

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR THE MAY 26, 2014 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sandra Caughell at 6:30 p.m. El-Jay Hansson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Elaine Thomas called the roll with the following members present:

Sandra Caughell	Susan Cholakian
El-Jay Hansson	Art Herbon
Gary Spelbring	Elaine Thomas
Harry Walls	Dan Woodson
Richard Wright	Dan Gaddis, NCSD

The following members were absent:

Patricia Duron	Bill Dorland
Vince McCarthy	Vern Dahl, LMUSD

A quorum was declared.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:**

1. Dan Woodson had arranged a speaker from SLOCOG for this meeting however the speaker is ill and will be scheduled for the June, 2014 SCAC meeting.
2. The audit committee will give their report during Committee Reports
3. The Bylaws will be discussed during the New Business portion of this meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes for the April 28, 2014 meeting:** El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Susan Cholakian that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Gary Spelbring presented the following report as of May 18, 2014:

Grant Funds	\$740.00	Dump Fees	\$895.76
Library	\$95242	Total	\$2,588.18

El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Susan Cholakian that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:**

**Chairwoman Sandra Caughell** had received a Notice of Public Hearing concerning Housing Development. The meeting will be June 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the San Luis Obispo Administration Office. This hearing will affect South County and Nipomo as well as other areas of the County.

**Community Presentations**

**SLO County District 4 - Supervisor Caren Ray represented by Assistant Liz Ruth** reported that there is a budget surplus in the County of \$5.8 million and a hearing will be held to determine how the extra funds should be used. Presently there is \$2 million allotted for roads as well as Traffic and Circulation. The remaining funds will be used for other projects and also to replace the reserves that have been used.

**Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Paul Van Gerwen. represented by Captain Peter Camacho.**

Capt. Camacho reported as of April 2014:

Nipomo Station 20 - Total Calls	115
13 Fires	61 EMS Calls
12 Vehicle Accidents	29 Misc. & other Emergencies

Mesa Station 20 - Total Calls	84
9 Fires	49 EMS Calls
14 Vehicle Accidents	12 Misc. & other Emergencies

South County is now at peak staffing for the fire season. All fire engines, bulldozers, hand crews and aircraft are staffed.

Nipomo is one of 5 fire stations in SLO County to receive "surge firefighters" consisting of 2 additional seasonal firefighters and 1 extra engineer. Brushfire engines will have 4 firefighters every day instead of 3.

Continuing with vegetation clearing within 100 feet of a structure. Inspections will follow.

Fire activity around the state has been very active with several large fires already this spring.

Chipping began today and permits are available.

Memorial Day Weekend was very busy with emergency calls on the beach.

**SLO Sheriff's Office Commander Jay Donovan represented by Officer Barney Foster** reported several car break-ins and urged everyone to keep valuables out of sight. He also mentioned several home robberies have taken place. He indicated a number of calls for mental health issues as well as intoxication in the 400 -500 blocks of West Tefft.

**California Highway Patrol Captain Matt Olson represented by Officer Laura Browning** reported 19 DUI arrests over the Memorial Day Weekend. There were 2 traffic accidents with no fatalities.

The Explorer Organization has participated in crime scene investigation and the young people will be participating in the State Competition.

Special Olympics will be held on June 22 with the Special Olympic Flag being carried on Willow and Pomeroy. She urged everyone to come out and cheer the athletes.

Officer Browning said that she has accepted a new position in San Francisco and will serve there for two years beginning September, 2014. She said this will be her last meeting at the SCAC. She has the option of returning to the Central Coast Area. The SCAC thanked her for her service and said how much we appreciated her.

**SLO County Planning Staff Brian Pedrrotti - not present**

**Lucia Mar Unified School District Representative Vern Dahl - not present**

**Nipomo Chamber of Commerce President Richard Malvarose - not present**

**Nipomo Community Services District Director Dan Gaddis** offered the following report:

April Key Wells Index Calculation result: The results of the April 2014 Nipomo Mesa Key Wells Index calculation from the water level study performed by the County is still being evaluated by the Nipomo Mesa Management Association technical group of hydrologists and they are expected to release that information about mid-June 2014.

**Completed Projects:**

1. Black Lake Well #4 Pump Replacement as well as motor and column pipe for installation has been completed.

**Projects in Construction:**

1. Southland Waste Water Treatment Facility Improvement Project is scheduled for completion July 5, 2014. An open house for the public will be held upon completion; date to be determined.
2. Supplemental Water Project Phase 1, Bid Package 4, Joshua Road Pump Station is scheduled for completion May 22, 2014. Installation of the Pump Station Pump Cans is in progress.
3. Standpipe Tank Rehabilitation Project on Foothill Road is scheduled for completion July 27, 2014 including new inlet/outlet piping and interior tank coating.

**New Business:**

Proposed minor use permit for removal and relocation of two antennas will be discussed at a future SCAC meeting

Chairwoman Sandra Caughell said a discussion of the Bylaws should take place to determine to what extent members of the SCAC can endorse a candidate for office. A political ad endorsing a candidate was seen on KSBY with the SCAC on the ad. Ms. Caughell appointed a committee to study the by-laws and determine the correct wording to insure that all members of the SCAC were cognizant of the parameters. The committee will consist Dick Wright, Chairman, Sandra Caughell, Art Herbon, Harry Walls, and Istar Holliday. The proposed clarifications will be discussed at the next SCAC meeting then posted on the website for 30 days and will be voted on at a following meeting.

**Old Business**

**Mike Berry** -area resident was gratified that the Board of Supervisors and 4th District Supervisor Caren Ray had determined that the distribution center at Viva Farms identified as Plant Source Distribution Center was illegally using Camino Caballo with 18 wheel trucks making trips during the days and night. He showed pictures of numerous trucks parked at the distribution center as well as truck traveling on Camino Caballo. There will be a waiting period to determine if Mr. Pyle, owner of Viva Farms will comply with the finding.

Mr. Berry thanked the SCAC, the community and numerous individuals who fought this through for 3 years. The neighbors are very grateful. Mr. Berry said he is still monitoring the road.

**Committee Report:**

**Election Committee: Dick Wright** moved that the Election Committee for the recent election of members of the SCAC be dissolved. Gary Spelbring seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Traffic and Circulation Committee Dan Woodson** reported that the committee met on May 8 at 9:00 a.m. He reported that the trucking operation for Viva Farms has 90 days to cease operations. A contract has been issued by Parks and Recreation to repair the fence on Camino Caballo. Mesa Rd. between Tefft and Osage will be resurfaced in August 2015.

Phillips 66 has agreed not to haul Bakken Oil by rail if the proposed rail spur is approved. Channel Watch from Santa Barbara has shown an interest in oil transport by rail.

The defaced artwork on the Willow Exchange can be repaired by contacting CalTrans at 549-2111

Abandoned cards are illegal and the CHP can be notified.

The Traffic Engineer for the Swap Meet has indicated that it may be possible to enhance traffic flow on Mary with some lane modifications. The proposed assisted living facility may have a bearing on this question.

Numerous signs in the area are in violation of County Codes and a complaint to Codes can arrange to have them removed.

**Audit Committee**

**Committee Member Harry Walls** said the committee has not had an opportunity to meet but will schedule a meeting and report at the next SCAC meeting.

Next meeting: June 23, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.