

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for the March 26, 2012 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Dan Woodson. Istar Holliday led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Elaine Thomas called the roll.

Members Present:

Rick Dean	Bill Dorland
El-Jay Hansson	Mike Eisner
Istar Holliday	Gary Sebring
Elaine Thomas	Dan Woodson
Richard Wright	Ed Eby – NCSD

Members Absent:

Patricia Duron	Dan Gaddis
Vince McCarthy	Vern Dahl

Special SCAC Meeting – April 9, 2012. At 6:00 p.m. the Parks & Recreation Committee will meet at the NCSD building. The public meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Mike Eisner announced the special meeting is scheduled to discuss the Nipomo Park EIR.

Special Award – Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher offered the following report on Emergency Responses

Nipomo Station 20 - 88 Total Calls – YTD 88

5 Fires	60 Medical	10 Vehicle Accidents	13 Other
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Mesa Station 22 - 80 Total Calls – YTD 161

17 Fires	38 Medical	5 Vehicle Accidents	20 Other
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Training: Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters trained on Salvage Operations, Ladders and Ropes. Paid personnel attended the Company Officer Academy.

Prevention: The area chipping event will begin April 30 and continue to June 1, 2012.

For more information and applications go to www.calfireslo.org – 2012 chipping.

Burn permits should be obtained by contacting the APCD.

The annual fundraiser barbeque will be held April 29 in the Von parking lot from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chief Fisher: Paul Miner, a Paid Volunteer Firefighter for 21 years is retiring from service. Approximately 12 Firefighters were present to honor Mr. Miner with a shadow-box containing his badge and other important items in recognition of his service. Mr. Miner was thanked by all present and pictures were taken of him with his wife Diane, and all the Firefighters present. Diane received special thanks for being a support for him through the years.

Approval of Minutes for the January 23rd and February 27th Meetings: El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the minutes be approved and filed. Motion pass with Rich Dean abstaining.

Treasurer's Report- Interim Treasurer Richard Wright offered the following report.
Dump Fees – 895.76 Library – 1,510.42 Total - \$2,406.18

Note: The negative balance of \$93.36 in the Board Meeting category of the January 2012 State of Account has been absorbed into the Library category

Istar Holliday moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Land Conservancy Newsletter was received

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Newsletter was received

Community Presentations:

Sheriff's Office, Jim Taylor – not present

California Highway Patrol – John Townsen announced that Distracted Driver Month is beginning. He urged everyone to be alert and aware while driving.

He said that Patrolmen will take special note of the Swap Meet traffic on the weekend.

SLO County Planning Staff – Brian Pedrotti – not present

Park Commissioner – Connie O'Henley – not present

NCSD – Ed Eby announced the NCSD meeting on Wednesday, March 28 will discuss:

1. Budget increase on supplemental water
2. Water EIR
3. Recommendations to the County for water issues

He said the ballots have been sent for support or opposition to a proposed assessment for the Nipomo Mesa Supplemental Water Project. .

Lucia Mar School District – Vern Dahl – not present

Chamber of Commerce President Rudy Stowell announced the annual Casino Night will be held at the Edwards Barn on April 21. He said a maximum 200 people will be allowed for the event and urged everyone to get their reservations in early.

He said the Chamber is accepting volunteers for the Adopt a Highway Committee, for flower baskets for Old Towne care and for help with the Dana Adobe. He is hoping to get all community efforts centralized to avoid duplication of service.

Public Safety Realignment Implementation Plan - AB109 – Dick Wright offered the following report:

In April 2011, the State of California approved a bill to transfer responsibility for incarcerating or supervising certain offenders from the State to the Counties. The object of County responsibility is.

1. Maintain maximum public safety

2. Improve offender success rate and reduce recidivism
3. Increase incarceration alternatives and treatment support for low-level offenders

Offenders received by SLO County to date:

1. Pos-release Community Supervision – non-violent, non-serious and non-sex offenders complete their term in prison are released on parole and have 3 years of supervised probation. Offenders may have had prior convictions.
2. New Convictions – Offenders convicted of non-violent, non-serious and non-sex crimes will now serve time in the county jail. Offenders may not have prior convictions.
3. New Commitments for State Parolees – Parolees who were released before Oct. 1, 2011 may have their parole revoked and serve their commitments in county jail instead of state prison.

SLO County was projected to receive 64 offenders, but so far has received 128. The costs for these offenders includes remodel the jail and modular housing, add jail correctional staff, expand home detention program, add mental health therapists and add jail medical care services. Offender supervision includes post-release community supervision and electronic monitoring. Offender Treatment includes collaborative reentry program, jail treatment program, cognitive behavioral program, day reporting center and sober living program.

A total of \$2.2 million was allocated to San Luis Obispo County by the State to support this program. Amount received through Feb. 2012 - \$1,120,437.

4th District Supervisor Paul Teixeira presented each SCAC member with a Certificate of Recognition.

Complete Communities Survey – Jim Lopes, SLO County Planner AICPIII - This is one of several studies to encourage more community-focused growth and plan for needed infrastructure for the future. The study will identify: Where public facilities should be built, their costs and potential financing strategies. A funding and Financing Plan that will identify funding opportunities and financing methods will be available June 2012. More information on this survey is available at <http://www.sloplanning.org>. Comments can be received by May 15.

The survey describes essential community features including, storm water, locating schools, parks, public plazas, pedestrians walk-ways, bicycle paths, reduction in vehicle usage, land efficiency, smaller yards, water usage and consumption. A Complete Community Features Comment Form was issued by Mr. Lopes with the request that members of the community fill it out and indicate the items of most importance. The form is to be returned to Mr. Lopes.

Discussion followed on water issues, and limited availability of the Comment Form. Most members of the affected community will not be able to obtain the Comment Form.

Istar Holliday said the County does not seem to understand the composition of our community in relation to commuters. Since there are only a small number of jobs available in the Nipomo community, there is a need for more parking when home

building plans are approved. Because of this the community is composed primarily of commuters. Walking or bicycling to work is not feasible. The county needs to be aware of the problem of neighborhoods congested with numerous cars which sometimes block streets and fire lanes. This has become an acute problem for the community.

Consent Agenda: Three items on the consent agenda were approved by the Council with a motion by El-Hansson, seconded by Dick Wright.

1. Maggie Place Lot Line Adjustment
2. Union Oil 500,000 cubic yards of soil removed – Thornberry/Guadalupe SLO County
3. Verizon Cell Phone tower, Pismo Coast Village – Sheridan between Arriba and Willow.

Public Comment:

Jon Snyder- provided a report he had compiled on the availability of water in our community. He disagrees with the figures presented by the NCSD.

Jim Pulke gave an account of a neighborhood pit bull attacking and injuring another dog. The injured dog was treated for a number of wounds by the vet. Mr. Pulke circulated a letter for his neighbors to sign requesting that action be taken and the pit bull be removed from the property. The pit bull is able to jump the fence in his yard and run free. Twenty neighbors signed the letter and it will be sent to the Animal Services Dept., a copy to the SCAC and a copy to Supervisor Teixeira. There is a new ordinance that will involve a fine for vicious dogs attacking other dogs or people

Elaine Thomas requested clean up of the trash on the vacant lot north of the furniture store on Frontage Rd on the west side of Highway 101. It was said that the owner of the property has been contacted and asked to do the clean up.

Also the trailer/camper settlement just south of the new Willow Interchange on the west side of Highway 101 should be examined for code violation. It was said that this encampment is supposedly a religious group and they “shoot first and ask questions later.”

Election Results – Mike Eisner, Chairman of the Election Committee announced the following as a result of the SCAC election:

Area 1 – one vacancy remains- no candidate applied for the open position

Area 2 – Harry Walls was elected to a 2 year term ending 2014

Area 3 – one vacancy remains as no candidate applied for the open position

Area 4 – Rick Dean was elected to a two year term ending 2014

Area 5 - Gary Spelbring ran unopposed and his term was extended to 2014

Area 6 - Istar Holliday ran unopposed and her term was extended to 2014

Area 7 – Susan Cholakian ran unopposed and her term will expire in 2014

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Public Safety – Richard Wright ran unopposed and his term will be extended to 2014

Agriculture – Patricia Duron has one year remaining to serve

Election results:

Area 2 – Ron Everling – 19 votes

Harry Walls – 59 votes

Area 4 – Rick Dean – 14 votes

Niko Hadden – 2 votes

Election of 2012-13 SCAC Officers

Bill Dorland – Chairman – moved by Dick Wright, 2nd by El-Jay Hansson. Passed

Harry Walls – Vice Chairman – moved by Dick Wright, 2nd by Gary Spelbring, Passed

Elaine Thomas -Recording Secretary –moved by Istar Holliday, 2nd by Rick Dean-
Passed

Istar Holliday – Correspondence Secretary – moved by Rick Dean, 2nd by Dick Wright
– Passed

Dick Wright – Treasurer – moved by Rick Dean – 2nd by Gary Spelbring, Passed

Istar Holliday and El-Jay Hansson – Land Use Committee – moved by Rick Dean, 2nd
by Dick Wright. Passed

Clyde Cruise – Parks and Recreation Chairman – moved by Rick Dean, 2nd by Dick
Wright. Passed

Dan Woodson – Traffic and Circulation Committee – moved by Rick Dean, 2nd by
Dick Wright. Passed

Dan Woodson announced a Planning Session of County Area Chairs in Sept. at the San Luis Obispo Library. Further information for new SCAC Chairman Bill Dorland will follow.

Dan Woodson handed the gavel to the new Chairman, Bill Dorland and congratulated him for agreeing to serve for the coming year. He then thanked the SCAC for the service rendered and the cooperation he enjoyed from the council. He was then thanked by the council for being an outstanding and diligent chairman.

Mike Eisner who has resigned from the SCAC was thanked for his past service. His resignation was accepted with regret from the council.

Bill Dorland – was then seated as chairman

Susan Cholakian – newly elected for Area 7 was seated with the council

Comments from the New Chair – Bill Dorland – thanked the members of the Council and wished all of us a productive year.

Old Business:

Audit Committee – Dick Wright- announced that an Audit Committee of 3 members, excluding the Treasurer, needs to be selected. Volunteers were Istar Holliday, Gary Spelbring and El-Jay Hansson.

Land Use Committee – Istar Holliday the three items on the Consent Agenda had already passed.

There was a question about the new building on Tefft and Wilson. It had not been brought to the Land Use Committee and Istar said she will contact Brian Pedrotti to see what kind of building had been approved.

Istar said that it was reported to the Committee that the Swap Meet is believed to be in violation of its conditional use permit in several respects and that Vern Dahl will report his finding to the Committee.

Traffic and Circulation – Dan Woodson reported that the Willow Rd. Interchange is progressing. He said the road to the Guadalupe Beach is now open, but no dogs will be allowed since this is a snowy plover nesting area.

Special Meeting on April 9, 2012 – A special meeting will be held April 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the NCSD building to discuss the Nipomo Regional Park EIR, preceded by a meeting of the Parks Dept. Committee at 6:00 p.m. As Bill Dorland will be out of town for this meeting, Harry Walls will Chair the meeting that evening.

Next regular meeting April 23, 2012
Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.