

**South County Advisory Council (SCAC)
Minutes for the October 26, 2009 6:30 p.m. Meeting**

Meeting was called to order: At 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Dan Gaddis who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called by: Secretary Elaine Thomas.

Members Present:

Patricia Duran	Stephanie Franks
Dan Gaddis	El-Jay Hansson
Howard Hess	Istar Holliday
Vince McCarthy	Mike Murphy
Elaine Thomas	Mike Winn (Ex-Officio Member)

Members absent:

Rick Dean	Harry Walls
Dan Woodson	Richard Wright

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

Chairman Dan Gaddis announced that the unsafe fire damaged Community Recreation Center building on South Frontage Road has finally been demolished. He complimented all of the SCAC Board Members, the Sheriff's Department, Cal Fire, and County Officials involved for their help in getting this accomplished.

Approval of Minutes for September 28 Meeting: Vince McCarthy asked that the rationale for those voting no, on the motion for the SCAC to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce, be added to the minutes.

El-Jay Hansson moved for the minutes to be approved as amended. It was seconded by Stephanie Franks. Motion Passed.

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

Board Meetings	(135.47)	Dump Fees	1,885.76
Library	2,182.01	Total	3,932.30

Motion by Istar Holliday and seconded by El-Jay Hansson, that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion was carried.

Correspondence: The SCAC tour of the ConocoPhillips plant is scheduled for October 29, 2009 at 11: 00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m... Lunch is to be served. Nine people are presently signed up for the tour.

The San Luis Obispo County Wide Master Water Plan will be discussed by Ed Eby and Mike Winn at the November 23 meeting of the SCAC

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher reported the following:

Nipomo Station 20 – 115 total calls YTD: 1004

6 Fires	15 Vehicle Accidents
17 Medical	23 Other

Mesa Station 22 - 49 total calls YTD 420

3 Fires	2 Vehicle Accidents
27 Medical	6 Other

Training: Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters trained on commercial search and rescue dills and CPR refresher. It was noted that, when necessary, helicopters from 4 different organizations (Cal-Fire, CHP, Forest Service, & Cal-Star) are available to be called upon for medical assistance and rescue.

Prevention: Fire Education Programs conducted for the Nipomo Woman’s Club and at Lopez Lake. A Suey Creek and Upper Los Berros pre fire attack plan project for clearing roads was also conducted.

Administration: Worked with County Code Enforcement on the burned out Community Recreation Center at 170 South Frontage. The building owner also worked with the County regarding an Asbestos Abatement Permit. The Recreation Center, as noted, has subsequently been demolished.

SLO County Sheriff’s Department: Commander Brian Hascall reported a robbery on Grand St. It was a car robbery in a residential area in which the criminal was subdued by the husband and wife until the sheriff arrived to make the arrest. Also in another residence on South Mesa Road a robbery happened at night when a couple had left their house unlocked and awoke to find a man in the house. He was able to escape. A burglary in Oceano occurred while the home owner was at the store for a few minutes and returned to find the house has been robbed. A juvenile was caught and arrested and is now in Juvenile Hall.

California Highway Patrol: Absent.

SLO Planning Department: Brian Pedrotti was available for questions regarding projects to be discussed, but did not have a specific report to make.

Parks Commissioner Paul Teixeira: Absent.

Nipomo Community Services District: Mike Winn announced that a luncheon was held on Oct 13th to honor Paul Hood, retiring Executive Officer of LAFCO. The new Executive Officer is David Church.

Blacklake Village was commended for reducing water usage.

A Joint Powers Agreement between the NCS&D & the Board of Supervisor's regarding the Santa Maria Pipeline will be discussed in November.

A multi-tiered water rate was approved at the September meeting of the NCS&D and as a result a 4-tiered water rate structure will be put in place.

Mike Winn alerted the SCAC Board that a County Planning Update of the Land use and Circulation Element is planned that may affect whether Advisory Councils will be part of a local review process for a zoning change requested by some property owners.

"Beginning October 19, 2009, owners of property in the rural, unincorporated areas of the County (outside of urban and village reserve lines) may request to change land use categories (zoning) or standards affecting their properties as part of this update process. These general plan amendments, called "Property Owner Requests", may be submitted, together with the appropriate application form and fee, to the Department of Planning and Building. Property Owner Requests will typically be processed as part of the Land Use and Circulation Elements update."

Property owners perhaps could just ask for a change to their zoning, pay required fees, and the change could happen, without going through any local review process.

An update to the Land Use and Circulation Elements of the County General Plan for the rural portions of the County is due to start formally on January 19, 2010.

Informational Presentation: Stephanie Franks, a member of the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos, announced that Marian Washburn is away on maternity leave. The Adobe hosted 4 Nipomo High School students and 40 Cal Poly students who collected and sorted acorns for later planting on the Adobe Land. The south wall of the Adobe is near completion. Herb Kandel has accepted the job of Project Manager on a temporary basis to help with Grant Requests. Herb has retired from the Board. The Dana Adobe needs a Master Plan and grants are necessary to achieve this.

Public Comment:

Clyde Cruise, Traffic Committee member, is requesting approval for SCAC to give their support to a once a month clean-up on the major streets in Nipomo. This would be a volunteer effort and would cost little or no money. Stephanie Franks pointed out that the Dump Fees in our SCAC budget could offset any cost incurred. Stephanie Franks moved, and it was seconded by El-Jay Hansson that the SCAC Board approve this request. Clyde Cruise will handle any newspaper announcements and organize the work parties from time to time.

Jeanne Taylor spoke about the increase in crime in our area and urged residents to take extra precautions by locking doors and their cars.

Consent Agenda:

At&T Cell Antenna Site off Oso Flaco Lake Rd and Highway 1 on Guadalupe Rd:

This was a minor use permit for replacing 3 antennas and increasing the height of a light standard to an overall height of 25'5". Stephanie Franks moved to approve, seconded by El-Jay Hansson. Motion passed.

New Business:

Salt Water/Raising Chemical Levels in Oceano Sentry Well: Ed Eby, NCSD, presented a slide report on raising chemical levels/possible salt-water intrusion found in a Sentry Well located North of Pier Avenue in Oceano. In the 1950's Sentry Wells were drilled along the County beach areas to detect any sea water intrusion. A lengthy discussion followed involving both the Board & the public in attendance.

It was noted that one County-owned Nipono Sentry Well is located somewhere in the Oso Flaco area, but has been lost under the sand. The SCAC Board urged that this well be located so a reading may be taken to determine if there is any salt-water intrusion in that area. If the well can not be found, then another one would have to be drilled. The various methods of purging a well of salt-water intrusion takes a lot of fresh water and would be extremely costly. Some ideas as to ways SLO County communities could increase their supply of water & pump less out of the aquifer are: Raise the level of Lopez Dam, increase subscription of water out of state water line, or build a desalinization plant.

Eslambolipoor 10.16 acre parcel lot split: Mr. Robert Montoya represented the Eslambolipoor property which is located at the NW corner of Camino Perillo and Viejo. They are requesting for the 10.16 acre parcel lot be split into two 5 acre parcels. The two parcels would have a common well although it was unclear how the water would be shared. The size and location of a water retention drainage basin on parcel #2 was not clear. Discussion followed. Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Patricia Duron that we send the applicant back to the SLO Planning Department to clarify project information. Motion passed. Howard Hess voted No.

AT&T Fiber Optic Cable Project from San Luis Obispo to Los Angeles: This is a supplemental E.I.R. to an already approved optic cable project in an existing partially occupied conduit in the Union Pacific Railroad Right-Of-Way (UPRR ROW) as it goes through the San Luis Obispo County area. The supplemental E.I.R. is for a slightly different alignment only in the UPRR ROW. This was sent to the SCAC from the County Planning & Building Department for the Boards information, and no action is required.

Old Business: Willow Road Project status: It had been rumored that some of the Willow Rd. monies could be reduced, or diverted, by SLOCOG to another project. Assurances were given from both Supervisor Katcho and from Ron DeCarli, Executive Director of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, that this was not true. Bids for Phase 1, from Pomeroy to Hetrick, should be received in January 2010 with construction to start in February.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: El-Jay Hansson noted that the SLO Planning Commission meeting on November 19th will discuss one acre Land Use being defined as one acre gross as opposed to one acre net.

Traffic and Circulation Committee: No report.

Next Meeting: November 23, 2009.

Meeting adjourned: At 9:42 p.m.