

## **SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes for the September 26, 2011 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Dan Woodson. Richard Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas with the following members present:

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

The following members were absent:

Bill Dorland	Mike Eisner
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**Additions or deletions to the Agenda:** Rick Dean moved, seconded by Stephanie Franks that the appointment of a Chair for the Parks and Recreation Committee be discussed at the October 2011 meeting. Motion pass.

It was also moved by Rick Dean, seconded by Istar Holliday that the New Business portion of the meeting be moved to follow Public Comment as a courtesy to some members of the community who were present to discuss a New Business item. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Treasurer Stephanie Franks** said there is no report since there is no money in our account. She also said that the Save the Mesa/ Library Fund is currently unused and we could find out if it can be used for operating expenses for the SCAC. These two items will be discussed later in the meeting.

**Correspondence:** **Chairman Dan Woodson** passed around several items of recent correspondence he has received.

**Comments from the Chair:** **Chairman Dan Woodson** said there will be art on the retaining walls of the new Willow Rd/ Highway 101 interchange. The art will consist of imprints of doves in the concrete. He passed around a picture as an example of how it will look.

### **Community Presentations:**

**Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher** reported the following:

Emergency Responses:

Nipomo Station 20 – 130 Total Calls – YTD 953

5 Fires	64 Medical
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24 Vehicle Accidents	37 Other
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Mesa Station 22 – 74 Total Calls - YTD 544

1 Fire	40 Medical
8 Vehicle Accidents	25 Other

Training: Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters trained on the use of ropes/rescue operation at Conoco Phillips and structure hose evolutions, Station 22 will be teaching a CPR class at the Mesa Dunes Mobile Home Park in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October and an extinguisher class at Trilogy.

Prevention: Suey Creek chipping is finished and ten homes were done

Air Pollution Control District (APCD) will issue burn permits in the future rather than the Fire Dept. Cal-Fire will issue Agricultural, Hazard Reduction or Range Improvements burns.

There will be a 525 Acre Range Improvement Burn in Hausna area on Oct. 2, 2011.

**SLO County Sheriff's Department Commander Robin Weckerly** reported:

73 Disturbing the Peace Calls	15 Vandalism
18 Thefts, mostly cars break-ins	9 Burglaries
7 Assaults	

She also discussed AB109 in which County Jails will be housing prisoners released from the State Prisons. This will begin October 1 and will be administer by the County Probation Department. Those released will be non-violent, non-sexual and no 3<sup>rd</sup> strikers. It will only include those prisoners whose sentences are 14 year or less. The Sheriff's Department will receive \$2.2 million from the State of California and the County will have to make up the remainder needed. San Luis Obispo County will be housing 800 inmates but we are presently at capacity so arrangements will have to be made for additional facilities. Seventeen additional Correctional Officers will be hired and applications are presently being accepted. Governor Brown believes it will be less costly for the State of California to house prisoners in the counties rather than State Prisons.

**California Highway Patrol John Townsen** - not present

**SLO County Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti** - will arrive later in the meeting

**Parks Commissioner Connie O'Henley** –not present

**Nipomo Community Services District Director Mike Winn** announced a NCSD meeting on Sept. 27 at 9:00 a.m.

The Waste Water Facility is moving ahead and there will be no additional taxes to provide the update on the facility.

The Dana Adobe will apply for water expansion for the future.

Mr. Winn encouraged the SCAC and community to urge Governor Brown to veto SB293 which will mandate contractors are withheld 5% rather than the present 10% of a contracted job until total completion of the project.

The Water Master Plan is close to a final draft.

**Public Comment: Jon Snyder** submitted a paper with several of his objections to the NCSA findings of the amount of available water in our area.

**New Business- Horse Boarding Facility at 696 Joshua Rd, Nipomo- Soto Family**

The Soto family was present at the meeting with the request for approval of a facility on their 20 acre property to stable horses. Five acres will be allotted to the horses, stalls, corrals and arena. There were a number of questions discussed including available water, number of horses and whether the Sotos own the horses or are they boarding horses for other people. Patricia Duron acted as interpreter in Spanish/ English and it was communicated to the Sotos that they need to appear before the Land Use Committee with an interpreter at the October 17 meeting. Rick Dean moved, seconded by Vince McCarthy that the Sotos meet with the Land Use Committee and then return to the SCAC at the October meeting to clarify these items. Motion carried.

**Landscape Screening: El-Jay Hansson** presented several pictures of examples of properties that had not complied with the Landscape Screening requirements. She suggests a letter be sent to Code Enforcement with copies to Supervisor Teixeira and Chuck Stevenson and Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti regarding unfulfilled mitigations. Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Rick Dean that the letter be sent. Motion passed.

**Agricultural Cluster Subdivisions Program DIER - Istar Holliday** presented the core items in the ordinance concerning housing on properties that are presently agricultural. Discussion followed. Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti discussed several pros and cons of the ordinance. Dick Wright moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the SCAC recommend approval. Motion passed with Dan Gaddis, El-Jay Hansson and Elaine Thomas abstaining.

**Old Business:**

**SCAC Funding: Correspondence Secretary Istar Holliday** presented a letter to be sent to Supervisor Paul Teixeira requesting operating funds for the SCAC 2011 year. Treasurer Stephanie Franks had previously requested the funds in the amount of \$1200. In the past, the SCAC has received \$2000.00 for yearly operating funds. To date, we have not received the money nor a reply from Supervisor Teixeira. The letter was discussed and amended. El-Jay Hansson moved that we approve the letter as amended with copies to Supervisor Teixeira and the other Supervisors. Pat Duron seconded the motion. Motion passed with Stephanie Franks and Vince McCarthy voting No. Abstaining Rick Dean and Gary Spelbring.

It was agreed that Istar will rewrite the letter as amended and submit to each of the SCAC members prior to sending it out.

The SCAC presently owes El-Jay Hansson \$149.00 for paper and supplies to submit Land Use items to the County. We also owe Derrick Eby \$150.00 for the web-site.

**Street Lights at Pomeroy and Willow – Chairman Dan Woodson** said he thought the lights were now on and will check soon to make sure.

**Land Use Committee** - no further report

**Traffic and Circulation Committee – Chairman Dan Woodson** said the “roundabouts” proposed for the corners of Highway 1 and Halcyon are being discussed. This item will be on the agenda for the SCAC October meeting.

Mike Winn suggested the confusion of the two left turns on Tefft as it crosses Highway 101 can be solved by painting a turn arrow and a straight arrow on the existing lane.

**PM10 Report: Patricia Duron** –Announced an APCD workshop was held Wed. Sept. 7 with about 75 people in attendance, including several public officials. The appropriate report was not available in time for attendees to study it and some information and maps were not available.

The APCD is requesting volunteers to place monitors on their property to monitor the dust particles. This is especially important in the spring. Istar Holliday volunteered her property to have a monitor.

The Fugitive Dust Rule would require State Parks to make sure the reading for PM10 not exceed 55 micrograms per cubic liter. This goal would have to be reached in 42 months. If the community disagrees with this time line, Larry Allen, APCD Executive Director can be notified.

The Desert Research Institute has shown that hay bales and vegetation helps reduce the dust up to 95%. In the above mentioned study, the monitors were placed at areas where the dust was considerably less. APCD believes the monitors should have been placed at the highest dust level locations rather than at the least.

Next APCD meeting will be Wed. Sept. 28, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors chambers.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 p.m. Next meeting October 24, 2011