

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for the October 24, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Woodson. Richard Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas.

Members Present:

Bill Dorland	Patricia Duron
Mike Eisner	Stephanie Franks
Dan Gaddis	El-Jay Hansson
Istar Holliday	Gary Spelbring
Elaine Thomas	Mike Winn (NCSD non-voting member)
Dan Woodson	
Richard Wright	

Members Absent:

Rick Dean	Vince McCarthy
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Addition or Deletions to the Agenda:

The marijuana stores that are proposed for Oceano and again in Nipomo will be discussed at the November SCAC meeting.

Richard Wright will give a report on the Anti-Gang Task Force at this meeting.

Exceleron application will be discussed at the January 2012 SCAC meeting

Approval of Minutes for the September 26th, 2011 Meeting

Istar Holliday moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that the minutes be approved. Motion passed. with Mike Eisner and Bill Dorland abstaining.

Treasurers Report: Stephanie Franks Treasurer had no report, but a discussion of the Save the Mesa funds will take place later in the meeting.

Correspondence: Chairman Dan Woodson offered several items of correspondence that he had received, including the newsletter of the Chamber of Commerce.

Comments from the Chair: Chairman Dan Woodson said that the streetlight at Pomeroy and Willow which was discussed at the September meeting is now working.

It will be necessary to select an election chairman at the November SCAC meeting to prepare for future nomination of officers.

Community Presentations

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher reported the following:

Nipomo Station 20	104 Total Calls	YTD 957
6 Fires	55 Medical	

9 Vehicle Accidents	34 Other	
Mesa Station 22	51 Total Calls	YTD 595
5 Fires	27 Medical	
5 Vehicle Accidents	14 Other	

Training: Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters trained on CPR and AED. Station 22 and the County Hazardous Material Team will be participating in a Hazardous Materials drill on Nov. 16 at Conoco Phillips

Prevention: Station 20 and 22 participated in prevention activities at the Oktober Fest, Miners Ace Hardware, Nipomo Men’s Club and Alisa Ann Ruche Burn Relay
 Air Pollution Control District (APCD) burn permits will be issued by the APCD now and rather than the fire stations in San Luis Obispo County. Cal Fire will be issuing Agricultural, Hazard Reduction or Range Improvement burns. We will allow open burning at the end of fire season which is estimated to be on November 15.

The house on Pomeroy that burned about 2 years ago is still an eyesore. Chief Fisher said he will speak to the owner who is living in a trailer on the property at present. Mike Eisner asked if the stations could conduct CPR training for the community and Chief Fisher stated that he would look into the idea.

SLO County Sheriff’s Department Commander Robin Weckerly reported the following:

- 77 cases of disturbing the peace
- 15 cases of theft – continuing to have issues with landscape equipment being stolen
- 10 cases of vandalism
- 9 cases of burglary
- 6 cases of unauthorized use of credit card
- Continuing scam of phone call to bail grandchildren out of jail
- The proposed marijuana store in Oceano has been denied because it is within 1000 feet of a park. The decision will probably be appealed.
- A marijuana store is being proposed for Cuyama Lane in Nipomo
- Commander Weckerly indicated that the Federal Government is beginning to enforce the laws making marijuana stores illegal. The stores in Southern California will be initially targeted and it will be determined if they are non-profit and are paying taxes. This item will be discussed at future meetings of the SCAC.

California Highway Patrol - not present
SLO County Planning Brian Pedrotti – not present
Parks Commissioner Connie O’Henley- not present

Nipomo Community Services District Director Mike Winn reported the water rate increase is 9.5%
 A power-point presentation on “Re-imagining the California Lawn” was viewed by the NCSO and Mike suggested we also plan to have the presentation. He indicated it is valuable in a water-conservation area such as ours.

- W 12 OCT NCSD --NCSD is working on solutions for the expansion of the Dana Adobe with its master plan, to serve them water without altering County ordinance §3090.
- A protest against a routine annual rate increase of 9.5% failed, getting only 5% support when 50% plus one vote was the minimum. (NCSD staff has had no raises, not even cost of living increase, in 3 years; and next year with the new budget there will be no increases either.)
- Sat 15 OCT NCSD --David Fross from Native Sons Wholesale Nursery gave an illustrated talk "Re-Imagining the California Lawn". It was outstanding, and about 40 people attended. (SCAC might think about asking him to give the Council such a presentation too.)
- T 18 OCT BoS --The County's Resource Management System's Annual Survey Report will no longer be annual, changing to every other year or twice every 5 years.
- T 25 OCT BoS --The NCSD will ask the supervisors to approve its leading in the formation of a tax assessment district in the 4 water purveyor service areas of the NMMA to fund a solution for our community's serious water shortage problem. (People not living in one of those water service areas will not be asked to help fund the project.) Winn urged the Council and public to attend, starting 1:30pm.
- W 26 OCT NCSD --The District's SCADA system (the remote monitoring and control system for its wells and lift stations) is proposed to be upgraded.
- W 2 NOV WRAC --The countywide Water Resources Advisory Committee of the BoS will meet in the SLO Library, starting at 1:30pm. The County Master Water Plan will be considered for approval, and an update will be given for the Regional Water Quality Control Board's ag water ordinance. (The waivers have been extended for another year.)
- W 9 NOV NCSD --No usual meeting that day, but there will be another outreach to the community that evening at Nipomo High School, 6:30-8:30pm. The public is encouraged to attend and hear a presentation about potential solutions to our community's serious water shortage problem.

Note: Good news! ConocoPhillips has reduced its historic water use 45% by changing their processing technology. The Water section for the EIR of their planned expansion proposes only a 1% increase above the 55% mark.

Lucia Mar School District – Vern Dahl, who is a member of the School Board, will apply to be the representative to the SCAC.

Chamber of Commerce Steve Schumann - not present

Public Comment:

Public Safety Representative Richard Wright presented some statistics from the 2011, National Gang Threat Assessment prepared by the FBI in conjunction with federal, state and local agencies. That report indicated that gangs continue to expand, evolve and become more violent. Currently nationwide there are 1.4 million street gang members in 33,000 gangs and gangs are responsible for an average of 48% of violent crime in most jurisdictions and up to 90% in some others.

Gangs are increasingly engaging in non-traditional gang-related crime such as alien smuggling, human trafficking and prostitution. They are also engaging in white-collar crime such as counterfeiting, identity theft and mortgage fraud and are becoming increasingly adaptable and sophisticated while employing new and advanced technology to facilitate criminal activity discreetly, enhance their operations and connect with other criminal organizations nationwide and even worldwide.

PSR Wright also reported on the October 20, 2011 meeting of the County's Anti-Gang Coordinating Committee. This Committee is co-chaired by D. A. Gerry Shea, Chief Probation Officer Jim Salio and Sherriff Ian Parkinson. During that meeting there was a discussion on AB109- "The Public Safety Realignment Act" which provided significant changes in the manner in which inmate custody, parole and sentencing will be conducted in California. The responsibility for these functions has been transferred to the counties from the state for "non-serious, non-violent and non-sex offender inmates. The County will receive \$2.2 million from the state for the remainder of this fiscal year to accommodate these changes. These funds will be used to expand the correctional facilities and hire new correctional and probation employees. Next fiscal year costs are expected to be \$4,049,095.00. This future funding has not been established. Additional legislation or a constitutional amendment will be necessary to confirm these funds.

The Anti-Gang Coordinating Committee has three subcommittees that address (1) Prevention, (2) Detection and Suppression and (3) Rehabilitation and Re-Entry. Each of these groups reported on their activities and programs. Of note was the task force of Paso Robles PD, Sheriff's gang unit, parole and probation officers that spent three weeks on Operation Safe Streets in the Paso Robles area suppressing gang activity by making 65 arrests and issuing 40 citations while making 312 stops of suspected gang members.

Land Conservancy of SLO County Bob Hill discussed TDC's (Transfer Development Credits): He indicated they are presently working in the Black lake Canyon area, Dana Adobe property, a private ranch of 2000 acres, the Oaks area, the wildlife in the Los Padres National Forrest area and the Guadalupe and Nipomo dunes areas. TDC's: Property owners can detach development rights and transfer them to another. There can be conflict with the sending property and the receiving area when

there is a question of where the credits can be used. The Land Conservancy is primarily focused on biological, agricultural, cultural and scenic criteria. A Blue Ribbon Committee to study TDC's was formed but very little success was achieved after 2 years.

It was emphasized that the TDC in our area must be approved by the SCAC. Discussion followed and Mr. Hill was thanked for his report.

SOTO Family request for horse boarding on their property will be discussed at a later meeting with their attorney present.

SCAC Funding: Discussion of the use of the Save the Mesa Funds took place. There is a question of the availability of the funds for use by the SCAC. Discussion followed. It was decided that minutes or records will try to be located to see if the funds are designated.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Mike Eisner moved to amend the by-laws to state that the Parks and Recreation committee is an ad hoc committee versus its present designation of standing committee. Pat Duron seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed. A Parks and Recreation formation committee was appointed which will goals and guidelines. Members of the committee are:

Mike Eisner, Chairman	Istar Holliday	Mike Winn
Stephanie Franks	Richard Wright	Dan Woodson, Ex-officio

New Business

Traffic and Circulation Committee: Dan Woodson presented the Update of South County Circulation Study. It has been determined that the "roundabouts" at Halcyon and Highway 101 will be postponed until 2020.

Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Stephanie Franks to approve the 2011-12 County Circulation Study. Motion carried.

The speed limit on Tejas will be 35 miles per hour. This will be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

A no-parking zone is requested on Tefft, east of the highway 101 interchange at the Chevron and Stop n Go stations. The parking presently is unsafe for through traffic. Discussion ensued to the effect that restricting north side parking would be OK, but restricting south side parking would likely harm the business there.

Land Use Committee Istar Holliday said there are no further reports. The Soto Property will be discussed at a later meeting. Also the Dana Adobe will be presenting a request for approval for additional structures on the property. This will also be discussed at a later meeting.

PM 10 Committee Patricia Duron reported the following: The Air Pollution Control Board of Directors voted to direct APCD to proceed with the proposed Fugitive Dust Rule with modifications and bring the Rule back to the Committee for approval. It will now be called Coastal Dunes Dust Control Draft Rule and it establishes guidelines that force the State Parks Road Division to bring the dust levels of its off-road park levels to those that are equal to adjacent non-riding areas. Enforcement and fines may be levied. Enforcement may take 42 months under the current time line. On November 16, seven of the 12 Board members must vote for adoption of this report.

The Off-Road Vehicle Recreational Commission held a meeting in Arroyo Grande on October 14 and discussed the proposed Dust Rule. The conclusions of the APCD study were questioned in reference to the vehicles on the dunes being the cause of the pollution. State Parks said the managed study on placement of vegetation and hay bales shows the dust reduced by 95%.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be November 28, 2011