

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for the April 22, 2013 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Woodson. Elaine Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called Secretary Elaine Thomas with the following members present:

Sandra Caughell	Susan Cholakian
El-Jay Hansson	Istar Holliday
Gary Spelbring	Elaine Thomas
Dan Woodson	Harry Walls
Richard Wright	Vern Dahl, LMUSD
Craig Armstrong, NCSD	

The following members were absent:

Bill Dorland	Patricia Duron
Vince McCarthy	

A quorum was declared. Istar Holliday was welcomed back to the meeting after suffering as a result of a car accident several months ago.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

Chairman Dan Woodson announced:

Pavement Management Plan Presentation will take place at a future SCAC meeting.

Selection of an Audit Committee will be added to this agenda.

Supplemental Water Alternative will be discussed at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes for the March 25, 2013 SCAC Meeting:

Harry Walls moved, seconded by Susan Cholakian that the minutes be approved.

Motion carried with Istar Holliday and Rick Dean abstaining.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Wright, Treasurer reported as of March 31, 2013:

Grant Fund: \$500.00 Dump Fees: \$895.76 Library \$952.42 Total \$2,348.18
Dump Fees are only authorized for area cleanup. Thus the available funds for ongoing operations total \$1,452.42.

In order to preserve existing funds as much as possible the proposed budget for 2013 – 2014 is as follows:

Monthly website maintenance (12 @ \$50.00)	\$600.00
Annual PO Box rental (1)	58.00
Total:	\$658.00

It should be noted that this proposal does not allow for the reimbursement to Council members for the cost of paper, ink, cartridges, copies, stamps, stationary or other operational supplies that are estimated to cost approximately \$340.00

It is requested that the Council authorize these projected expenditures. In addition, subsequent to the approval of the County's budget for 2013-2014, it is requested that the Council authorize and application to San Luis Obispo County for a Community Project Grant requesting a sum of \$1,000.00 for ongoing SCAC operations. El-Jay Hansson moved for approval of this budget and that the request for funds be issued. Istar Holliday seconded the motions. Motion carried.

Comments from the Chair:

Chairman Dan Woodson urged everyone to attend the County Advisory Council Training on May 17, 2013. It will be held at the San Luis Obispo Library. Those who plan to attend should notify Dan as soon as possible.

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief – Commander James Tully not present

Sheriff's Office Jim Taylor offered the following report:

From March 25, 2013 to April 22, 2013 Nipomo area experienced:

5 Burglaries	13 Thefts	6 Assaults
99 Disturbing the Peace	3 Vandalism	<u>Year to Date Total 763</u>

Commander Taylor reported a homeless encampment had been located behind Vons Grocery Market. Vons owns the property and paid for the roll-off container for the cleanup that took place. The Homeless Outreach Team coordinated assistance for several people and helped them find housing through CAPSLO. Those who did not want the housing that was offered were removed from the site. The remainder of the clean-up was performed by the Honor Farm Inmates.

There is also a homeless encampment at the Oceano Airport and that is in the process of being cleaned up.

It was thought that Vons had agreed to be responsible for the upkeep of the median in front of their store on Tefft. However, that was not understood by Vons and they were not interested in providing the upkeep of that area.

Commander Taylor reported that 78 representatives from San Luis Obispo County attended a FEMA training in State of Maryland on April 8-12, 2013. The subject of the training was emergency response in the event of a Tsunami. Public health in relation to this type of disaster was discussed in detail; primarily lack of clean water, lack of sewer and evacuation of residents. Elected officials were made aware that fast and far reaching decisions would have to be made.

A bomb scare on at the T. Simons business on Tefft happened today. The bomb squad was called out and it was determined that the package contained marijuana.

California Highway Patrol – John Townsend – not present
SLO County Planning Staff – Brian Pedrotti - not present

Nipomo Community Services District – Craig Armstrong reported that there is a review taking place on the supplemental water project phase 1. Costs and proposed financing is being studied.

Lucia Mar United School District – Vern Dahl reported that additional monies have been allocated to the school district and several new positions will be filled including a Counselor for a middle school and two music teachers.
New Tech High School is increasing to 9th and 10th grades for next year and additional teachers and building are being planned.
Summer school will be offered this year since additional funds have been made available.

Chamber of Commerce – Rudy Stowell – announced the hanging flower baskets have been placed in Old Town Nipomo and will be maintained and watered by America in Bloom. Flag holders and bannered are being cleaned and readied for summer and the 4th of July celebration.

Jack Ready Park is in the process of being built and the father, Jack Ready Sr., will be the speaker at the coming Chamber of Commerce luncheon.
Rudy discussed the signs that are left on light poles by residents. All residents are urged to take their signs down and to encourage other to do so.

Public Comment:

Resident Mike Berry reported on the demonstration against Viva Farms that was held the same day as the Greenhouse Open House. They were able to give out over 200 fliers. The Woodlands community is also upset over the Viva Farms traffic. Between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, eight trucks travelled by.

Resident Ed Eby announced the Nipomo Parks Conservancy is having a very large Yard Sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 – 28th at 410 Tejas between Osage and Tefft. Everyone is invited to come by and get some bargains.

New Business

Robert Winslow, representing Bruce VanderVeen, requested approval of a subdivision on the corner of El Campo and Montclair. Istar Holliday, Chairman of the Land Use Committee, said this plan fits well with the area and urged approval. The area consists of 5.4 acres divided into 4 lots with 1 acre minimum. El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the request be approved. Motion carried..

SWEAC (Supplemental Water Alternative Evaluation)

Chairman Dan Woodson referred the Council to the SWEAC Committee which was formed to provide a thorough, accurate and objective analysis of various means to provide Supplemental Water supplies to the Nipomo Mesa region.

General recommendations are as follows:

1. Develop plans for a complete aquifer managements study and development of a unified model covering the full extent of the Santa Maria groundwater basin.
2. Pursue additional regional partnerships.

3. Provide better public education and outreach.
4. Consider solutions that may provide less supplemental water individually, but together can help meet the Nipomo Mesa region's needs.
5. Encourage individual well owners, and agricultural and industrial water users – the non-stipulated parties within the NMMA – to be part of any solution.
6. Incorporate water conservation in any project or program.
7. Pursue opportunities to minimize the impact of water rate adjustments on all users and particularly on low income customers.

Discussion followed. Rick Dean moved seconded by Dick Wright that this item be tabled for the present. Additional information will be provided by Chairman Dan Woodson and this item will be discussed at a future meeting of the SCAC. Motion carried.

Old Business

Audit Committee: The SCAC is required to issue an audit of funds that have been used in the past year. The Audit Committee will consist of Harry Walls, Sandra Caughell, and Susan Cholakian. Rick Dean moved, seconded by Sandra Caughell that this committee be approved. Motion passed.

Options to Increase Awareness of SCAC Agenda: Sandra Caughell has contacted radio station and newspapers to help publicize the agenda for SCAC meetings. She is working on this and will report to the SCAC at a future meeting.

Letter to Board of Supervisors RE: Viva Farms: Correspondence Sectary Istar Holliday will compose a letter indicating the problems of traffic and harm to the neighborhoods and infrastructure that will be submitted to the SCAC for approval. The letter will then be sent to the entire Board of Supervisors, County Codes Enforcement Department, County Planning Department as well as the Berry Family and the Shipley Family. These two families have been active in presenting the problems generated by Viva Farms as a distribution center rather than exclusively a nursery. The Board of Supervisors will be strongly urged to look into the matter and determine a resolution.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: Istar Holliday – no further report

Traffic and Circulation Committee – Dan Woodson said the chip/seal that has been a problem in the North County may be facing South County in the future. County Public Works may be contacted to determine if the chip/seal might be used in South County.

PM10 – Patricia Duron – not present

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Next meeting will be May 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the NCSD Building.

Comment [D1]: indicated that a contract for chip sealing several roads in North County is being advertised. Next year, if funds allow, a chip sealing contract will be considered for South County