

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 23, 2014 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sandra Caughell. Elaine Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll with the following members present:

Sandra Caughell	Susan Cholakian
Bill Dorland	Art Herbon
Vince McCarthy	Gary Spelbring
Elaine Thomas	Harry Walls
Dan Woodson	Richard Wright
Vern Dahl, LMUSD	Dan Gaddis, NCSD

The following members were absent:

Patricia Duron	El-Jay Hansson
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A quorum was declared.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: Discussions of the SCAC Bylaws and a report of the Audit committee will take place during Old Business.

Approval of Minutes for the May 27, 2014 Meeting: Susan Cholakian moved, second by Gary Spelbring that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Gary Spelbring:

Grant Funds \$690.00	Dump Fees \$895.76	Library \$952.42
Total \$2,539.18		

Treasurer Gary Spelbring said he had paid the post office box cost from his own money but will be reimbursed by the Council funds.

Correspondence: The SCAC members have received a letter from Cuesta College indicating their priorities.

1. Preparing returning veterans and students for university studies.
2. Provide technical education.
3. Preparing nurses and paramedics for emergencies
4. Repairing and maintaining the campus buildings

Community Presentations

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Paul Van Gerwen reported the following:

Nipomo Station 20 - 126 Total Calls

17 Fires 59 EMS calls 12 Vehicle Accidents 38 Misc.

Mesa Station 22

7 Fires 60 EMS calls 19 Vehicle Accidents 5 Misc.

There were 11 dunes responses over the Memorial Days weekend with two of the calls for major traumas. One of the emergencies resulted in a person being flown to Sierra Vista hospital because of severe trauma. The 4 wheel drive vehicle has been used in the dune responses and has been a benefit.

There were two fires in residences and both fires were contained in the garage. One fire was caused by use of an electric battery charger and the other was a candle left burning.

Vegetation abatement is on-going but the chipping service is finished. Follow up inspections continue.

Fire safety education and equipment demonstrations were performed at 4 kindergarten classes at Dorothea Lange Elementary School.

Chief Van Gerwin urged everyone to attend the July 4th Pancake Breakfast at Nipomo Station 20. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. The times are 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

SLO Sheriff Officer Dave Kenitz reported several items of vandalism in the past month. The homeless camp is being cleaned up and graffiti continues to be a problem.

There were 26 vehicle accident and 21 of them were alcohol related.

There will be free classes offered to young drivers to help reduce the volume of accidents. The class is 2 hours and may help lower cost of car insurance. Contact the Sheriff's office for information.

SLO County Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti reported the Vista Grande condos on Grande Ave. have been approved. The City Housing Element

Report has been updated. Water usage was discussed in relation to the construction of homes and condos being approved.

NCSD Director Dan Gaddis: reported the 2014 Key Well Index reading was performed by the SLO County in April. We are presently in a Potentially Severe Water Shortage Criterion having just missed a Severe Water Shortage Criterion. The Key Well Index is at 18.5 feet above Mean Sea Level Surface, 6 feet higher than the 2013 reading which was 16.5 MSL.

Major projects continue: Southland Waste Water Treatment Facility scheduled completion is July 4, 2014. The work is 99% completed.

Supplemental Water Project Phase 1: Scheduled completion is May 22, 2015. Construction is underway on the Joshua Rd. Pump Station.

NCSD Director Larry Vierherilig's wife, Lauie passed away on June 8. Her memorial service was held June 21 and a large number of people attended.

Lucia Mar Unified School District School Board Member Vern Dahl reported there was 100% graduation rates at Nipomo High School. He introduced Jeff Dixon who is Executive Director for Facilities Planning and Maintenance for the Lucia Mar District.

Mr. Dixon was happy to report the solar project is well underway. The Nipomo High School solar units will produce 150% of needed energy which will benefit other schools. The project is currently in progress at Nipomo High School, Arroyo Grande High School, Dana Elementary, Judkins Middle School, Paulding Middle School,, Dorthea Lange Elementary and as well as the District Office. The project is expected to be completed by July 31, 2014 with a substantial savings on energy costs for the District.

LED Exterior and Interior lighting upgrades is take place at Grover Heights Elementary, Harloe Elementary, Nipomo Elementary, Oceano Elementary, Ocean View Elementary and Shell Beach Elementary. Also this project includes the Clark Center, the District Office, Students Services and the Transportation Bus Barn. This too will afford substantial savings for the District.

Public Comment

Mike Berry, Nipomo Resident said there are 37 days left for Viva Farms to comply with the County mandate concerning trucking. Jim Bergman met with Brian Pedrotti to discuss this problem and resolution should take place.

New Business

Chevron Guadalupe Restoration Project now Union Oil Company is requesting a change of route for the trucks in and out of the Guadalupe Restoration Project located on the coast west of Guadalupe. In 1944 the Guadalupe site was in production of oil and natural gas. A substance known as diluent was used to extract these products, but it was ceased in 1990 when it was discovered the diluent was leaking from pipelines as well as storage tanks.

Since this product is high toxic to humans, wildlife and fauna, Chevron now Union Oil, has been mandated to clean up the contaminated soil. For 14 years the truck traffic has been routed through Santa Maria from Highway 1 to Beteravia on to Highway 101. The material is being dumped at the Santa Maria Land Fill.

The company is now requesting that the truck route be changed to Highway 1 north to Willow Rd. and on to Highway 101 then south to the Santa Maria Land Fill.

Mr. John McKenzie, Senior Planner for the Planning Department of San Luis Obispo County, presented the proposal with handouts and maps. Lisa Bugrova, Senior Project Manager, Compliance/Permitting Coordinator of Padre Assoc. Inc, presented information concerning the proposed new route.

Discussion followed with a number of residents who live on the property adjacent to the proposed truck route spoke objecting to this proposal. The SCAC was requested to deny approval of this proposal for the following reasons:

1. The new truck route would disturb the residents with noise and pollution.
2. The route would generate a large number of truck on road not built for this type of travel particularly Willow Rd.
3. The Trilogy, Black Lake and Willow Rd. residents would be assaulted with the number of truck trips up to 240 per day generating safety hazards as well as noise.

4. The project has been going on for about 14 years with no complaints from the Guadalupe or Santa Maria residents, and the Nipomo residents see no reason for a change.
5. The County of San Luis Obispo would be impacted with all the problems with no benefits.
6. The accuracy of the SIER 's noise level study was questioned. The study failed to identify 100 - 200 homes that would be within 500 feet of Highway 1. Presenter John McKenzie will investigate this issue and report back to the SCAC.

Bob McGill, President of the Black Lake Managements Association had written to Art Herbon and the SCAC indicating their disapproval of the proposed route noting traffic, noise and safety concerns.

Dan Woodson moved, seconded by Harry Walls that the SCAC recommends denial of approval for this project. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Rocket Nurseries: Dan Woodson, Traffic and Circulation Committee Chair has spoken with Leah Hencier, resident of Dawn Rd. She indicated there are large truck going to and from the Rocket Nursery with the name of Growers Transport Inc. This company is from Salinas and distributes seedlings. The roads these trucks are traveling are residential areas and the roads are not built to take the wear and tear of heavy truck traffic.

She was urged to contact Public Works to determine the load limit for Dawn Rd. and Calle Fresca. Laura Browning, CHP officer, said they are monitoring this area. Ms. Hencier was urged to contact Art Trinidad, County Codes, to determine legality as well as Istar Holliday, Land Use Chairman. Ms. Hencier said this may turn into another Viva Farms problem.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee - Harry Walls, Chairman reported that the Audit Committee met and after examining the accounts, agreed that all was correct.

Bylaws Committee - Dick Wright Chairman reported that the Bylaws Committee met and offered two options to clarify the present Bylaws. in relation to SCAC members endorsing candidates for political office.

Option #1 - Add the following sentence to the Bylaws Section "C":

SCAC members may individually endorse candidates but cannot be publicly identified in any manner that could be construed as representing the SCAC.

Option #2 - No change to the Bylaws but allow individual members of the SCAC Board to participate in political campaigns, and to identify their affiliation with SCAC.

Discussion followed. Bill Dorland moved, seconded by Harry Walls that the following wording be added to the Bylaws:

"A SCAC member may individually endorse candidates, as Council members but cannot be publicly identified in any manner that could be construed as representing the SCAC."

Discussion followed. Motion passed. The change will be posted on the SCAC website for 30 days and then become a part of the Bylaws.

Land Use Committee - Istar Holliday sent her email report since she was not present at this meeting. Land Use Committee had a presentation by James Caruso, Senior Planner, SLO County and Cheryl Cochran, Planner 1, on a number of program amendments under consideration dealing with county wide water resources. The proposals are:

1. Require all pre-1994 properties within the unincorporated area to retrofit and verify all high water-using toilets and shower heads with more efficient models prior to resale.
2. Require Water Supply Assessments for all new land divisions within Level of Severity III basins (Los Osos, Paso Robles, Nipomo Mesa Management area).
3. Require offsetting new demand from new development. i.e. new residences, businesses, irrigated agriculture. Explore water neutral new development county-wide.
4. Limit and/or prohibit certain water using activities such as car washing, driveway cleaning, unadjusted irrigation systems, landscape watering, ornamental fountains, neglected leaks or overhead field sprinklers.

Mr. Caruso and Ms.. Cochran requested the Council give them input on the proposals before they appear before the full Council and the LUC will be happy to correlate the suggestions before passing them on to Planning.

The LUC asked about conversion of properties in or adjacent to properties zoned rural residential to agricultural uses such as vineyard nurseries, etc., serviced by unmetered unmonitored private wells and enforcement of proposed ordinances.

Mr. Caruso asked the LUC to consider ordinances' impact on air quality (dust generation), fire hazard, businesses, life styles, pocket-books or anything else that would need to be brought to the attention of county planners.

This is a work in progress, but a few of the least controversial or least costly proposals may come before the BOS before the end of the year and the county planners value input for a presentation to the SCAC in July.

A meeting at the Black Lake Community Center was held June 17 to discuss the proposed expansion of Black Lake with a hotel, more golf courses and more housing.

Traffic and Circulation - Dan Woodson reported eastbound vehicles continue to proceed straight out of the Right Turn Only lane to enter the freeway at Tefft and South Frontage Rd. There is a recent unreported accident as a result.

There is a request for a hiking/jogging trail around the perimeter of Trilogy. Part of the Trilogy Development Plan included a perimeter trail system. A group of residents is working with the Developer and County Parks to expedite this project.

There is a request to discuss the line-of-sight problem at Hill and South Frontage due to parked cars. The Committee examined the area and determined there was not a problem since there has been only 1 accident there in the last five years and that was due to use of a cell phone.

Dan Woodson was appointed to the Citizens Transportation Advisory Council to be an at-large member. The SCAC was please with this appointment for Mr. Woodson.

Harry Walls complimented Dan and his committee for the thorough reporting of the Chevron/Union Oil truck route proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Next meeting July 28, 2014.