dr. resulted in no arrests, however fingerprints were taken.

The Nipomo Elementary School was vandalized and several items were stolen including video cameras. Five juveniles were arrested and the case is pending.

On November 7th an assault and battery occurred in which men were fighting over a dead goat. Arrests were made for assault with a deadly weapon.

Commander Hascall cautioned that packages should not be left on front porches during the holiday season because of possible theft.

We are going into a season of Maximum Enforcement for DUI. During the Christmas/ New Year season extra caution should be taken while driving.

California Highway Patrol Lt. Mark Badovinac reported extra monitoring on the Mesa because of truck traffic.

A new investigator has been hired in the San Luis Obispo Office to help locate stolen items and also patrol the highways.

There were 14 agencies that met to discuss DUI awareness and coordination of Check Points.

Residents are asked to call 911 to report any observed DUI and provide as much as information as possible involving the location.

Six new CHP officers are transferring into the area. Five officers are transferring out of the area.

An Enforcement Team addressing speeding issues will meet in January 2009 with follow up reports.

San Luis Obispo County Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti: not present.
Parks Commissioner Paul Teixeira: not present

Nipomo Community Services District: Mr. Jim Harrison reported the proposal for the Santa Maria Pipeline is progressing. The approximate cost will be \$21 million.

The last day for comments concerning consolidation with the Black Lake area is January 9, 2009, after which the EIR will be certified.

The Sewer Plant at Southland needs repair and update. The plant is presently at 80-90% of capacity.

Informational Presentations:

Huasna Valley Energy Project: Mr. Ron Skinner, representing the Huasna Valley Association, reported on the objections to this project of extracting oil by Excelaron LLC east of Arroyo Grande. The objections consisted of excessive truck traffic in and out of the area onto highway 166 and south on 101 through Santa Barbara County, a high degree of fire hazard because of propane use, excessive water use since the oil would be extracted with hot water or steam, and the dust generated by the truck and employee traffic on dirt roads that would produce poor air quality. He also stated that the quality and quantity of the oil was poor and while the proposed plan indicates drilling four wells, the company has the mineral rights to 1350 acres and it is believed that the company intends to drill up to 64 wells.

A proposal to write a letter concerning this issue will be discussed at a future SCAC meeting.

Housing Element Update: Mr. Dana Lilley of the County Planning Department introduced Ms. Morgan Torell, who is the assigned Planner handling this item. Discussion followed concerning density of housing, lack of water availability, and lack of infrastructure with regard to high density housing. Mr. Lilley indicated that based on these concerns, the South Oakglen Project may not take place.

Blue Ribbon Committee Report on Transfer of Development Credits: Mr. Jesse Hill gave a report on the Blue Ribbon Committee Report and its

recommendations. Discussion followed. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Mr. Mike Winn announced an NCSD meeting on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at which the Santa Maria Pipeline and water conservation will be discussed.

NCSD has authorized a clean-up of accumulated debris on Hettrick Ave. A barrier will be placed after clean-up to prevent further dumping. He noted the funds were available for the clean-up.

Mr. Winn suggested the SCAC Board meet on Dec. 15, 2008 since the County Planning Committee will meet the following day. He encouraged as many SCAC members as possible to attend this meeting since the Santa Maria Pipeline is on the agenda.

New Business:

Mrs. Istar Holliday reported on a meeting with the Design, Community and Environment Company of Ventura. Their representatives, William Fulton and Aaron Engstrom had requested a meeting with SCAC representatives. Their Company had been contracted by SLO County to conduct a study to determine if various Nipomo Mesa property owners would voluntarily sell unused development credits to landowners or developers in the Oakglen / Dana Adobe area. Their representatives indicated that they were not aware of the 2004 Nipomo TDC program authorized by the BOS. They were provided a copy and informed of the other pertinent development issues: lack of water, traffic, no Southland overpass in the foreseeable future, access on a dead-end road for emergency vehicles and residents etc. Although the DC&E representatives presented themselves as new to the area and unfamiliar with the issues, it was later learned that one of the “accomplishments” listed on their website is the “Oakglen Specific Plan and E.I.R. for S.L.O. County” along with several other SLO County projects.

Mrs. Istar Holliday also reported that a letter needs to be sent to the County Board of Supervisors concerning the accountability of Mutual Water Districts regarding the quantity of water these Mutuals draw from the aquifer. This item will be further discussed at the next SCAC meeting.

Mrs. Istar Holliday noted a Budget Request for Updated Land Use Maps was needed. Item tabled.

Mrs. El-Jay Hansson mentioned a letter needs to be sent to County Board of Supervisors concerning the number of horses allowed on certain size properties. Due to time constraints, it was suggested that concerned individuals should send letters on this issue to the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Istar Holliday alerted the SCAC Board to the fact that a problematic precedent may be set if the Board of Supervisors approves the Santa Margarita Ranch Project. The BOS is posed to approve this project which has eleven unmitigated Class 1 Environmental Impacts. Approval of this project could have a direct impact on the Laetitia Project that is being proposed in our area. She urged individual letters to Supervisor Katcho Achadjian to voice our objections to ignoring the environmental concerns identified in the Santa Margarita Project EIR. Mr. Mike Winn pointed out that the same strategy will be used in approving the Laetitia Project if Santa Margarita is approved. It is important for letters to be written and it is also important that people attend the Board of Supervisors meeting to voice their opinions when this item comes up on the agenda.

Mrs. Istar Holliday noted that the Board of Supervisors will meet on December 16, 2008 and the Hernandez Property subdivision will be on the agenda. She encouraged all to attend this important BOS meeting.

Land Use Committee Mrs. Istar Holliday noted that all items have been discussed.

Traffic & Circulation Committee: Mr. Dan Woodson reported that a meeting concerning the Las Flores/Osage traffic and speeding problems had taken place on October 22, 2008. As a result of this meeting, it was agreed that the following items would occur:

The California Highway Patrol will continue to work with LMUSD for a safety presentation at the school assembly and will provide an increased presence on Las Flores.

A uniformed officer from the Sheriff's Department will pass out safety literature at drop off and pick up points.

LMUSD officials will continue monitoring the situation and may be able to provide a crossing guard.

Public Works will develop a plan for a crosswalk, speed humps and highly visible signing.

The Traffic and Circulation Committee will expedite any Public Works proposals through the SCAC.

On October 22, 2008, a meeting took place concerning Mallagh and Day Streets. The following suggestion/actions were agreed upon:

Residents should not confront parking violators. The Sheriff should be called and enforcement will try to be more responsive. Citations will be issued.

Public Works will trim some trees to create more parking places and also encourage neighbors to request speed humps.

Public Works will explore signing and marking to encourage orderly parking.

LMUSD will ask AYSO to start correcting their parking problem with the understanding that AYSO could lose access to the soccer fields if they don't comply.

The Traffic and Circulation Committee will expedite any Public Works proposals through SCAC.

Mr. Woodson also noted two speed limit changes that will occur: Oakglen Ave. from Tefft St. to the southerly end, the speed limit will be lowered from 40 to 35 mph and Orchard Ave. from Tefft St. to Southland St. will increase from 40 to 50 mph.

Chairman Wright announced the next meeting will be held December 15, 2008. It will be important to have a quorum present at that meeting in order to take action on a number of items.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.