

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2010 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Murphy. Vince McCarthy led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas with the following members present:

Rick Dean	Patricia Duron
Mike Eisner	Stephanie Franks
El-Jay Hansson	Istar Holliday
Vince McCarthy	Mike Murphy
Gary Spelbring	Elaine Thomas
Mike Winn (ex-officio)	Dan Woodson
Richard Wright	

Members Absent:

Dan Gaddis	Dan Woodson	Bill Stubbs
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Approval of Minutes: Istar Holliday moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that the minutes of the July 26, 2010 SCAC meeting be approved. Motion passed.

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

Board Meetings	\$ 900.94	Dump fees	\$1,885.76
Library	\$2,182.01	Total	\$4,968.71

Gary Spelbring moved, seconded by Mike Eisner that the treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.

Stephanie Franks announced that the bank is presently charging \$5.00 per month for the privilege of on-line banking. She is requesting that the fee is waived noting that other non-profit organizations do not pay this fee. If the fee is not waived, she will change banks to make sure we do not pay this fee.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: Rick Dean moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the discussion on membership in the Chamber of Commerce be moved to the end of Old Business. Motion passed.

Rick Dean moved, seconded by Stephanie Franks that Bill Dorland's petition for membership on the SCAC be discussed during New Business. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher reported the following:

Nipomo Station 20: 115 total calls - Year to Date - 679

10 Fires 13 Vehicle Accidents

74 Medical

18 Other

Mesa Station 22: 44 total calls --- Year to Date 364

1 Fire

4 Vehicle Accidents

25 Medical

14 Other

Training: Paid Call Firefighters trained on Rapid Intervention Crews and Size-up, report on conditions

Prevention: Work is in progress on inspecting local businesses for fire code violations.

There are presently 230 local businesses and 1/3 of them will be inspected this year.

There was a controlled burn in the Huasna area of approximately 1000 acres. A map of Suey Creek and Los Berros canyon is presently available. The map locates water locations, hose hook-ups, bridges, lookouts and control lines among other details including fire history of the areas.

Captain Fisher urged attendance at the fund raiser for FAE Garon Coalwell's wife Laurie who has a rare form of cancer. The fund raiser sponsored by the Fire Department will be on September 5 in Pozo.

Edwards Barn will be required to install sprinklers in the future.

The Heeter Organization is trained to evacuate large animals in the event of a fire. They supply trailers and manpower for the evacuation.

SLO County Sheriff's Department - not present

California Highway Patrol Lt Chris Day - not present

Parks Commissioner Paul Teixeira : Not available

Nipomo Community Services District: Mike Winn offered a detailed report as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors approved an update of the Memorandum of Agreement between the NCSO and the Board of Supervisors which is part of the LAFCO Sphere of Influence 5 year update. LAFCO approved the NCSO's SOL without changes.
2. The County held a day-long workshop on the topic of Climate Change and how it may impact our county in the future.
3. Board of Supervisors approved the \$167,000 water supply study for a proposed Ag-Cluster subdivision of Laetitia. Laetitia will reimburse the county for this cost.
4. The Waste Water Treatment at the end of Southland will be upgraded in three stages with a higher grade effluent and expanded capacity resulting.
5. The spring 2010 Mesa Groundwater Index shows less deterioration as a result of a wetter spring. There was also a 16% decrease in water usage in our area.

Lucia Mar School District Director of Curriculum Andy Stinson reported that the district now has enrolled 10,446 students with a class size increase of 26 – 31 per teacher. He indicated this is not ideal, but with budget constraints it is necessary. Summer school

led a strong program with a number of classes offered. Mr. Stinson was pleased to announce that the academic scores for the Nipomo Elementary School have increase from 730 to 806 this year. Nipomo High School also showed a remarkable increase. It was noted that the SCAC has a regular opening for a representative from the Lucia Mar School District that has not been filled. Mr. Stinson or his representative was requested to appear regularly for our meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Cees Dobbe, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Nipomo offered a report on the local chapter and urged the SCAC to continue our membership in the Chamber.

Pat Dunlap, a resident of the Mesa area, requested a Community Presentation at the September SCAC meeting to discuss the Dunes particulate matter in relation to health issues. Reggie Dion also requested that Mrs. Dunlap be allowed to speak to this issue at the next meeting. SCAC will make sure she is on the agenda for September. It was noted that Mike Winn is now on the committee investigating the pollution on the Dunes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marijuana Dispensary: Ian Parkinson, candidate for County Sheriff, spoke in relation to the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tues, Aug. 24. The BOS at that time will decide on the marijuana dispensary proposed for Nipomo. He emphasized that we make our pleas relevant to our area. He indicated that 2 homicides have occurred in our county as a direct result of marijuana; also numerous robberies as a result of marijuana purchases. He urged members of our community to attend the BOS meeting and be prepared to speak urging denial of this dispensary. He noted that these stores are against the law and it has not been enforced effectively in the past.

He was asked if he would attend the BOS meeting and speak his objections. He indicated he would make an effort to attend and/or send a representative Vince McCarthy asked if marijuana crimes can be prosecuted in Federal Court. Mr. Parkinson said he did not think so; that it would be remain at the State level as far as he knew.

Chamber of Commerce Membership:

Chairman Mike Murphy polled the Board on our thoughts about membership in the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce. Discussion followed. Mike Eisner moved, seconded by Dick Wright that the SCAC continue our membership in the Chamber for the coming year. Motion passed. Patricia Duron, Stephanie Franks, Mike Eisner, Richard Wright, Elaine Thomas, and Mike Murphy voted yes. Rick Dean, El-Jay Hanson, Istar Holliday, Vince McCarthy, and Gary Spelbring voted No. Dan Gaddis, Dan Woodson, and Bill Stubbs were absent. Elaine Thomas moved, seconded by Dick Wright that a representative from the SCAC attend the Chamber meetings and offer updates on topics of interest to the community. Motion carried. Mike Eisner volunteered to be our representative to the Chamber for the coming year. There will be a Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Thursday Aug. 26 at Black Lake Golf Course at 11:45.

NEW BUSINESS

William (Bill) Dorland presented a petition to become a member of the SCAC representing Area #5. He did not have access to an application but will present one at the September meeting. His interests and concerns for our area are Land Use, housing density and water use. Istar Holiday encouraged his membership on the Land Use Committee as well. Rick Dean moved, seconded by Istar Holiday that Bill is admitted to the SCAC when he presents the formal application at the next meeting. The Board welcomed Bill to the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next meeting September 27, 2010