

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for the February 22, 2010 Meeting

The 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.

The following members were present:

Patricia Duron	Rick Dean
Stephanie Franks	Dan Gaddis
Istar Holliday	Mike Murphy
Elaine Thomas	Harry Walls
Mike Winn (non-voting)	Dan Woodson
Richard Wright	

A quorum was declared

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: Several items on the Agenda were moved in order to accommodate those present who wished to present information.

Approval of Minutes for the January 25, 2010 Meeting: Under Mike Winn's NCSD comments: Replace the word "those" with the words "John Snyder and others so the sentence is to read: The Judge's decision is still on appeal by John Snyder and others who lost the case.

Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Dick Wright, that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed.

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

Board Meetings	\$1,604.83	Dump Fees	\$1,885.76
Library	\$2,182.01	Total	\$5,672.60

Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Rick Dean, that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Staff from the Regional Water Board will be providing the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) with an overview of a preliminary staff report and recommendations for an Agricultural Order at a meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 1:30p.m.

Exceleron Oil Project/ Huasna: The County will be holding an E.I.R. Scoping meeting for the Exceleron Conditional Use Permit on March 29, 1020 at the South County Regional Center in Arroyo Grande.

Community Presentations:

Cal Fire Report: Read by Chairman Dan Gaddis on behalf of Fireman Jim Gray who was called away for a Cal-Fire emergency response:

Emergency Responses, Nipomo Station 20: 111 total calls

5 Fires 6 Vehicle Accidents

64 Medical 36 Other

Year to Date: 111

Mesa Station 22: 55 total calls

3 Fires 3 Vehicle Accidents

28 Medical 21 Other

Year to Date 55

Training: Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters trained on vehicle extrication and CPR.
Prevention: Both stations are working on updating structure preplans and building inspections. Suey Creek and Upper Los Berros pre-fire attack plan project. We will be brushing both sides of the roads. The Nipomo Chipping Program will continue in the Nipomo Area and will re-start this spring. Chipping permits are available from the Cal-Fire Department.

SLO County Sheriff's Department: Commander Brian Hascall reported that on February 2, 2010 at 1241 East Branch a person pushing a stolen motorcycle was apprehended. Sean Tubes was arrested and was subsequently found to have two other stolen motorcycles.

On February 4, 2010 a parole check was instituted and seven people were arrested for parole violations. The Sheriff's Department worked with other County organizations such as the Anti-Gang Task Force.

The body found on Bonita School Rd was declared to be a homicide victim. The victim was identified as Pedro Gonzales. No arrest has been made at the present time.

A stabbing occurred at 1300 North Frontage Rd on February 18, 2010. The victim was taken to Marion Hospital in Santa Maria. He was later released. Victor Ramirez was later arrested in Santa Maria and the Santa Maria Police turned him over to the SLO County Sheriff's Department.

California Highway Patrol: Sgt. Gil Torres presented a yearly summary report of Vehicle Accidents in the Nipomo area:

188 vehicle collisions	141 involved no injuries
47 injuries(includes 1 fatality)	1 fatality – motorcycle related
Thompson Rd. 17 accidents	Pomeroy Rd. 12 accidents
Tefft Rd. 32 accidents	Outlying areas 106 accidents

The fatality on Pomeroy involved juveniles who place wood in the road. The motorcycle rider was killed when he hit the wood and was thrown from the bike. The juveniles were charged with manslaughter, and the case is in the juvenile system.

Mike Murphy asked about the proposed barriers on Highway 101 between Los Berros & Traffic Way which would place barriers at El Campo and Laetitia. It was suggested representatives from Cal Trans District 5 be invited to give a presentation on Highway 101 barriers. Paul Teixeira believed that the barriers could cost approximately \$7 million and he felt that the amount of money could be better spent somewhere else. Mike Murphy suggested that temporary barriers be installed first to see if the plan is workable, and then proceed from there. Dan Woodson noted that the \$7 million has already been approved, however, that does not mean the barriers will be installed.

SLO Planning Liaison: Brian Pedrotti was on a special assignment and could not be present.

Parks Commissioner: Paul Teixeira reported the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 25, 2010 will discuss the Biddle Park Master Plan update.

Nipomo Community Services District: Mike Winn indicated he will give a report later in the meeting.

A meeting to discuss Prop. 84 involving the Dana Adobe will be at the NCSO building on March 1, 2010.

Jack Ready Park water usage will be discussed. Jack Ready Park is a 30 acre recreation park designed to accommodate children with Special Needs as well as others. It was discovered that the County maps are incorrect and that the area is presently zoned incorrectly. A General Plan Amendment will be required to change the zoning.

4. LAFCO Sphere of Influence (SOI) update for NCSO; and on taking 850 acres of strawberries, in area 4 south of the Waste Water Treatment Facility, out of the Sphere of Influence, will be discussed.

5. Santa Maria has approved the water line to South County, San Luis Obispo. It was noted that our waste water treatment plant located off Southland is running at 90% capacity. Improvements will cost \$12M.

6. The recent rains, although welcomed, have not been enough to greatly benefit the aquifer. The water table will remain low.

The well pump that caught fire should be back on line the end of June 2010.

Informational Presentation:

SLO County Anti-Gang Coordination Commission/Gang Task Force: Mike Hoier, Deputy Sheriff, Gang Task Force:

The Gang Task Force was formed in the early 1990's with grant monies from the State of California. San Luis Obispo County has two deputies and 1 probation officer who work for the Gang Task Force to investigate crimes which are gang related and apprehend parole violators.

Gangs are described as three or more people who share a common sign or symbol and engage in criminal conduct to benefit the gang.

Code Item 186.22 enhances punishment for gang members who commit crimes but the goal is rehabilitation rather than punishment.

The gangs in Nipomo date from the 1970's and are multi-generational. The gangs are divided by race. They are usually made up of Hispanic Street Gangs, White Supremacist, Asian, or Outlaw Motorcycle Groups. In November 2007 there was a rise in gang violence, and community and San Luis Obispo County law enforcements agencies banded together to prevent further crime and an Anti-Gang Coordinating Commission was established.

Sheriff Deputy Hoier urged that any graffiti symbol be removed as soon as possible. An Anti-Graffiti Truck will soon be operational and available for use in our area to paint over the graffiti and gang symbols to match the color of background paint. He encouraged community participation in reporting any gang graffiti that is found by calling the Gang Task Force or the Sheriff's Department. He noted that parents of gang members who commit crimes can be held accountable for their child's crime and required to attend parenting classes.

The Nipomo 13 Gang is the most prevalent gang in our area and there are between 100 to 125 documented members. Gangs and narcotics go hand-in-hand. Over 50% of crimes in our area, such as theft, are gang related in order to obtain money for drugs. The gang values are power, violence, and respect, which are earned by committing crimes for the gang. Sheriff Hoier felt the proposed Medical Marijuana Dispensary in Nipomo could result in more crime in the nearby area.

Dana Adobe Presentation: Marina Washburn thanked the SCAC for their past support of the Adobe in requesting additional funds for the additional 100 acres. A conceptual plan for the additional acreage was displayed.

Ms. Washburn requested the SCAC write letters to U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and U.S. Representative Lois Capps supporting FY2011 Federal Appropriations Funding for the Dana Adobe continued restoration.

Dan Woodson moved, seconded by Dick Wright that the letters of support be sent. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jon Snyder discussed water issues. He believed some secret meetings have taken place in reference to water usage in Nipomo and Santa Maria areas. He also noted that Santa Maria passed a resolution to sell water to developments in Orcutt.

Joe Cortez: He is running for Sheriff and introduced himself to the SCAC. He discussed his background; he is married, has two grown sons, has been in law enforcement for 36 yrs, has been Chief of Police in Pismo Beach, is a resident of Pismo Beach, and was a Sgt. in the Napa County Gang Task Force. He asked for our individual votes.

Mike Winn: From NCSA announced the following:

Jon Snyder's numbers are not accurate and he urged interested parties to go on line to check the information.

There is a Board of Supervisors meeting Feb. 23, 2010

There is a Planning Commission meeting Feb. 25, 2010

SLO County Master Water Plan report will be available soon.

State Water Board has issued a mandate to reduce water usage in State of California by 20% by the year 2020.

Mike Eisner: Announced That the Nipomo Incorporation Committee for Education (NICE) will host a meeting on April 10, 2010 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Blacklake Golf Course to introduce 5 of the 7 candidates running for San Luis Obispo County Sheriff.

OLD BUSINESS

Air Pollution Control District South County Particulate Matter Study: The just released environmental report on off road activity in the Oceano Dunes and levels of air pollution on the Nipomo Mesa was discussed briefly by Patricia Duron, Howard Dolinsky, and Katrina Dolinsky. It was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the March SCAC meeting since the report was just issued today and no one has had an opportunity to see it.

Mesa Dunes Investment: 20 unit apartment complex on 2 acres off Hill Street. The SCAC had previously questioned the lack of a valid "Intent to Serve" letter for water service and also the adequate play area for children. Adequate drainage was also an issue since the lot is sloped. Randy Rea of Rea and Luker Architects, representing owner Bill Kengel, made the presentation. A valid will serve letter is now in-hand, the project has been redesigned to offer adequate drainage and play area for the children as well as proper access for emergency fire trucks. Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Rick Dean, that the project be approved, Motion passed.

Election of SCAC Board Report: Mike Murphy, Chairman of the Election Committee announced the following areas have openings for members: Area 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Also the Public Safety Representative position is up for election. Applications are available and members were urged to invite residents in their respective areas to apply to become a member of SCAC. Mike Winn pointed out that in the past there were more sub-committees that supported the work of the SCAC. A deadline for submitting applications and a Town Hall meeting to introduce candidates is set for March 8 at 6:30 p.m. If any SCAC areas are contested by applicants, an Election will be held on March 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m... New members will be seated at the March 22, 2010 SCAC meeting.

Status of Application for Medical Marijuana Dispensary - Chairman Dan Gaddis reported that the application for this facility will not go to a Planning Department Hearing Officer as believed, but will go to the County Planning Commission per Bill Robeson, Senior Planner for the Planning and Building Department and Project Manager for the Dispensary. The hearing date has not been determined, but he will stay in touch and make sure we are aware when this item is presented.

Mike Winn pointed out that SLO County needs to come into compliance with the State Attorney Generals 2008 ruling on the illegality of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alarcio MUP: requesting a distance waiver for a secondary 800 sq. ft. dwelling with a 400 sq. ft. garage project located on Pine Cone Way and Snow Cone off Halcyon Rd. in Arroyo Grande on the Nipomo Mesa... Kevin Hunstad, developer, presented the request for the applicants who were in attendance, and discussion followed. There were questions concerning the planned location of the secondary dwelling being further than the 50 ft from the primary dwelling presently allowed by the County. The “granny unit” dwelling would be well suited as a rental and well situated for a later lot split. The leach field was said to be no longer functioning properly and as a result a vertical septic pit was placed at the end of the leach field. As the leach field was no longer working it appears it no longer would prevent a driveway passing over it to a secondary dwelling unit located within 50’ of the primary dwelling. Discussion followed.

Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Rick Dean that the MUP be denied as it now stands based on the distance of the proposed new unit from the main house.

Public Review Draft of the LAFCO Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update, and Municipal Services Review, for the Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD):

Ed Eby presented information and map showing SOI for water usage as it presently stands and how it could be changed in the future. The purpose of the SOI is to protect agriculture land. Area 4 which is prime agriculture land in the southern most area of SLO County is presently in 850 acres of strawberries. The public can offer written comments

by March 22, 2010 to LAFCO or go on line for the complete report at <http://www.slolafco.com/>

There will be a NCSD meeting on February 24, 2010 to discuss the SOI. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use: Istar Holliday had no further report.

Traffic and Circulation: Dan Woodson reported that the Willow Rd. Phase I extension opening bids will begin Feb. 25, 2010. Phase I is the extension of Willow Rd to Hetrick Ave. Dale Ramey is the Transportation Project Manager for the SLO County Public Works Department.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Next meeting March 22, 2010