

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for the August 24, 2009 6:30 p.m. Meeting
NCSD Building, 148 South Wilson, Nipomo, CA**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Gaddis who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas.

Members Present:

Patricia Duron	Rick Dean
Stephanie Franks	Dan Gaddis
El-Jay Hansson	Howard Hess
Istar Holliday	Mike Murphy
Elaine Thomas	Harry Walls
Mike Winn	Dan Woodson
Richard Wright	

Members Absent:

Vince McCarthy

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Chairman Dan Gaddis will offer a report on the Joint Chairs Meeting
2. Discuss display of SCAC areas map.
3. Howard Hess will discuss the SCAC joining the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce

Approval of Minutes for the July 27, 2009 Meeting: Correction to Supervisor Katcho Achadjian's Pubic Comment. part of the minutes. A proposed ordinance to address noise complaints has not been adopted yet, but one is in the works to look at citations and fines to the property owner of locations which require a law enforcement complaint response more than once. Minutes were approved as corrected; with a motion by El-Jay Hansson, seconded by Istar Holliday. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stephanie Franks submitted the following:

Board Meetings	\$209.30	Dump Fees	\$1,885.76
Library	\$2,182.01	Total	\$4,277.07

Correspondence: Chairman Gaddis received a letter from LAFCO which included information that Ed Eby is an alternate Special District Representative to LAFCO.

Community Presentations:

Cal Fire: Chief Mike Deleo reported:

Nipomo Station 20: – 118 total calls

25 Fires	10 Vehicle Accidents
57 Medical Aids	26 Other

Mesa Station 22: – 44 total calls

0 fires	3 Vehicle Accidents
26 Medical Aids	15 Other

Training:

Paid Call Firefighters trained on hose evolutions and fire ladders.

Career Firefighters participated in training PCF's and trained on advanced high and low angle rescue at the Conoco Phillips refinery

Monthly Advanced Medical Training at the Woodlands on Cardiac Emergencies

Prevention Activities:

Continued with LE 100 Defensible space inspections in rural areas.

Continued Business inspection and preplanning.

July 4th patrol and prevention with Smokey Bear at Lopez Lake

Fire Extinguisher presentation and training with local businesses

It was report that the 30 Day Legal Notice to the owner of the Recreation Center has expired.

Stephanie Franks thanked the Fire Fighters for their efficiency in containing and extinguishing the La Brea Fire east of Santa Maria. It was noted that this fire was caused by marijuana growers in the rural area.

SLO County Sheriff's Department: Commander Brian Hascall reported the following:

1. Burglary at a storage facility. Guns and other items were stolen by the owner of the storage unit next to it. The thief was arrested, is now in jail and the property was returned to the owner.
2. Vons Store was robbed by two young men who stole liquor and attacked a clerk. They were later arrested at a party on Sheridan Rd. and charged with Strong Arm Robbery. The 18 yr old is in jail and the 16 yr. old is in Juvenile Hall.
3. Items from houses in the neighborhood above the Santa Maria Speed Way called Maria Vista were stolen. The theft was observed and the license number of the car was noted. The thief was a 46 yrs old man who is now in jail for robbery and a bail violation. As a result of the investigation a meth lab was also discovered in his garage along with a great deal of stolen property.
4. The property off Joshua Rd. where the chicken fights were held is still being observed and part of an on-going investigation.
5. Stephanie Franks noted that on Bee Street in Nipomo, illegally parked trucks, trailers and campers are tagged, but are never towed away.

California Highway Patrol: Not present

SLO Planning Staff: Brian Pedrotti was available for questions regarding projects.

Parks Commissioner: Paul Teixeira:

1. Announced there will be a joint planning meeting with the Trails Commission at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs, Aug. 27, 2009 at the Veterans Memorial Building in San Luis Obispo.
2. Dedication of two public trails in the Nipomo area will take place next year. The trails will become part of the County Trails System
3. El-Jay Hansson asked that the Inga and Bluff Trail be included in this dedication and she was assured they would be.

Nipomo Community Services District: Mike Winn:

1. The Santa Maria Pipeline is 60% designed but the Joint Power Agreement is stalled and affecting development.
2. NCS D meeting will be August 26, 2009. On the agenda will be:
 - EIR for Miller Park with a negative declaration recommendation
 - Discussion of the water shortage problems with tiered water rates included
 - Request for easement on Blum and Grande property in reference to Smart Growth-High Density. The property presently is in a Family Trust.
3. Ed Eby noted that the neighbors surrounding the future Miller Park need to vote for an assessment to pay for the Park.
4. SLO County Planning Committee meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. The item on the agenda which Mike thinks may set a precedent for our area is the potential growth plan for the community of San Miguel in which a large increase in population and growth is being planned.
5. NCS D meeting will discuss Tiered Water Rates/Price Levels on September 9, at 9:00 a.m. He said there will be a time for public comment and formal protest if the NCS D authorizes this rate schedule.
6. Mesa Management Technical Group will report to the community on September 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nipomo High School.

Informational Presentation:

Dana Adobe: Marina Washburn reported that the Dana Adobe is presently working with archeologist John Fowler and a number of exciting finds of items have been made showing ranch life in the early days of the Rancho. School Programs and Field Trips for school children are presently being planned. Saturday Talks begin on September 5, at noon and will discuss the history of the Adobe. Landscaping activity is being planned by Cal Poly Students and will be using original types of plants. Cuesta Band Concert is scheduled for Sept. 27 at 2:30. Tickets are \$20.00. The last event sold out and she urged those interested to buy their tickets early. There will be food and drinks available.

Draft of South County Traffic and Circulation Study 2009 up date: Presented by Ryan Chapman and Dale Ramey:

A slide presentation and a copy of the study were handed out to the SCAC Board. Discussion followed concerning costs to the community for various road and free-way access improvements. Dan Woodson moved the report and conditions be approved by the SCAC Board. Second by Rick Dean. Discussion followed and the motion was amended to say we accept the study which has been submitted but in the future would like an area based study for determining lower impact fees for single family residences." Motion passed as amended.

Patricia Duron and Stephanie Franks Opposed.
Istar Holliday and Elaine Thomas Abstained.

Public Comment:

Ed Eby announced he had the \$20 tickets available right then for anyone who might want to buy them for the Cuesta Band Concert at the Dana Adobe on September 27, 2009. Clyde Cruz announced a Golf Tournament on September 4, 2009 at the Trilogy Golf Resort to benefit the Nipomo Recreation Jamboree for various sports. Barbeque and drinks will be available.

Consent Agenda:

El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the Dana James Lot line adjustment project on Dana-Foothill, & the Nipomo Partners, San Luis Ambulance Service Station project on Frontage Rd, on the Consent Agenda be approved. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Conservation and Open Space Element Planning Commission Public Hearings. Next meetings are on August 27, September 10 & 24, & October 22.

Housing Element: Being referred by the Planning Commission to Board of Supervisors Hearing on August 25.

New Business:

Mesa Dunes Investments Project DRC2008-00147: Brian Pedrotti, our Advisory Council County Planning Liaison, discussed the Mesa Dunes Investment development on Hill St. Istar Holliday remarked that the "Intent to Serve" letter for the property was issued only for two units on two acres. However, now the developer is presenting a 20 unit apartment unit for low-income housing on the same two acres of property. The developer also has not signed the present "Intent to Serve" letter, so planning is unable to go forward at this time. Rick Dean moved we table this item until more accurate information is forthcoming from the developer. El-Jay Hansson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Advisory Councils Joint Chairs Meeting: Dan Gaddis reported that a meeting of the SLO County Advisory Council Chairs met on August 14, 2009 in the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo, and that he chaired the meeting. There are 12 Community Advisory Council in our county and the following 10 were present: Avila Valley Advisory Council, Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council, Creston Advisory Body, Halcyon Advisory Council, Los Osos Community Advisory Council, North Coast Advisory Council, San Miguel Advisory Council, Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council, South County Advisory Council, & Templeton Area Advisory Group.

Each Chair had a chance to discuss the various concerns they face in their respective areas. Many unique concerns were discussed for each of the areas.

The Chairs had a general consensus on two things:

We need our Planning Liaisons in our Community Advisory Council meetings when projects are being discussed.

We were concerned the County through Strategic Growth Principles (Smart Growth) is forcing high density housing on parcels in unincorporated areas where residents have no real employers or shopping infrastructure available to them. This results in more residents having to drive more vehicles long distances and overloading our local roads and highways

During the second half of the meeting the Chairs were joined by members of the County Planning & Building Staff and two Legislative Assistants.

County Planning & Building staff first discussed some County Up-Dates of information.

Next the Community Advisory Council individual Chairs took turns discussing many of their area concerns with the Planning & Building staff present.

Amanda Rice, Chair of the North Coast Advisory Council will Chair the next meeting of the Joint Chairs, in Fiscal Year 2009-2010, on February 19, 2010.

SCAC Map: A detailed map, indicating the various Areas comprising the SCAC in South County, will be stored at the NCS D Building and will be available for viewing in future SCAC meetings.

Chamber of Commerce: Howard Hess suggested that the SCAC become a member of the local Nipomo Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$90.00 per year. The Chamber newsletter could be used to include announcements of our up-coming meetings. Stephanie Franks will check with Supervisor Katcho's office to see if we can use SCAC funds for Chamber membership.

It was noted that this may be another good way to get information out about the SCAC meetings and about our community. If we get Supervisor approval of this expenditure, we can vote to consider joining the Chamber at the next meeting.

We could also consider securing a booth for the Chamber's October Fest Celebration.

Committee Reports:

Land Use: Istar Holliday announced no further information to report.

Traffic and Circulation: Dan Woodson handed out an information sheet on "Grading and Stormwater Ordinance Revisions-Notice of Availability of Draft EIR (LRP2008-00007)". Copies are available in the South County Library. The Planning Commission will hold a public Hearing on October 22, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: September 28, 2009