

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 26, 2013 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Woodson at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sandra Caughell and the roll call was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas. The following members were present:

Sandra Caughell	Susan Cholakian
Bill Dorland	El-Jay Hansson
Pat Duron	Istar Holliday
Gary Spelbring	Elaine Thomas
Dan Woodson	Harry Walls
Vern Dahl – LMUSD	
Craig Armstrong – NCSD	

The following members were absent:

Rick Dean	Vince McCarthy
Richard Wright	

Approval of Minutes for the July 22, 2013 Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of Treasurer Richard Wright, the Treasurer's Report was offered by Chairman Dan Woodson as follows:

Grant - \$240.00	Dump Fees - \$895.76
Library - \$952.42	Total - \$2,088.18

Istar Holliday moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that the Treasurer's report be approved and filed.

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief James Tully - not present

Sheriff's Office – Jim Taylor – not present

California Highway Patrol – John Townsen introduced the new **Public Relations Officer Laura Browning** who was present at the meeting. He also discussed problem areas of traffic in our vicinity. Timing on traffic lights has been adjusted to allow more time for vehicles to clear intersections.

A new CHP Captain has arrived and will attend a future SCAC meeting.

The CHP is keeping a close watch on school buses since school has started to make sure cars stop when the bus displays the RED light.

Nipomo Community Services District – Craig Armstrong reported as follows:

1. A homeowner who lives outside the district and whose well had gone dry requested water service from the district. Since the district has no excess water, his request was denied.
2. The NCSD Board reviewed the comments made by the Water Resources Advisory Council on the EIR for the proposed subdivision at Laetitia and approved sending a letter supporting the WRAC's comments to the appropriate parties.
3. The Old Towne Nipomo Association and County Parks are working on a proposal to relocate the site for the Jim Miller Park to the south side of Tefft due to soil contamination problems on the original site on the north side of Tefft.
4. Drilling on the supplemental water pipeline tunnel under the Santa Maria River is moving forward and work will be performed 24/7 for approximately 45 days to completion.

Lucia Mar Unified School District – Vern Dahl announced that teaching to the test is to be phased out over a period of time. The emphasis in the school district will be primarily “how to” and “where to find the information needed.” This is cutting-edge in education circles after studies showed student's learning ability increases.

In the future the LMUSD will have greater control over the use of their funding. By 2020 there is a mandatory 23 children per class in the lower three grades. Failure to comply will incur a sizeable fine.

The district now has an employee to deal with student safety, discipline and bullies.

SLO County Planning Staff – Brian Pedrotti commented later in the meeting on the Laetitia housing proposal.

Chamber of Commerce – Rudy Stowell, President announced the Chamber September luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 26, 23013 at the Edwards Barn at 11:45 to 1:15p.m.. EVC Business Outreach Program will be Wednesday, August 28th, Nipomo Chamber Community Room at 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Octoberfest will be held Sunday, Oct. 13. The program will be Battle of the Bands

2013 San Luis Heart Walk will be dedicated to the memory of Paul Teixeira. The walk will be held October 5, 2013 beginning at the Avila Beach Promenade and walk along the Bob Jones Trail.

The Chamber of Commerce hopes to be in their new offices at the corner of Wilson and Tefft by the end of September.

Citizens Traffic Advisory Council – Bill Marsalak announced that he has recently received this appointment and since he was new in this position he had no report at this time.

Public Comment

Bill Kengel – Nipomo resident is the owner of the property on Tefft and Blume and would like to have the County Codes changes so he could place temporary buildings on the site to be used as a Farmer's Market. The SCAC was unable to make comments at this time since the process of changing codes must come from the County.

New Business

Private Capital Project – Developer Gary Bowers of Alamo, California Todd Smith presenting

Mr. Smith presented plans for a building at the corner of Mary Ave. and Juniper which would include senior apartments, assisted living light memory care and full memory care facilities. The site consists of approximately 5.2 acres behind the Vons Shopping Center.

The project is proposing 36 senior apartments which would be approximately 760 sq. ft. studio apartment with a small kitchen facility. There would be no common dining room for those residents. The light memory care and full memory care patients would receive meals.

Mr. Smith handed out pictures of the proposed building with surrounding parking areas. Discussion followed Mr. Smith is requesting an adjusted lot line for this property. Harry Walls moved that the SCAC approve the request for the lot line adjustment. Gary Spelbring seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Aguila property –No action taken until Planner Stephanie Hughes validates which of several applicants named in the application have standing to make request.

Dana Adobe – There had been a question concerning historical and archeological Indian artifacts on the property which were going to be disturbed. After examining the EIR it was determined there was no problem with artifacts. Sandra Caughell moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that the EIR for the Dana Adobe be approved. Motion passed.

Old Business

Chairman Dan Woodson announced that our fund request for \$1000.00 was approved by the Board of Supervisors and has been received by the SCAC.

Phillips 66 Refinery held a Scoping Meeting at Blacklake Golf Course which was well attended. The refinery is requesting approval for a railroad spur to bring crude oil into the refinery. There will be 5 trains per week with 80 cars each with diesel engines driving the trains. Phillips is developing a very comprehensive plan for fire safety since the material is highly flammable.

The Coastal Commission has requested dunes and beach access through the Phillips property, but it is thought to be very dangerous for RV's and camper traffic. It may be possible to open a pedestrian path for beach/dune access.

Dan Woodson pointed out that passenger trains have priority on the tracks unless the freight is too long for the siding track. It would be best if the Phillips trains be long enough to be able to utilize the siding if needed.

Laetitia Agricultural Cluster Subdivision is proposing 102 homes on 1 acre lots, removing several acres of grape vines and replacing a larger number of acres of grape vines. The water issue is being discussed and a citizens group has been formed with a website: STOPLAETITIA.com. Brian Pedrotti of San Luis Obispo County Planning said about 50 letters in reference to this project have been received. Letters received after the deadline will be read and considered by County Planning. The SCAC has a letter from 2008 and also a current letter that addresses the project and the objections that were stated at the time. Water, traffic and emergency vehicle access were the primary questions.

Committee Reports

Land Use Committee – Istar Holliday said a resident of the area has requested approval of a wall that would be 12 feet high and 328 feet long on the easement of his property. The wall was to be made of cinder block.

Traffic and Circulation Committee – Dan Woodson said there had been no meeting this month so he had no report.

PM10 – Patricia Duron reported that the Grover Beach Mayor, Debbie Peterson launched a petition drive to repeal the APCD's dust rule. CCCA then countered with a petition drive to support the dust rule.

The July 24, APCD Board meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum and the next regularly scheduled meeting is Sept. 25, 2013. However, Chair Roberta Fonzi did not want to wait that long and called for the special meeting on September 5. Meanwhile State Parks did meet a July 31 deadline to submit a plan to the APCD but it did so "under protest" still arguing with the science and the Rule. The State Parks appeal of the lawsuit it lost is still in the hands of the judge. An online petition can be signed at Ipetition.com, click on "Keep the Dust Rule."

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting September 23, 2013