South County Advisory Council Minutes for the October 22, 2012 Meeting

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

Pat Duron Dan Gaddis
El-Jay Hansson Istar Holliday
Gary Spelbring Elaine Thomas
Dan Woodson Richard Wright
Susan Cholakian Harry Walls

Ed Eby, NCSD

A quorum was declared

Members absent:

Rich Dean Bill Dorland Vince McCarthy Vern Dahl

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: Dan Woodson requested the South County Circulation Update be moved from Old Business to the Consent Agenda. Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Dick Wright that this request be granted. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes for the August 2012 Meeting: El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the minutes be approved. Motion carried with Dick Wright abstaining.

Approval of Minutes for the September, 2012 Meeting: Dick Wright moved, seconded by Gary Spelbring that the minutes be approved. Motion carried with Dan Gaddis abstaining.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dick Wright presented the following report: Dump Fees: \$895.76 Library: \$1102.42 Total: \$1,998.18 Istar Holliday moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and filed. Motion passed.

Community Presentations

Supervisor Paul Teixeira announced the opening of the Willow Rd. Interchange on Friday, October 26 at 3:00 p.m. The Interchange will be open to traffic on Saturday, October 24, 2012.

Art Trinidad, County Planning Department, Code Enforcement Division will give information about a Clean-Up at the Galaxy Mobile Home Park.

Supervisor Teixeira said that Art Trinidad will discuss the Viva Farms code compliance. **Supervisor Teixeira** said he is available to meet with residents each Thursday at the Nipomo Library. Call or email for an appointment.

Art Trinidad , City Planning Department, Code Enforcement said the clean-up at Galaxy Mobile Home Park beginning Nov. 1-3, will be the first time the County has partnered with Habitat for Humanity and "Brush with Kindness." The clean-up will be on-going and will encourage residents to keep the park clean. Those who are disabled or unable to do the work to keep the area clean will receive assistance from these two groups.

Swap Meet: It has been questioned in the past if the Swap Meet is in compliance with codes. The Swap Meet did not request a permit for the parking lot that is now in operation. The County will work with the owner of the Swap Meet to rectify the lack of a permit.

Viva Farms: Art Trinidad said that it is not possible to file an appeal on a code enforcement issue. However he said he would meet with residents who have complaints about the 18 wheel truck traffic. The residents along Camino Caballo said the local realtors are now forced to give a "disclosure" to potential buyers of property along Camino Caballo because of this traffic. They also said the owner posted a "Help Wanted" ad for extra truck drivers for his <u>distribution center</u>. The County has said this is not a distribution center and therefore is in code. The residents voiced several concerns as discussion followed.

Mr. Trinidad offered three options available for the Camino Caballo residents:

- 1. Meet with him to discuss the problems generated by this traffic.
- 2. File a nuisance suit
- 3. File a civil suit

Battalion Chief Bill Fisher said he is retiring and is looking forward to enjoying his family and doing some traveling. He announced his replacement is James Tully. He can be reached at James Tully@fireca.gov.

The Council thanked Chief Fisher for his faithful attendance at the SCAC meetings and his reports.

He offered the following report:

Nipomo Station 20 - Total Calls 98 - Year to Date 10006

12 Fires 58 Medical 9 Vehicle Accidents 19 Other

Mesa Station 22 - Total Calls 53 Year to Date 440

4 Fires 35 Medical 5 Vehicle Accidents 10 Other

Training: Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters trained on CPR and Emergency Command Center Operations. Fire seasonal firefighters will begin to be laid off at the end of October since the critical time of the fire season is over.

Prevention: Fire Prevention Fee notices will be mailed to residents in November in San Luis Obispo County. The fee of \$115.00 for each habitable structure is charged for in the SRA. For more information go to www.FirePreventionFee. org. The fee is collected by the Board of Equalization. The beginning of the rainy season is critical for structure

fires. Chief Fisher urged everyone to check their smoke detectors, clean chimneys and inspect heaters.

Cal-Fire crews from Nipomo are preparing for 2 future control burns; one in the Alamo Creek area of 1200 acres and one in upper Huasna Valley of 600 acres.

The fund raiser for Lauren Byrne was a big success with \$70,000 collected. Lauren is the sister of Firefighter John Byrne who rode his bicycle from San Francisco to New York in order to raise money for a vehicle outfitted for Lauren to drive.

Sheriff's Office – Commander Jim Taylor offered the following report:

- 1. On November 11 at 4:00 a.m. a man was sitting in his car in the Rabobank parking lot waiting for his ride to pick him up for work. He was approached by a black male, 5'11" with short hair who put a knife to his throat. The robber took the man's wallet and then ran away.
- 2. A burglary was interrupted in Blacklake some time ago when an attempt to steal a pickup was discovered. There were 4 suspects, 2 of whom have been arrested: the Mendoza brothers are awaiting a court date. The other two suspects have not been arrested.
- 3. Tobacco stings are ongoing. The sale of tobacco products to minors is against the law however some stores are still selling to them. Decoys are used to check to see if the store sells to under-age people.
- 4. Bonga boatsBoats from Mexico hauling drugs are being seen more frequently on the north county coast. With the winter weather approaching with heavier seas it is possible that they will be trying to come ashore in the south county. They have been discovered as far north as the San Francisco area. In the past, several arrests have been made, but the most recent find did not result in any arrests. He asked citizens who are on the coast or beach to keep an eye out for these boats.
- 5. The D.A.R.E. organization is now called GREAT: Gang Resistance Education and Training. They are presenting programs in the schools in the Junior High level and in some cases grammar school. The programs have been offered in summer school.

Nipomo Community Services District – Ed Eby:

- 1, At the October LAFCO meeting Tom Murray was elected as the new Public Member Commissioner and David Brooks was elected as a new Public Member Alternate Commissioner.
- 2. At the October 10 NCSD meeting it was decided to donate \$6,500.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for trash pickup around Nipomo.
- 3. **NCSD** is hiring a new Assistant Engineer to assist in the technical challenges with the remodeled sewer plant and the State mandated reporting.
- 4. A new Public Information Assistant is also been hired to provide additional community interface. It has also been discussed to publish a newsletter for the community.

- 5. A candidate's forum was held by the NCSD on October 17.
- 6. There has been a 6 month moratorium on "intent to serve" letters for those who are requesting water availability. The Holloway family is asking for an extension on the "intent to serve" letter they received two years ago for a sub-division of 20 housing units. The letter is due to expire on November 24, 2012. Since no building has taken place the Holloway family is asking for an extension.
- 7. The Supplemental Water Alternatives Evaluation Committee will have the 4th public meeting on November 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the NCSD Board Room. The subcommittee on the progress of alternative evaluations will be presented.

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce – President Rudy Stowell said the Octoberfest was a big success and praised the students from the Grizzly Academy who were helpers for the event. He said the students were polite and helpful in many ways and he was very impressed with their willingness to serve. The Grizzly Academy is for "at-risk" teenagers and has a high rate of success.

The next luncheon for the Chamber is on Thursday, November 22 at the Avila Room at Trilogy. The speaker is Doris Rager from Pacific Teamworks who will speak on "Creating Your Own Opportunity."

The next Chamber mixer is at the UPS store on Mary Ave. on November 14 at 5:00 p.m.

The NCSD awarded the Chamber \$6500.00 to have the Achievement House clean up trash and keep sidewalks and gutters clean. Rudy said it is import to keep our town looking clean and take pride in the appearance of our area.

The Chamber is in final negotiations to move the Chamber to the Art of Flowers space next to The Rock restaurant in the CVS parking lot. It will serve also as a Visitor's Center with information about the area.

Public Comment:

Jeanne Taylor said our web-site needed to be cleaned up. There are several items that are not relevant.

Consent Agenda:

Tosco DRC29012-00015 Cleanup of the contaminated property South County Traffic Circulation Update

Istar Holliday moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that the Consent Agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Nipomo Community Park EIR and Master Plan: The SLO Board of Supervisors meeting will be November 6, 2012 in which this item is agendized.

There was a statement made at the September SCAC meeting that the Council had taken an official stand of disapproval of the <u>Park</u> EIR and Master Plan, however as of this date no official approval or disapproval has been issued.

<u>Istar Holiday informed</u> the Council that a letter from the <u>NCAC</u> dated March 2005 addressed to the Morro Group and also sent to the Board of Supervisors with a number of objections to the EIR and Master Plan that was then being considered at that time.

Discussion followed and it was decided to send a letter to each County Supervisor, the Planning Department's Steve McMasters as well as Warren Jensen, City Council. The letter will restate the fact that the SCAC has taken no official stand on the <u>present EIR</u> and Master Plan for the Park. Individuals have had the opportunity to voice their thoughts on the plans for the Park. Dick Wright moved, seconded by Gary Spelbring that this letter be sent. Motion carried.

A second letter to be sent directing the attention of the Board of Supervisors to the letter that was sent in 2005 to the Morro Group giving a detailed response to the EIR and Master Plan as it then stood. Discussion followed. Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Pat Duron that this letter be sent. Motion carried.

SCAC Funding: Chairman Bill Dorland and Dick Wright recently met with Supervisor Paul Teixeira. Part of the discussion was in reference to our lack of our yearly funding. We have received no operating funds for over a year. The Supervisor said we should again submit an application for funding. Discussion followed. El-Jay Hansson moved that we submit an application for funding in the amount of \$1000. Dan Gaddis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Land Use - Istar Holliday - no further report

Traffic and Circulation – Dan Woodson urged everyone to attend the opening of the Willow Interchange on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

PM10 - Pat Duron reported there will be an Open House to introduce the public to the results of the Community Monitoring Program but the date for that meeting has not yet been set. The purpose of the Community Monitoring Program was to further refine what is known about the plume and where its greatest impact falls.

The next deadline for the State Parks to meet to conform to the Rule Implementation, is November 30. At that time all applications for regulatory agencies will have been submitted. The Coastal Commission is one of these agencies.

Several groups of PM10 met with Supervisor Paul Teixeira last week. It was important to verify that Paul is still supporting the Rule Implementation and he did confirm this.

Letter to Chief Fisher: Jeanne Taylor suggested that we send a letter of thanks to Chief Fisher for his service and to wish him well in retirement.

Next meeting will be November 26, 2012.

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