

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

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

Rick Dean	Bill Dorland
Dan Gaddis	Istar Holliday
Vince McCarthy	Gary Spelbring
Elaine Thomas	Richard Wright
Vern Dahl, LMUSD	Susan Cholakian
Harry Walls	

The following members were absent:

Pat Duron	El-Jay Hansson
Dan Woodson	

A quorum was declared. Ed Eby who had been on the NCSD is no longer a member and therefore not a representative to the SCAC.

Approval of Minutes for the October 22, 2012 Meeting: Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Vince McCarthy that the minutes be approved. Motion carried. Rick Dean and Bill Dorland abstained.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Wright Treasurer reported the following:

Dump Fees: \$895.76 Library: \$1052.42 Total: \$1,948.18

Gary Spelbring moved, seconded by Rick Dean that the report be approved. Motion carried.

He also said that the request for funds for the SCAC has been sent to the County at the request of Sup. Paul Teixeira, but no reply has been received.

Comments from the Chair: Chairman Bill Dorland said he had recently met with the Community Advisory Council Chairs and the following items were presented by the Planning and Building Department as their four current priorities.

1. Energy Strategy
2. Economic Strategy
3. State and Federal Mandates
4. Responding to paying customers (Permit Applicants)

Secondary items included

1. Creative multiuse development
2. Consolidation of community plans into four Area plans, leaving the existing Community plans as "sub-area."
3. Influx of small and medium wineries
3. Solar development

Chairman Dorland has a copy of the 2012 County Community Advisory Handbook and will make it available to anyone interested.

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief James Tully - not present

Sheriff's Office, Jim Taylor reported that as of October 28, 2012 they had received 722 calls from the Nipomo and Nipomo Mesa areas. The calls included burglary, vandalism, medical emergencies and disturbances of various kinds including noise.

Sheriff Taylor also said the Countywide Tobacco Compliance study was completed. Of the 58 businesses that were presented with the decision to sell to a minor, only 6 in the Nipomo area did so. This was an improvement from previous studies.

The death of the man on Thompson by a hit-and-run driver is an on going investigation. The person driving the car was arrested and is charged with felony manslaughter.

A driver ran into a house but no arrest has been made. The home belonged to an attorney who had defended several gang members in court. The investigation is on-going.

The possibility of the Police Sub-Station has been discussed for several years. It is still being considered for Trilogy or the Nipomo Park. The Oceano station will not close but both sub-stations would be manned.

The Sheriff will hold a Town Hall meeting on December 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the NCSD building. This will be a time for residents of the community to ask questions and share concerns.

Mike Berry, a neighbor near Viva Farms, said that the truck traffic from Viva Farms is going on all day and all night. He had pictures of the line of trucks driving on Camino Caballo and he showed a picture of the street that is being damaged as a result of this truck traffic. It was suggested that perhaps a noise pollution study could be made and eliminate this type of trucking in the residential area.

California Highway Patrol John Townsen: not present

SLO County Planning Staff – Brian Pedrotti was present to answer questions regarding Planning Department matters on the agenda, but had no specific report to offer.

Parks Commissioner Connie O'Henley: not present

Nipomo Community Services District – Dan Gaddis reported on NCSD matters of interest. The Southland Waste Water Treatment Facility Improvement Project is scheduled for completion for May, 2014. Concrete foundations for the Clarifier 1 and RAS/WAS Pump Station 1 are poured. Subgrade class 2 aggregate base for sludge drying bed are completed. Estimated cost for the project: \$13,706,950.

SCADA Software System Upgrade Project: New SCADA system servers, software, software configuration, reconfiguration of all existing remote site control panels and re-programming of all existing Programmable Logic Controllers are all existing remote site control panels is done. There will be a 21 day acceptance test and training period. Estimated cost is \$350,648.

Willow Road Waterline Extension Phase 1 and 2 Projects: Construction is completed and close-out pending final accounting. Estimated cost for the project: \$1,340,000. There is an under-run and cost avoidance of about \$500,000.

Dan suggested that the SCAC send a letter of appreciation to Dale Ramey, Project Manager, for his diligence through the whole process of planning and implementing the entire project. Dan said he did more than an outstanding job from start to finish. Correspondence Secretary Istar Holliday will write the letter to Dale Ramey, each of the members of the Board of Supervisors and Paavo Ogren, Director of Public Works. The names of each SCAC member plus several past Chairman of the SCAC will be included.

Lucia Mar United School District – Vern Dahl there is presently a vacancy on the School Board (Pismo Area) and asked if anyone is interested to notify him. Kevin Baker, who was in charge of the physical plant has resigned and a new employee has been hired. The Board is pleased that the new employee has a great deal of experience.

The teachers and some of the non-teaching employees of the District have received a bonus as a result of some savings.

New Tech High is going well and the students are ready to begin presenting reports. They need community people to come to the school and listen to their presentation and give a critique. Contact Vern if you are interested.

There will be a meeting in San Francisco for training for the School Board.

T-Mobile will be installing a cell tower at Lopez High School.

The District has received a grant of approximate \$403,000 from PG&E as well as other businesses in the area. These monies are used for extra programs including New Tech High as well as other special programs that would not be possible without this grant.

Chamber of Commerce – Rudy Stowell said that the Holliday Boutique had been held at the Edwards Barn. Even though it was a rainy day, many people turned out and the boutique was a success.

There will be no Chamber of Commerce Luncheon in December. The cost for future luncheons will be \$18.00, but Rudy said anyone of 75 years of age or over will be charged only \$10.00.

The NCS D donated a grant to the Chamber for cleaning up our area. The Achievement House students participated in a trash pick-up day and collected a huge amount of trash on the streets. The large pile of trash below Vons was picked and filled a large truck. Rudy said he hoped we can keep our town clean in the future.

Public Comment:

Jon Snyder- spoke about his concerns with water issues in our area and the lack of water and an appellant court issue.

Jeanne Taylor – said that Jessie Maldonado a worker on the Willow Rd Extension for one day, had collapsed from the heat. He subsequently died. There has been some talk of a memorial plaque in his honor. Jeannie expressed her concerns based upon her understanding of the worker's personal life. She said there are many other deserving people to honor if a plaque is being considered.

New Business:

Cypress Ridge Estates (SUB2006-00028 TR2993 – Revised) -

Cindy Chambers, Senior Planner, Wallace Group for the proposed subdivision presented a report showing the map of the proposed development. It will include 21 homes on approximately 1 acre lots in an area of 60 acres. The development will be off Zenon Way and TDC's are involved. The Istar Holliday of the Land Use Committee had met with representatives of the development and the concerns they had concerning the TDC's, water use and the traffic outlets had been answered. Cindy pointed out that the residential water will be recycled and used to water the golf course, which with removal of a certain amount of golf course turf from irrigation and other conservation measures required by the subdivision agreement, will offset the projected water usages of the subdivision, thus the subdivision is expected to have a zero net impact on the ground water.

Herb Kandel of the County Land Conservancy was present and introduced Daniel Bohlman. Mr. Bohlman, Conservation Director, pointed out that the question of TDC's had been adequately addressed and believed that Black Lake Canyon would benefit from the 13 acre parcel being transferred by the developer in exchange for TDC's enabling creation of the subdivision and would not be harmed. He approves of the plan as it is now being presented.

In response to questions, Mr. Bohlman stated that the butterfly habitat in Black Lake Canyon conservation area is not presently open to the public, but tours can be arranged.

Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Dick Wright that the SCAC approve the project. Motion carried. Rick Dean and Susan Cholakian abstained.

Ag Clusters – Board of Supervisors December 4 Agenda:

A discussion of wording changes on the report issued for environmental concerns too place. Several wording changes were suggested by Istar Holliday of the Land Use

Committee. Istar had spent time on the report and said there were several mitigatable items on the report. Discussion followed. Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Dick Wright that the report be accepted on condition that certain wording changes are made.

Motion did not carry. The roll call vote was as follows:

YES	NO
Dan Gaddis	Bill Dorland
Elaine Thomas	Vince McCarthy
Istar Holliday	Rick Dean
Dick Wright	Harry Walls

Abstain: Susan Cholakian and Gary Spelbring

December Meeting of the SCAC – It was agreed that no December meeting be held, but if absolutely necessary, a SCAC meeting could be noticed for Monday December 17, 2013.

By-Law Amendment – Dick Wright- Dick said that on several times in the past it was not possible to take a vote later in a meeting since some members of the SCAC who had been present earlier had left the meeting. He submitted a proposal for wording change to the By-Laws that would help solve the problem by taking an e-mail vote. Discussion followed. Dick moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the suggested changes to the By-Laws be made in accordance with the requirements for such amendments contained in the By-Laws. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mike Berry spoke about the Viva Farms problem. He said that a new case has been opened but so far there was no response. He said there were 63 trucks on Tuesday during the day and night. Istar Holliday suggested the residents who are suffering the disturbance should use the media as much as possible. The newspapers and radio could publicize the problem. It was also suggested that a “noise study” be performed to determine if the noise of the trucks was beyond state and county requirements.

Nipomo Park EIR – The Board of Supervisors will discuss the EIR at their December 18, 2012 meeting. The Nipomo Park Conservancy lawyer issued an objection to the Board of Supervisors resulting in the continuance of the Board’s consideration of Park EIR and the Master Plan to that date.

SCAC Election Preparation – Chairman Dorland appointed the following committee:

Susan Cholakian, Chairman
Vince McCarthy
Istar Holliday
Dick Wright
Bill Dorland (ex-officio)

Migrant Worker Marker – **Rudy Stowell, President of the Chamber of Commerce** said the marker was being considered to be placed in the Jim Miller Park and also the

Dana Adobe. The marker may be placed at the Adobe until the Jim Miller Park is built on Tefft. It will then be located in both places.

Committee Reports:

Land Use - Istar Holliday – no further report

Traffic and Circulation – Dan Woodson not present

PM10 - Patricia Duron - no present

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next meeting will be January 28, 2013.