## SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes for the July 23, 2012 Meeting

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

Rick Dean
Dan Gaddis
Vince McCarthy
Elaine Thomas
Susan Cholakian
Bill Dorland
El-Jay Hansson
Gary Spelbring
Vern Dahl
Ed Eby, NCSD

Harry Walls

The following members were absent:

Pat Duron Istar Holliday
Dan Woodson Richard Wright

A quorum was declared.

**Addition or Deletions to the Agenda:** Unmaintained Landscape Screening of properties was mentioned. Susan Cholakian moved, seconded by Rick Dean that the discussion take place during the New Business portion of this meeting. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes for the June 25, 2012 SCAC Meeting:** Harry Walls moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that the minutes be approved and filed. Motion carried. Rick Dean abstained.

**Treasurer's Report**: In the absence of Treasurer Dick Wright, Chairman Bill Dorland reported that according to an email from the Treasurer, the balance in the SCAC Treasury stamds at \$2,148.18. as of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

El-Jay Hansson reported that the audit has been completed and the report will be given at the August, 2012 SCAC meeting.

**Correspondence:** Chairman Bill Dorland announced he has received information that Viva Farms will be having an Open House on Saturday, July 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the neighbors. The address is 1091 Viva Way and all are invited.

## **Community Presentations:**

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher - not present Sheriff's Office Jim Taylor - not present California Highway Patrol John Townson —not present SLO County Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti — not present Parks Commissioner Connie O'Henley —not present

**Nipomo Community Services District: Ed Eby** said a Supplemental Water Alternatives Evaluation Committee is being formed to evaluate options to bring

additional water to the Nipomo Mesa. Applications, qualifications and by-laws are available at the NCSD website under News and Information. Applications to be on the committee are due August 3.

The committee will be composed of:

2 Engineering Members 2 Environmental Members

2 Finance Members 1 Member at Large

The NCSD is looking at a phased Santa Maria pipeline to stretch out the cost to make it affordable without an additional property tax. Early phases would deliver less than 3,000 acre-feet per year. Three phases stretched out over several years would bring increasingly more water until the 3,000 was reached. Phasing study will be presented at the July 25, 2012 NCSD meeting.

**Lucia Mar School District: Verne Dahl** reported that the New Tech High is on schedule and will be ready for students when school starts.

He also said that the recent contract offered to the teachers failed in the vote and is now in negotiations and may go to arbitration.

**Chamber of Commerce: President Rudy Stowell** said to plan on attending October Fest. He also reported that talks are in progress on the proposed directory listing all the businesses in the area. This will be a benefit to the community and the businesses.

## **Public Comment:**

**Viva Farms Traffic:** Mike Berry, a resident of Nipomo, is doing a study on the truck traffic from Viva Farms. He presented a series of pictures showing the amount of truck traffic and also the deterioration of the road. This area is used by hikers, bikers and equestrians and the trucks present a danger. This has been a residential neighborhood and is now bothered by the truck traffic and the noise generated. The trucks are on the road at all hours of the day and night. He is presenting petitions to Supervisor Paul Teixeira showing the negative impact this traffic is causing. He is urging everyone to sign the petitions

Discussion was held on who is responsible for repairing the roads damaged by this truck traffic. El-Jay Hansson pointed out that parts of these are non-county roads and apparently no one has assumed responsibility for repairs and maintenance.

**Dana Adobe:** Ed Eby announced an open house at the Dana Adobe on Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Many improvements and restorations have been made to the Adobe. There will be food, drinks and music and Ed urged everyone to attend. He also said that the negotiations for the grant for further restoration needs to be finished before the grant expires.

**New Business: SUB2011-00059 CO12-0045:The Aslandis** property on the corner of Camino Caballo and Evergreen Way consists of 3.46 acres. Andrew Head, the owner of the property, is requesting splitting the property into two lots to be used as a sub-division. He has received an Intent to Serve letter from the NCSD and this property appears to be

in the URL. Discussion was held and Rick Dean moved, seconded by Dan Gaddis that this request be approved. Motion carried.

Landscape Screening: El-Jay Hansson said there is a problem with many properties in our area not being maintained in reference to the Landscape Screening. Builders will plants trees or scrubs and after the property is sold the vegetation is not cared for and dies. A proposed bond was discussed including the difficulty of enforcing the bond and/or laws. The county Code Enforcement Agency is overwhelmed with short staff and is apparently unable to follow up on these types of issues

It was suggested that El-Jay Hansson and Istar Holliday contact Chuck Stevenson of the Long-range Planning Department and also the Land Conservancy to find out how this problem is being solved in other areas of the county.

**Old Business: SCAC Funding** – Since the SCAC has not received funding from our Supervisor, it was decided that another letter requesting funds be issued to Supervisor Teixeira and James Patterson, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, with copies to each member of the Board of Supervisors. All of the other County Councils have received their funds from the Supervisor and it is requested that SCAC also receive funding from the County to cover operating expenses.. Rick Dean moved, seconded by Gary Spelbring that this letter be issued. Motion passed.

**Union Oil Co. of CA** - Dan Gaddis said there is no action at present

**Board of Supervisors Agenda:** It has been mentioned in previous meetings of the SCAC that we need to be cognizant of the BOS agenda to see if any items directly affect our area. Discussion was held on how this could be implemented since the agenda is often vague and in order to research each item could take many hours. Although this is an important item, it would be very challenging to monitor.

**Land Use** – El-Jay Hansson said the Maria Vista subdivision is the neighborhood that was built above the racetrack on the southernmost area of the County. The builder did not receive an Intent to Serve Letter from the NCSD and the project is bankrupt. However the property has been sold and the buyer plans to develop the property.

The building on the corner of Tefft and Wilson is planned for shops on the lower level with apartments on the second floor. The project has been sold and is construction is progressing slowly.

**Parks and Recreation:** Clyde Cruise reported that the EIR on the Regional Park Long Range Plan is complete and will be presented to the County Parks and Recreation Department on August 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors chambers. He urged everyone who is interested in this plan to attend the meeting.

Traffic and Circulation: Dan Woodson not present

PM10: Patricia Duron not present

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be August 27, 2012.