

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of the June 28, 2010 Meeting

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

Members Present:

Patricia Duron	Mike Eisner
Dan Gaddis	El-Jay Hansson
Vince McCarthy	Mike Murphy
Gary Spelbring	Bill Stubbs
Elaine Thomas	Mike Winn (ex-officio)
Dan Woodson	Richard Wright

Members Absent:

Rick Dean	Stephanie Franks
Istar Holliday	

Addition or Deletions to the Agenda: During New Business it was suggested that the Rules for SCAC Board Members should be discussed in reference to attendance. Also it was requested that the County Chairman meeting of June 11 be discussed.

Approval of Minutes: El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Dick Wright that the Minutes of the May 24, 2010 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer Stephanie Franks, Elaine Thomas read the following report:

Board Meetings:	\$1,222.50	Dump Fees	\$1,885.76
Library	\$2,182.01	Total	\$5,290.27

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

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher - not present

SLO County Sheriff's Department Commander Brian Hascall. Commander Ken Conway announced that Commander Hascall has been promoted to the San Luis Obispo Office of Administration. Commander Conway was welcomed by the SCAC Board and offered the following report: 10 arrests were made in the Galaxy Trailer Park with warrants issued for parole violations, drugs violations, and other crimes.

Dan Gaddis requested that Commander Conway attend the future meeting with the Board of Supervisors in which the Marijuana Dispensary proposed for Nipomo will be

discussed. Commander Conway agreed to attend the meeting when it is scheduled and noted that he has been involved in Narcotics Divisions in the past.

California Highway Patrol Lt. Chris Day: not present. Dick Wright mentioned that two California Highway Officers have been killed in the last few days. Officer Oswald in Templeton and also an officer in the Barstow area.

SLO Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti – arrived later in the meeting and reported that the Jack Ready Park is presently in the initial study period. The proposed water use will be of primary consideration.

Park Commissioner Paul Teixeira offer the following report:

1. SLO County Parks Volunteer Picnic will be held at Cuesta Park on September 17, 2010.

2. Trails Advisory Committee Report:

Improvements to the Bob Jones Trail

Signs for the new equestrian trail parking area at Lopez Lake

Thanks to Ride Nipomo for their work on the Nipomo equestrian trails

The following improvements have been made: Foot bridge at Cuesta park has been replaced. El Chorro Regional Park, Blue Bird Trail established, Duveneck Park Site dedication took place June 11, 2010. Vineyard Trail in Templeton is up for Adoption. EIR is in progress for Biddle Park, Bob Jones Trail and Morro Cayucos Trail. Sixteen of 20 proposed trails have been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Nipomo Community Services District Mike Winn gave the following report:

It was noted that the Planning Commission denied the application for a Marijuana Dispensary in Nipomo based on the proximity to the gymnasium for children across the street as well as incompatibility with community standards.

Water Resources Advisory Committee met June 2. On June 17 a meeting was held to formulate Climate Action Plan for the county. June 22 the Board of Supervisor has not approved the Memorandum of Agreement for Water Intertie Project between NCSD and Santa Maria.

On June 23 the NCSD budget was approved.

June 23 the Twitchell Management Area presented its draft 2009 annual report. The 2009 report for the Nipomo Mesa Managements Area was finalized and is submitted to the Court. Both of these reports are on line.

Informational Presentations: Kevin Baker, Facilities Director for Lucia Mar Unified School District reported a number of improvements that have been made to Nipomo High School., Paulding Middle School, Harloe and Fairgrove Elementary, and Judkins Middle School. He noted that a number of teachers have been hired back and it is hope the California State Budget will allow others to continue with their teaching.

Public Comment:

Jon Snyder discussed water issues in reference to the proposed Santa Maria Pipe Line.

Ed Eby noted that the figures for 2009 indicated twice as much water is being pumped from our aquifer than is being replaced. Discussion followed.

Executive Director of Nipomo Recreation Nancy Marohn report on the summer activities that are presently taking place. The activities for the children and adults are well attended. Activities such as camps, cooking, games, and academic are available. A brochure listing the activities was recently mailed to Nipomo residents.

Consent Agenda: Enloe Property at 2285 Willow Rd is requesting approval of a caretaker manufactured house of 900 sq. ft. Land Use Committee approved the request with the stipulation that screening landscaping is added. Discussion following concerning water usage for the property. El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Dan Gaddis that the project is accepted with the addition of screenline landscaping. Motion passed.

Chairman Mike Murphy reported on the June 11 meeting of the County Chairs of Advisory Committees. He indicated that community involvement was minimal in most communities and various way of communicating with the community were discussed. It was noted that the public needs to be aware that we are an advisory council only. It was suggest that we provide information about the SCAC meetings in the Adobe Press and also Nipomo News. Mike Eisner said he will notify these papers of information about the SCAC meetings.

Old Business:

Willow Rd Extension Phase I is slow beginning. The proposed extension of Frontage Rd and Thompson to Highway 101 are probably not going to be possible. Dan Woodson noted that Dale Ramey, Transportation Project Manager, SLO Public Works Department said the contract for Phase I and II must be completed. The bid was awarded to Raminha Construction for Phase I extension of Willow Rd to Hetrick Ave. It was planned that dirt would start turning the last week in May

Marijuana Dispensary proposed 4,000 sq. ft. of leased space at 425B North Frontage Rd. in Nipomo went before the SLO Planning Commission and was defeated by a 3 to 2 vote. The applicants, Tom Brody and partners, have appealed to the Board of Supervisors for further consideration. A date for the Board of Supervisors meeting where this issued will be discussed has not been set, but the SCAC will make sure the community is cognizant of the meeting with notices in the Adobe Press and Nipomo News. It is hoped that a large community attendance at the meeting will show that the community is not in favor of this dispensary.

Ed Eby reported that a copy of the New Times noted a number of ways marijuana is available in SLO county including home delivery. Several 800 phone numbers were listed and the delivery was guarantee within one hour. The New Times also gave phone numbers and addresses of doctors who would write a “referral” to the buyer of marijuana indicating a number of self-diagnosed ailments that would qualify for the “referral.” Ed forwarded this to the Planning Commissioners and one of the members indicated that had she known that marijuana was readily available in the county, that she would have voted against the proposed Marijuana Dispensary in Nipomo. Ed encouraged everyone to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting.

New Business

Compliance with new State of California requirements for riparian and springwater diversion, costs and registration was discussed. Registration of live stream water usage is required prior to July 1, 2010 or a \$1000 fine will be incurred. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports:

Land Use: El-Jay Hansson reported a request for liquor license for a convenience market at 459 West Tefft was already approved by SLO County. No action from the SCAC is required.

A letter from Conoco-Phillips indicated no additional water use will be incurred with their increase in production.

A subdivision south of San Luis Obispo on Orcutt Rd is proposing 6 homes on 99 acres. The water tests have not been completed to determine if the water is sustainable and potable. El-Jay suggested we keep an eye on this project since it may set a precedent for our area in the future.

Traffic and Circulation: Dan Woodson noted that Ride On buses have been transporting disabled veterans from Paso Robles to the clinic in Santa Maria. The funding for this service is no longer available.

Town Hall Meeting was held on June 17th at Nipomo High School. The major topic was Phase I and II for the Willow Rd. extension. Three methods of public funding were outlined: a parcel tax, an assessment district and an ad valorem tax. Dale Ramey and Dan encourage all to attend the Public Works Department meeting on the status of the Willow Rd. extension on July 13. The Board of Supervisors can also be emailed with comments about this project. The Board will give the Public Works Department direction for funding Phase II of the project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next meeting will be July 26, 2010