

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of the August 27, 2012 Meeting

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

Bill Dorland	Rick Dean
Pat Duron	Dan Gaddis
Istar Holliday	Vince McCarthy
Gary Spelbring	Elaine Thomas
Dan Woodson	Susan Cholakian
Ed Eby, NCSD	Harry Walls

The following members were absent:

Richard Wright	Vern Dahl
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Additional or Deletions to Agenda: For the convenience of community residents in attendance at this meeting it was suggested that the Nipomo Regional Park EIR discussion and the Viva Farms discussion be earlier in the meeting.

Susan Cholakian moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the Nipomo Regional Park EIR discussion take place immediately after Community Presentations. Motion carried.

Gary Spelbring moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the Viva Farms discussion take place immediately after the Nipomo Regional Park EIR discussion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes for the July 23, 2012 SCAC Meeting: Dan Gaddis moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the minutes be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer Dick Wright, there is no report.

Comments from the Chair: Chairman Bill Dorland announced that Reggie Dion who was formerly a member of this Council, is gravely ill. He encouraged members of SCAC to contact him or send cards.

Bill Dorland also announced that he had a meeting with Supervisor Paul Teixeira and funding for the SCAC was discussed. Supervisor Teixeira said he will fund the SCAC, but not in the amount requested.

Supervisor Teixeira also requested that members of the SCAC meet with him once a month. This meeting will occur by appointment only at a location determined by the Supervisor. Chairman Dorland said he will meet with him and also invite one other member of the SCAC to attend with him.

Supervisor Teixeira said he is cognizant of the problem with Viva Farms and has taken the information to the Board of Supervisors.

If you have a land line, even if it is unlisted, your phone number is automatically in the “Reverse 911” date base.

Please pass the information on to those you know who have cell phone only.

Sheriff’s Office – Jim Taylor: not present

California Highway Patrol – John Townsen: not present

SLO County Planning Staff – Brian Pedrotti: not present

Park Commissioner – Connie O’Henley: not present

Nipomo Community Services District – Ed Eby: reported that at the July 27 meeting AECOM announced that a phased Supplemental Water Pipeline project is feasible. It could be built in stages that would slowly increase the amount of water that would be imported.

The next meeting of the NCS D will be September 12 at which AECOM will report the estimated costs required at each phase and a proposed schedule. The NCS D staff will also present possible sources of funds for the phased project which would do not require a property tax increase.

The Supplemental Water Alternatives Evaluation Committee members have been selected as follows:

Engineering - Rob Miller: Woodlands Mutual Water Company General Manager and District Engineer for the LOCSD.

Dennis Graue: a Woodlands resident and PhD. with geological background in underground reservoirs

Environmental – DanWoodson - member of SCAC

Kathy Matsuyama

Financial – Craig Armstrong retired financial Vice President of Hilton Hotels

Dave Watson a development consultant and former Pismo Beach Public Works Manager

Citizen at large – Dan Garson: SMWC President

Their first meeting is not yet scheduled.

Four people are running for two seats on the NCS D Board in for November 6 election: Ed Eby, Craig Armstrong, Ernie Thompson and Bob Blair

Nipomo Regional Parks EIR: Clyde Cruise said the EIR was submitted to the Park Commissioner to approve recommendation for certification. The next step is presenting the EIR to the Board of Supervisors. Clyde went on to say that it had been announced that the Parks Commission would consider the EIR at that meeting; however the Commission approved the entire Master Plan as well.

Istar Holliday and several others attended the meeting. She said that the EIR was received by her three days prior to the Parks Commission's meeting and that with a report of over 1000 pages it was impossible to review that amount of information in such a short time. She indicated that the Master Plan that was approved by the Parks Commission stated that 31% of the Park would be buildings with a number of questions concerning liability responsibility. There are oaks that are over 100 years old in the park that were going to be cut down. The lack of water for the Park is a major consideration.

Discussion among the SCAC followed and serious questions and concerns were raised by members and by attendees at the meeting including the following.

- Questions of liability responsibility. Who must carry the liability insurance for the various portions of the Park?
- Removal of oaks that are over 100 years old.
- Lack of water.
- Questions concerning security in the Park. Since we have only 1 sheriff in this area at night, it is very difficult to patrol an Activity Center in the middle of the Park at night. The Activity Center should be placed near Tefft Street to make it possible for better security.
- Placement of a children's park on the small lot called Ceasar Chavez Park at the corner of Camino Caballo and Osage. There is no parking and this is a very busy intersection and it is not suitable for a children's park.
- Lack of public discussion. The Board of Supervisors should defer the decision on the EIR and Master Plan until the community can comment.
- Co-mingling of public and private funds.

Istar Holliday said there has been a lack of public discussion and is in favor of requesting the Board of Supervisors to defer the discussion of the EIR and Master Plan until the community can comment. She also questioned the co-mingling of public and private funds and determining who must carry the liability for the various portions of the Park.

Vince McCarthy said there is already a drug problem in the Park and improved policing is necessary.

Dan Woodson said if we send all our objections to the Board of Supervisors, then the EIR and Master Plan will be agendized.

Pat Duron asked who is shoving this through so quickly without adequate community discussion. She also said that Supervisor Teixeira said this Master Plan will be approved as it stands.

Harry Walls encouraged the SCAC to write a well thought-out letter to the Board of Supervisors. Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Susan Cholakian that a letter be

composed indicating the objections that have been voiced and requesting a deferment for this project. The letter should be sent to the following:

All five Supervisors	NCS D
Air Quality Control Board	Sheriff's Department
SLO COG	Transit Authority
Cal-Fire	Parks Department
Planning Commission	

Motion carried. Istar and Harry Walls will compose the letter and include the request for complete responses to the questions that have been asked previously and pointing out that the EIR needs to be discussed and approved before the Master Plan is approved. The draft of the letter will be sent to the SCAC with the request for comments prior to being sent.

Viva Farms: Mike Berry, a spokesperson for a group of concerned neighbors, said the problem with the traffic generated from the Viva Farms is increasing because the owner now has a trucking business as well as the distribution center for plants. This type of business is not allowed in a residential area and is now tearing up Camino Caballo because of the heavy truck traffic. He had been told that Supervisor Tiexeira would contact him for further information, but he has not yet heard from him,

It was suggested that he write to several agencies and include the pictures that he has taken of the truck traffic and the time of day they are running. He was also suggested the he contact the Adobe Press, New Times Publication and The Tribune with the information. He should work with Code Enforcement and perhaps contact the radio station KVEC to have the information broadcast on the Dave Congalton program. Mr. Berry should also appear before the Board of Supervisors to point out what is happening. He was commended for his diligence in obtaining and continuing to distribute the information.

Dan Gaddis moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that a letter be sent to the entire Board of Supervisors concerning this problem. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Valinda Gallea an area resident said the trees along Sheridan Rd and Ralcoa Way are being removed in order to make a turn lane onto Sheridan. She said those trees protect the property from airborne dust from the refinery as well as the Dunes. She said the air quality is going to become increasingly worse and will harm the lungs of the residents.

Consent Agenda:

Processed Olive Oil permit at farm stands – LRP2011-00010. Istar Holliday no action needed. No board action taken.

New Business:

Inclusionary Housing – LRP2006-00003. Istar Holliday indicated no action needed. No board action taken.

Economic Element – LRP2011-00014 – Istar Holliday indicated no action needed. No board action taken.

Old Business:

SCAC Funding – no funds have yet been received from the County.

Land Use Committee: Istar Holliday said the LUC had nothing further to report.

Traffic and Circulation:

Dan Woodson said the Willow Interchange project is progressing and paving is now under way.

The round-about on Halcyon is still being discussed. There are many objections from the adjacent neighbors and land owners.

PM10:

Pat Duron said the South County Monitoring Program concluded May 31 with data from 18 monitors. The information is being analyzed now and results available by next meeting.

State Parks submitted a draft Particulate Matter Reduction Plan to the APCD on May 31 and it is now under review.

A meeting was held in Sacramento with about 20 representatives from State Parks, the Coastal Commission, California Natural Resources, Larry Allen and APCD Board members Hamon and Gibson. Rule implementation and oversight was discussed for the PMRP. Another meeting is planned to help expedite the plan and obtain the permits needed.

Parks Committee – Clyde Cruise - nothing further

Next meeting of the SCAC will be September 24. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.