

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of the November 22, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dan Woodson in the absence of Chairman Mike Murphy. Dick Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas with the following members present:

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| Patricia Duron | Mike Eisner |
| Stephanie Franks | Dan Gaddis |
| El-Jay Hansson | Istar Holliday |
| Gary Spelbring | Elaine Thomas |
| Mike Winn –ex-officio | Dan Woodson |
| Bill Dorland | |

Member absent:

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| Rick Dean | Vince McCarthy |
| Mike Murphy | Bill Stubbs |

A quorum was declared

Approval of Minutes for the October 25, 2010 Meeting: El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the minutes be approved. Motion passed.

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

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| Board Meetings | \$750.94 | Dump Fees | \$1,885.76 |
| Library | \$2,182.01 | Total | \$4,818.71 |

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

Correspondence: Vice-Chairman Dan Woodson received a letter from Nipomo High School requesting a \$100.00 donation for the “Hoops for Hope Project” which is a benefit for cancer awareness. The Board noted that a donation from the SCAC would not be appropriate since we are funded by tax payer monies, but individuals were encouraged to donate.

Comments from the Chair: Vice-Chairman Woodson stated that the Committee to update the By-laws will give their report at a later meeting since Bonnie Eisner, Chairman of the committee, was unable to attend this meeting.

It was announced that Supervisor for 4th District, Katcho Achadjian will be at his last Board of Supervisors meeting November 23, 2010. A reception at 1:30 p.m. will be held in his honor. Vice Chairman Woodson said he would attend and offer our thanks for Supervisors Achadjian’s past service. We congratulate him and wish him well in his newly elected position to the State Assembly, State of California in Sacramento. Katcho’s Administrative Assistant Vickie Janssen will continue with Katcho in the San Luis Obispo office, but will no longer be working with the Board of Supervisors.

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire Report offered by FAE Garron Coalwell:

Nipomo Station 20 – 98 Total Calls – Year to Date 872

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| 4 Fires | 11 Vehicle Accidents |
| 56 Medical | 21 Other |

Mesa Station 22 - 56 Total Calls - Year to Date 464

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| 4 Fires | 4 Vehicle Accidents |
| 35 Medical | 13 Other |

Training: Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters trained in Equipment Set-up and Ventilation

Prevention: Prevention Programs at Dana Elementary, Boy and Girl Scouts, Dana Elementary Halloween Festival, Adventures in Learning Preschool., Alisa Ann Ruche Burn Relay/Donation made by Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters.

Business inspections continue.

600 acre controlled burn in Huasna Valley was cancelled due to early rain, but may be rescheduled as the season progresses.

The new Fire Marshall will be invited to a future SCAC meeting to give his report.

Chipping events will take place in the Spring, 2011

FAE Coalwell announced that his wife Laurie, who has been in treatment for cancer, was undergoing chemotherapy for 7 months and is now doing well. She is being checked frequently by her doctors. He thanked the Board for our concern.

SLO County Sheriff's Department Commander Ken Conway announced that the newly elected Sheriff Ian Parkinson will be sworn in January 3. He will attend a future meeting of the SCAC in order to meet everyone. Commander Conway is bringing to his attention that we are still short of Sheriff's in South County and hopefully Sheriff Parkinson will be able to increase the number.

There will be a "Directive Patrol" sometime in the future checking for expired driver's license and drivers under the influence of alcohol. The date will not be announced.

Commander Conway urged everyone to lock their car and not to leave valuables in the car especially in view. There have been a number of burglaries on the Mesa.

There is an ongoing problem of people dumping trash on the Mesa. All residents are urged to notify the sheriff immediately if dumping is observed and to get the license plate number if possible. Call Julie Myers directly at 781-5252.

The graffiti paint truck will repair public or private property that has been "tagged" with gang symbols and will try to match the paint as closely as possible.

California Highway Patrol: not present

SLO County Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti – not present

Parks Commissioner Paul Teixeira - not present

Nipomo Community Services District Director Mike Winn announced the resignation of the new General Manager. An interim General Manager will be assigned until a new one can be hired.

NCSD meetings: December 1 2010, December 15, 2010 and January 12, 2011

Community Presentations: Charlotte Alexander, Community Advisor Representing Exceleron Huasna Oil Project offer a slide presentation and an informational packet showing the location of the existing oil field in the Huasna Valley area and the proposal for additional wells on the same existing “pads.” Presently there are 4 wells with a possibility of 12 total. This field was explored in years past and abandoned but the owners left a mess and did not clean up the area when they left. This problem has already been cleaned up.

The project will take place in Phases beginning with studies to determine if there is sufficient oil present to extract 1000 barrels per day. The total traffic generated will be 6 oil trucks with trailers in and the same number exiting the area.

Permission has been obtained for a private road to be used to bring the oil to highway 166 where the trucks will proceed south on highway 101. A bridge crossing a creek will also be improved to handle the additional weight of the trucks.

Hot water will be used to extract the oil with most of the water being recycled for use in the next oil extraction. Propane will be used to heat the water and trucks will be delivering propane on a regular basis. Also water trucks will be used to deliver the water to be used to extract the oil. The total number of trucks will exceed the 12 trips originally stated.

Excelron will provide a Bond with SLO County to assure clean-up if the wells are ever abandoned.

Large shares of the project are owned by Canadians and Australians. It was stated that the benefits for our county would be additional jobs during construction and drilling and extra tax revenue when oil is pumped and sold.

Discussion followed with the following concerns and questions:

1. Concerns about the trucks merging onto highway 166. This is presently a dangerous road with a very short on-ramp to 101 South and fast moving traffic will be even more dangerous. There have been many accident on this highway and slow moving truck entering 166 will add additional hazards.
2. Possibility of oil spills and the concern of ground water contamination.
The amount of water to be used to extract the oil and where will it come from?
3. Concerns about the upkeep and improvements on highway 166 with the addition of number and weight of the trucks in and out of the Huasna Valley area.

Charlotte Alexander said she would do further research on this project to answer a number of our questions that they did not know the answer to and will attend a future meeting.

Eric Ward, the Head of the Technical Support Team helped with a number of questions. It was suggested that the oil not go to Oxnard for refining, but could be handled at the existing refinery on the Mesa owned by Conoco-Phillips. Eric Ward noted that the crude that would be extracted was especially heavy and he was unaware that Conoco-Phillip

could handle it. He was urged to look into the possibility and also to see what method of transportation could be used. It was suggested that the pipeline in existence in Santa Maria could be used and the trucks could discharge the oil there instead of in Oxnard. SLO County could then receive the tax benefit rather than Santa Barbara County.

Charlotte Alexander and Eric Ward were thanked for their presentation.

Public Comment:

Dale Ramey, Public Works, Transportation Representative indicated that the bids on Phase II came in below the Engineer's estimate. Bid possibilities are:

1. Base Bid – Willow Road from Hettrick to 101 including the full interchange
2. Additive 1 – 101 to Thompson
3. Additive 2 – NCSD Pipeline

At the December 14th Board of Supervisors meeting the Board will award the contract on the basis of Option A, Base bid and Additive 2; or Option B, Base bid, Additive 1 and Additive 2.

John Snyder presented a list of law suits that are presently in appeal concerning water availability. He also presented information on the Steelhead fish recovery in which the Santa Maria River was included. He discussed the Urban Water Management Plan.

Tracy Del Rio, resident of the Huasna Valley stated several concerns about the Excleron project and how it would affect the Huasna area. She believes there is the potential for damage to the area and our community.

New Business:

Ryan Chapman, Traffic Engineer for Public Works presented Exhibit C – Draft, 2010 Annual Update, South County Circulation Study. A report has been submitted to the SLO County in reference to Building Activity, Transportation Improvements, and Roadways, The road impact fees will remain the same. This detailed report can be view on-line. El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Dick Wright we accept this report. Motion carried.

Chamber of Commerce Report – Mike Eisner: In a meeting with Cees Dobbe, President of the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce and Mike Murphy, SCAC Chairman, the discussion centered around available opportunities for better line of communication between both organizations and the community at large. Some suggestions were:

1. SCAC member attend a monthly luncheon with the Chamber of Commerce and be prepared to give an update of activities of the SCAC. Members could take turns attending. It was suggested that each SCAC member pay for their own lunch which is \$15.00. The luncheons are usually held at Blacklake Golf Course Club House.
2. The Chamber of Commerce is welcomed to have their member attend our meeting and give a presentation of information about the Chamber (3 minute Public Comment.)
3. The Chamber to include the emails of each member of the SCAC and the area in which they serve. This would help those in the community become familiar with those

who are serving them on the SCAC. Discussion followed concerning including everyone's email address.

4. The Chamber has agreed to place SCAC announcements and dates of meetings on their website.

Bill Petrick – Water Intertie Project presented information and graphs concerning the water level in our aquifer. He maintains we are not in a severe water shortage and believes the Santa Maria pipeline is not necessary. He also believes the costs and objectives are ambiguous.

Discussion followed.

John Seitz – NCDS Attorney presented information refuting the finding of Mr. Petrick and believes the aquifer is very low and the costs and objectives clear. He referred to the Papadopolis report. Discussion followed.

Pat Eby resident of the area asked for written guarantee that the Santa Maria Pipeline will deliver water to Nipomo even in a drought year and questioned whether State water would be available.

Ed Eby area resident announced there would be workshops and public meetings to discuss and disclose all details early 2011.

Discussion followed.

New Business:

Save the Mesa – a request for a copy of the CD version of “Conservation and Open Space Element and the Parks Element: was made by El-Jay Hanson It was moved by Mike Eisner; seconded by Pat Duron that we purchase one copy of the CD with a request that we contact county to see if we can copy that CD and issue copies to the SCAC. Motion passed.

Santa Maria River and Fisheries Habitat – Mike Winn indicated this study would include the Chester River, Big Sur River and the Santa Maria River. The cost is \$6000 for the study even though the Santa Maria River has no water, nor steelhead fish.

Community Health Center at Tejas and Tefft – The present Health Center is planning to expand and use the existing building for offices. The question of zoning and agreement of neighbors for this expansion was raised. Discussion followed. The Land Use Committee will consider this issue at their December meeting.

Proposed Industrial Park at Callender-Garrett.... Mike Winn suggested we table this item for the December SCAC meeting.

Land Use:

Leal Lot Split and Laetitia items tabled until the December 2010 meeting.

Air Quality Report – Pat Duron has met with the APCD and it was decided to help implement the flag notification on school campus concerning the amount of particulate matter in the air at that time. Pat asked that we write a letter to Supervisor Elect, Paul Teixeira prior to February 2011 to alert him to the problem of air pollution on the Mesa

and request his influence in placing warning flags on the campuses. She offered the website: environflash.info

Traffic and Circulation Committee: nothing new to report.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 p.m.

Next meeting December 20, 2010