

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 23, 2009 MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by Dan Woodson, Vice Chairman. Richard Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas. The following members were present:

Patricia Duron	Rich Dean
El-Jay Hansson	Istar Holliday
Mike Murphy	Elaine Thomas
Mike Winn (non-voting)	Dan Woodson
Richard Wright	

The following members were absent:

Stephanie Franks	Dan Gaddis (on travel)
Howard Hess	Vince McCarthy
Harry Walls	

A quorum was declared.

Addition or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Election Committee will be formed and discussed during New Business
2. Forum for Board of Supervisors applicants needs to be planned. This will also be discussed during New Business
3. Master Plan for the Nipomo Community Park will be discussed.

Approval of Minutes for the October, 26, 2009 SCAC Meeting. El-jay Hansson moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Woodson presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Stephanie Franks:

Board Meetings: (\$185.47)	Dump Fees	\$1,885.76
Library \$2,182.01	Total:	\$3882.30

Istar Holliday moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion passed.

Correspondence: A letter from the Land Conservancy was read.

News letter from the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce, of which the SCAC Board is now a member, was presented.

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire: not present

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

1. A recent scam has taken place in which a PG&E customer is called by a person who claims they are with PG&E and the check to pay the bill was not signed. The person is

then told to give his Debit Card Number in order to pay the bill. By the afternoon, the customer had lost \$1300 from his checking account. Commander Hascall warned against giving any credit information over the phone, especially Debit Card information, since it cannot be recovered.

2. There have been a number of burglaries involving landscape equipment. The Sheriff's Department believes this is a profession group which has been operating out of Los Angeles. So far San Luis Obispo County has lost over \$100,000 worth of equipment.

3. A garage burglary was solved when the homeowner pointed to his neighbor across the street. When then sheriff check with that neighbor, it was discovered he had all the items in his back yard with plans to take them to the Flea Market on the following Saturday. He has been arrested.

4. The Sheriff's Department has a new user friendly web-site: SLOSheriff.org. The new web-site shows areas where crimes have occurred and what type of crime.

5. Dan Woodson noted that Traffic and Circulation Committee has been asked to close the road behind La Placita Market. Several crimes have occurred in this small road including armed robbery, gang activity, and rape/abduction.

California Highway Patrol – Mark Badovinac or Chuck Jordan – not present

SLO Planning Department – Brian Pedrotti – not present

SLO Parks Department – Paul Teixeira – not present

NCSD- Mike Winn

1. NCSD has hired an interim General Manager since Bruce Buel has resigned because of health reasons.

2. There is a delay in the Santa Maria Pipe Line Plan. San Luis Obispo County progress with a Joint Powers Agreement has caused a slow-down in the plans.

3. The NCSD has filed a challenge to the Affordable Housing Ordinance. The EIR associated with it (from the withdrawn Affordable Housing Ordinance) is still active and on that basis the challenge can go forward. The Board of Supervisors meeting on November 24, 2009 will be presented with the information that adequate water needs to be available before Affordable/ High Density Housing should be approved.

4. The language for the Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Maria for water delivery has been approved. It will be presented to the Santa Maria City Council at their meeting on December 1, 2009.

Public Comment: John Snyder, resident of Nipomo, discussed salt-water intrusion and the inability NMMA Technical Group to locate several sentinel wells including the sentinel well at Oso Flaco Lake. The County Public Works Department needs help in finding maps to locate these wells.

Rick Dean noted that he is opposed to the money we spent to join the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce because some of it goes to support the lobby against the Health Care Reform Bill that is now being discussed nationally.

Old Business: Ed Eby presented a Power Point report on the current water availability in the area. He presented several options for obtaining additional water with the approximate costs and time-lines that would be involved: The two major options would be Santa Maria Pipeline – approximately 3 years- at \$23 million; De-salination Plant – approximately 8 – 10 years - \$100 million.

Dan Woodson indicated that the Willow Glen to Hetrick portion of the Willow Rd. Interchange is ready to go however the funds are being held up. Bonds have not been sold and the Woodlands Area has not yet paid their fees for Phase I. The project will go out to bid in January 2010 with building to begin March 2010.

There have been rumors that the funds available for the Willow Rd Interchange were to be moved to the Los Osos Valley Rd. improvement project. Dan Woodson read a letter that indicated that this was NOT the case. The \$10 million allocated to the Willow Rd. Interchange cannot be used for the Los Osos Valley Rd. Project since these are STIP funds.

Mike Winn announced:

1. The Air Pollution Control Board meeting in December 2009 will discuss The Oceano Dunes and the particulate air pollution caused by vehicular traffic there. Nipomo residents are the only ones in SLO County paying a fee to help alleviate pollution from the disturbance of the Dune's surface.
2. There will be a community meeting on November 30, to discuss the costs and benefits of building Miller Park on Tefft St. Residents who are adjacent to the park are encouraged to attend.
3. There will be a Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting on December 2 at the County Library in SLO, 1:30 p.m.
4. There are two new seats on the WRAC: one representing Vineyards; the other representing Coastal issues. Any knowledgeable person with a history of interest in water policies in these areas is encouraged to apply.
5. The Board of Supervisors meeting on December 8, 2009 is very important for our area and Mr. Winn encouraged attendance by our Board. A number of important issues will affect Nipomo area.
6. SCAC Board is encouraged to arrange an informational tour of the Cold Canyon Land Fill.

Istar Holliday reported that the tour of the Conoco-Phillips refinery was beneficial. Those who attended were welcomed, toured the plant and enjoyed lunch together. It was noted that the plant is environmentally sensitive.

New Business:

Dan Woodson announced that Howard Hess, SCAC member, has resigned.

County Bike Ways Plan: A speaker will be invited to a coming SCAC meeting to discuss bike lanes. Comments are being sought for this plan and whether funds can be used from roads projects.

Update of Land Use and Circulation Elements of General Plan: At present there is no information available even though SLO County and Board of Supervisors Staff is promoting a plan. We have not been made aware of what the plan entails.

Mike Winn presented the following information in reference to the “work plan” to revise the Land Use Element of the County General Plan. After the discussion, Rick Dean moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that we advocate the following items and that Mike Winn and Dan Woodson would attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 24, 2009 to present our position: Motions carried.

The following points will be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting by Mike Winn and Dan Woodson:

1. Please defer the decision until after the first of the new year. Such a major change is highly significant and the Holliday Season is not an appropriate time for people to deal with this import issue.
2. Do not approve the ”work plan” until they have taken their preliminary ideas to the public and listened to them. This project has not had input from the Community Advisory Councils, independent Community Service Districts that supply water and waste water treatment, the City Councils in the seven incorporated cities in the County and the Water Resources Advisory Committee or the SLOCOG.

The Cities and CSD’s are where most of the growth will occur, the WRAC is your sounding board for water resources; SLOCOG coordinates the planning of transportation (with attention the AB32 compliance) and the CAC’s are your “ears on the street” in your various communities.

3. If it is desirable to reduce the number of Planning Areas to something less than 19 (and that sounds sensible), before you approve a map with five new and untested planning areas:
 - A. First consider using the five Supervisorial Districts.
 - They already exist (saving staff time, process time and money)
 - They are already based on essentially equal populations.
 - They would be simpler for CEQA review and not be so liable to legal challenge.
 - They correspond better to the communication lines between voters and their elected officials.
 - B. Or if you would consider more than five, but still want fewer than 19 Planning Areas, you should at least look at the 14 new Water Planning Areas in the draft Water Master Plan.
 - There would be great benefit for Planning and Building and Public Works to

Be working off the same maps

There would be less duplication of effort in the Resources Management Systems Reports (the RMS would map over the GMO).

The MWP maps are already well designed and are based on the consideration Of our most essential resource—water. Planning without a central consideration of resources is not good planning.

This adoption would necessitate some shifting of CAC boundaries or Combinations of two or more occasionally, but that could be done without too Much effort.

4. Do not authorize anyone to draft a RFP for an EIR until the project is more clearly defined. Environmental review of something nebulous is not useful, and it does not meet the intended purposes of the CEQA.

5. Discontinue the process begun last October 18 of accepting the “personal GPA’s” to piggy-back on this GPA. That should not resume until clearer outlines of the project are in hand.

6. Do not authorize the hiring of experts to sell the project to people and groups who have had no voice in shaping it. Instead of approving the staff recommendation today, we urge you to:

7. Form a Blue Ribbon Committee to work with your staff and the diverse groups of stakeholders in the County to present your Board with several alternative planning area mapping concepts with the strengths and challenges in each. You, the Board, will then be ready to move ahead with confidence and public support.

Election Committee: Rick Dean moved that Mike Murphy chair the committee to elect members of the SCAC Committee with help from Ed Eby, Dick Wright and Elaine Thomas, El-Jay Hansson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The following dates will be noted:

Establish Ad Hoc Elections Committee	Mon. Nov. 23, 2009
1 st Working Committee Meeting	Tues. Jan. 12, 2010
Accept Nomination Applications	Mon. Feb. 8 to Mon. March 8, 2010
Town Hall Meeting/Introduce Candidates	Mon, Mar. 8, 2010
SCAC Advisory Council Election Day	Mon. Mar. 15, 2010
Seat Elected SCAC Members	Mon. Mar. 22, 2010

Forum for Board of Supervisors Candidates: Rick Dean moved that the SCAC provide a forum for the candidates who are running for Board of Supervisors for San Luis Obispo County if not other organization has already made plans to do so. El-Jay Hansson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Park Master Plan: The SCAC has been requested to approve the Master Plan for the Nipomo Community Park as submitted by the Department of Planning and Building. Discussion followed indicating that a full EIR needs to be performed in order to determine the impact on the community environmental concerns. It was moved by Patricia Duron, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that Correspondence Secretary Istar Holliday will refer to the SCAC Board's previous letters to County Planning indicating our objections and draft another letter re-stating these concerns. Motion carried.

Land Use: no further report

Traffic and Circulation: no further report

Next Meeting: Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Patricia Duron that the SCAC Board not meet in December, 2009. Motion Carried. Next meeting will be January 25, 2010. Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m