# **SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes for the August 25, 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
Patricia Duron
Art Herbon
Elaine Thomas
Bill Dorland
El-Jay Hansson
Gary Spelbring
Dan Woodson

Vern Dahl, LMUSD Dan Gaddis, NCSD

The following members were absent:

Rick Dean Vince McCarthy Harry Walls Richard Wright

A quorum was declared.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:** Dan Woodson requested an item pertaining to Traffic and Circulation Committee be added to New Business however this item will be covered by Supervisor Caren Ray during the Community Presentation portion of the meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes for the July 28, 2014 meeting:** El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Pat Duron that the minutes be approved. Motion passed with Sandra Caughell abstaining.

**Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gary Spelbring** offered the following report:

Grant Funds \$528.00 Dump Fees \$895.76 Library \$952.42 Total \$2,376.18

El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Dan Woodson that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Chairwoman Sandra Caughell announced that the SCAC is receiving \$1,000 donation from Supervisor Caren Ray's District Community Project Fund. Supervisor Ray was thanked for her generous contribution.

#### **Community Presentations:**

Vern Dahl, Lucia Mar United School District reported the following:

- 1, The new Solar structures are nearly completed and will generate over 50% of the school district's needs. Any unused power will be turned over to PG&E to offset the cost of the power needs.
- 2. Over 100 new teachers have been hired in the District for this school term. School has started and all seems to be going smoothly.
- 3. The District has begun a "late start Monday."
- 4. A number of groups, both statewide and nationally, are actively against the Common Core Program. The Federal and State Governments would be determining the school curriculum if Common Core is approved.

Istar Holliday pointed out that Vern Dahl played a large part in getting the solar project established in the School District. We owe him our thanks.

**Supervisor Caren Ray, SLO County 4th District:** Supervisor Ray announced a meeting at Black Lake Golf Course Clubhouse to discuss changes to the proposal by Rob Rossi for the Black Lake and Triolgy. The meeting is Wednesday, August 27, at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Monarch Dunes modification would eliminate the golf course and the land would probably be used for a vineyard or other agricultural purposes. Supervisor Ray will attend the meeting.

There will be a delay in the DEIR for the Phillip 66 rail spur proposal. There are new requirements effective in January 2015 that would have an impact on the DEIR.

The Traffic and Circulation Committee is requesting that the County General Services Administration provide the SCAC an accounting of Quinbey Fee income and expenses from the beginning from FY 2009 to the present. This item is being address by Supervisor Ray who reported that \$13,000 is available for parks and other Area 4 projects. However the funds will be disbursed throughout the area. Curtis Black will be invited to give a presentation at a future meeting of the SCAC.

## Cal-Fire Chief Mark DeLeo reported:

Nipomo Station 20 for July 2014 - 115 Total Calls

14 Fires 65 EMS Calls 12 Vehicle Accidents 24 Misc. assists.

Mesa Station 22 - 74 Total Calls

5 Fires 29 EMS Calls 5 Vehicle Accidents 13 Misc. assists

22 Dune responses - 90% of Dune calls were alcohol/traffic citations.

Volunteers trained of Technical Rope Rescue Low and High Angle--didactic and practical field day.

July into August was very busy with Northern California fires. SLO County provided fire fighters for 21 days in the northern locations. The Chipping event was not adequately publicized because the proper funding was not available until the day before the event was to take place.

### **SLO Sheriff's Office - Commander Jay Donovan** reported:

Calls for service: 900 Arrests: 43 Assaults: 6 Vandalism 6

Thefts: 21

The vandalism included breaking windows in schools and car keying. Six gang members from a Santa Maria gang were caught in the act of tagging and were arrested.

Commander Donovan again urged everyone to keep their cars locked and if possible do not park cars outside. Thefts also include storage lockers, landscaping equipment and tools. He also said that outside lights on your property are beneficial in preventing thefts. Photos of graffiti can be forwarded to the Sheriff's Office and can sometimes help identify a gang.

Fraud continues to be a problem. Requests from so-called friends for money emergencies are still happening as well as companies calling residents to asked for personal information. Lottery "winners" are also being contacted.

California Highway Patrol Captain Matt Olsen reported that Laura Browning has taken her new assignment in the San Francisco office. Her replacement will be Rich Lee, the new Public Information Officer. They are presently short staffed due to retirement of some officers as well as those transferring out of the area.

Huck Fest, which is a truck jumping and x-game contest, will be held October 18. The Pismo Clam Festival will also be held that weekend so the Highway Patrol will be stretched to cover the area. The Huck Fest is advertised on the social media which brings in local as well as out of state attendees. Last year about 8000 attended and the Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Offices were overwhelmed with calls. This year the agencies will

be better prepared for the Festival. Tickets can only be purchased on the web.

**SLO County Planning - Planner Brian Pedrotti** said the 17 unit condo/apartment proposed for Grande and Frontage Rd. in Nipomo will be discussed at the August 28 Planning meeting.

The Resource Management System (water) level of severity will be discussed on the September 11 meeting (!). Jay Caruso will make a presentation at a future meeting of the SCAC. The Water County Project will be discussed on August 27.

NCSD - Director Dan Gaddis announced 3 seats, for 4 years each, on the Board of Directors for the NCSD were up for election in the fall general election on November 4, 2014. However no formal election will be needed since only three individuals filed for the open seats. The new Directors will be seated at the December 2014 meeting: Incumbent Dan Gaddis, former Director Ed Eby and Dan Woodson.

Consent Agenda: Istar Holliday, Land Use Committee presented Mr. Mark Stoneburner who is requesting approval of a barn addition which was built prior to 2003 but was not permitted. He is now asking for retroactive permits for the structure. The 10 acre parcel is not zoned for 3 residences and the addition to the barn/shop could be used as an addition residence. There is presently a permanent residence and a granny unit on the property.

Mr. Stoneburner was asked by the County Inspectors to remove the bathtub and kitchen. Istar Holliday provided maps of the property showing the structures. Discussion followed.

Art Herbon moved, seconded by Bill Dorland that the SCAC advise approval of the permit provided the structure cannot be used as a residence. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

**Mike Berry, Nipomo Resident** said the inspection of Viva Farms took place on August 4. He said the inspection was inadequate since it took only 15 - 20 minutes and Inspector Harley Voss did not enter any of the buildings. Mr. Berry said the truck traffic has diminished some, but there is

still truck traffic in and out of Viva Farms to the Distribution Center in Oceano.

It appears to Mr. Berry that the Viva Farms property is a "staging area" for the plants arriving to be readied for distribution from the Oceano location. He showed pictures of palm trees and indoor plants that were packaged and ready to delivered. These items are not being grown on the Viva Farms property but are trucked in from Florida and other areas.

Viva Farms has closed on Sunday and the truck traffic is closing at 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on week days; so there is some improvement. Mr. Berry said 2 trucks were allowed on the property at a time however he now sees 3 truck.

**Proposed By-Law Change, 2nd Reading:** The proposed wording of the change was as follows: "A SCAC member may individually endorse candidates as a Council Member but cannot be publicly identified in any manner that could be construed as representing the SCAC"

Discussion followed and it was decided to table this item since no agreement was reached to the proper wording and intent of the proposal.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Land Use - Istar Holliday - nothing further

**Traffic and Circulation Committee - Dan Woods:** The meeting at Black Lake Clubhouse on August 27, will

The 5 year update to the circulation study will take until early or mid 2015 to complete. Public Words will be going to the Board of Supervisors at the end of this year with an annual update. It is hoped that this will be ready for the September 11, meeting of the TC&C.

Members of the Mesa Reginery Watch, including Art Herbon, attended the joint meeting of LosSan/CCRC (Los Angeles -San Francisco Rail Coordinating Committee/Central Coast Railway Committee and discussed Phillip 66 issues. Dan Woodson also attended to support the MRF and urge passage of California's SB1319 which pertains to tank car safety.

TC&C will hold a discussion on the Fee Program for roads in reference to commercial/residential building.

PM10 - Patricia Duron - not present

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next meeting September 22, 2014