

South County Advisory Council
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Monday, May 18, 2015

NCSD Building – 148 South Wilson Street, Nipomo, California

Call to Order: By Art Herbon - Chair at 1830

Roll Call: Conducted by Richard Malvarose with members present:

Art Herbon (O)	Sandra Caughell (O)	Gary Spelbring (O)
Richard Malvarose (O)	Richard Wright (O)	Michael Pieper (M)
Vince McCarthy (M)	Dan Woodson (M)	Harry Walls (M)
David Nilsen (M)	Kevin Beauchamp (M)	Pat Duron (M)
Ron Smith (M)	Vern Dahl (EO)	

Absent:

Vince McCarthy (M) (Excused) Pat Duron (M) (Excused)
Vern Dahl (EO) Absent

*(O) Officer (M) Member (EO) Ex-Officio

Quorum Is Established

Pledge of Allegiance: Conducted

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None

Correspondence and Comments from the Chair – Art Herbon read the following “The SCAC is an elected group of volunteers that provide a forum for citizen involvement, education and information on issues which affect the greater part of San Luis Obispo South County. The objective of the SCAC is to advise County Government entities on those issues.” In addition Mr. Herbon briefed that:

1. WiFi services are available at the NCSD building for SCAC use
2. That business cards are not available for SCAC members
3. There will be training for SCAC members on June 19th

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Community Presentations:

SLO County District 4 – Lynn Compton: Mrs. Compton swore in Ron Smith as new member of SCAC. She stated that Viva Farms was aware of the Good Neighbor policy and that they will abide by no truck traffic between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am. She further stated that Public Works will post a No Truck Traffic sign during posted hours. Supervisor Compton made the board aware of; an illegal Medical Marijuana Dispensary that was found to be operating at 505 F Orchard Avenue. It has since been shut down by County Officials and Law Enforcement for Code Violations; The Ethnobotanica MUP will go before the Planning Commission on July the 9th; The Paul Texeira Memorial Gazebo has received grant funding from the County and is moving forward as planned; the Jim O Miller Park MUP has been submitted to County Plans and finally reiterated the training available to SCAC members on June 19th.

CALFIRE- Not present

SLO Sheriff's Office – Officer Pete Davis reported continued phone scams in the County primarily having to do with fake IRS calls. He also stated that burglaries and vandalism was on the rise.

California Highway Patrol – Captain Michael Bueno reported 94 traffic collisions with 2 fatalities and 21 injuries. He also reported that there have been 12 DUI arrests and that YTD traffic collisions are showing an uptick. Finally Officer Bueno stated that there have been 4 new hires and that the CHP is looking to hire an additional 3 officers.

Nipomo, Community Services District – Director Dan Woodson briefed on the requirement for NCSD customers to reduce overall usage by 28%. He also stated that the NCSD budget review was in progress and that the Key Well Index Report would be released in a few days.

Lucia Mar School District – Vern Dahl absent

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce – Richard Malvarose briefed current Chamber Membership at 195 members and reiterated the upcoming Monte Carlo Night fundraiser on May 21st.

SLO County Active Project Status Report - Brian Pedrotti (see attached).

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Approval of Minutes-May 18th, 2015 as amended: Harry Walls Motion / Dan Woodson Second Approved

Public Comment: Public comment time is for public testimony on items not being heard on today's agenda. Each speaker is allocated 3 minutes. Total time for public comment is 15 minutes.

Mike Berry discussing Viva Farms issues stated that he was happy to see reduced work taking place at Viva Farms but was more than happy to overload the Oceano facility

Jim Pelke raised questions about the Fire Tax in his area and was referred to Cal-Fire.

Janet Pelke questioned when and where weed abatement was required.

Istar Holliday raised issues with the Wood Chipping Program that has taken place in the past and stated that lack of advertising and program awareness led to cancellation of this year's event. She requested that Cal Fire and the Fire Safety Council address this issue.

El Jay Hansen confirmed Fire Tax issues and questioned whether Viva Farms should be held responsible for road repairs in that area.

Tom Caspar stated that Willow Road should be subjected to traffic limitations.

Consent Agenda: These are items scheduled for consideration as a group, and for approval as recommended. Any Council Person may request an item to be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda, to permit discussion or change the recommended course of action after the Consent vote.

1. **Minutes of April 27th** Richard Malvarose requests approval. Harry Walls moved/ Dan Woodson seconded – Approved
2. **Financial Audit** Audit committee requests approval of 2014/2015 audit. Gary Spelbring moved / Harry Walls seconded motion to move to next meeting. Approved and moved to next monthly meeting due to misplaced audit paperwork
3. **SCAC Budget** Gary Spelbring requests approval of 2015/2016 budget – Approved by consent
4. **Treasurer's Report** for April 27th – Gary Spelbring requested approval – Approved by Consent
5. **DRC2014-00132 SHARMA** – Land use committee requested approval – Approved by consent

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Old Business

SCAC group membership in Nipomo Chamber of Commerce SCAC group membership in Nipomo Chamber of Commerce -

4/27/15 - Council requested Mr. Herbon to seek county council advice.

County Council's response: *"SCAC Nipomo Chamber Membership: The current Agreement is for fiscal year 2014-15. Thus, they can wait until fiscal year 2015-16 (beginning July 1) and include a specific request for the Chamber membership in their overall request. In the future, the South County Advisory Council could request funding to pay for a membership in a Chamber of Commerce. This should be specifically described in a future funding request. Funding a membership in a Chamber of Commerce does not appear to be inconsistent with the Policy, as membership arguably furthers the goal of a local advisory council (to stay informed and advise the Board of Supervisors about local matters), a goal which is beneficial to the County."* Art Herbon reiterated that other Advisory Councils are members of Chambers of Commerce and that there is no conflict of interest according to County Council. Richard Wright Moved and Harry Walls seconded that the SCAC join the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce. During discussion prior to vote Istar Holliday stated that she was opposed to joining the Chamber of Commerce based on their political stance concerning land use as it pertains to the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project. She further stated that the board should choose to stay informed about Chamber of Commerce programs and operations through individual membership and then asked that SCAC Board members who are members of the Chamber of Commerce recuse themselves from the vote. SCAC Council members affiliated with Chamber officer positions each discussed their point of view regarding recusing themselves. Each of them elected not to recuse themselves because they have no economic gain regarding the decision. A motion was made by Kevin Beauchamp not to join the Chamber and seconded by Susan Cholokian. This motion was not passed 6 to 4. The original motion to join was then revisited, the vote was taken with 7 members recommending approval and 3 opposing. The request to join the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce was passed.

Action requested: Budget NCOC membership in SCAC's 2015/2016 budget. Direct SCAC's Correspondence Secretary to initiate group membership in NCOC if the county accepts SCAC's annual budget. - Approved

New Business:

- 1. SLO County Water Conservation SEIR** – Cheryl Cochran provided an update on the impact on the SCAC area with a summarized report. A motion was requested to advise the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors on SCAC's issues regarding the SEIR. Dan Woodson moved, Harry Walls seconded to support the NCS D conservation effort. The conservation effort document was not made available

until the meeting and it was decided to conduct an email vote prior to the next scheduled SCAC meeting.

2. **DRC2014-00131 MARINAI CUP** – Representatives Rob Marinai and Robert Winslow could not attend and the issue was agendaized for the next SCAC monthly meeting.

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Committee Reports and Assignments:

- A. **Land Use Committee** – Istar Holliday absent: See LUC minutes dated May 22nd 2015
- B. **Traffic and Circulation Committee** – Dan Woodson: Stated that the scheduled May 14th meeting was cancelled. He also stated that he received copies of the public notification pertaining to the signal light at Titan Way / Thompson Ave and that construction was scheduled to start in February 2016. Finally he stated that he will be attending the County-wide Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee on May 20th.
- C. **PM 10 Committee** – Patricia Duron absent
- D. **Parks and Recreation** – Inactive
- E. **Audit Committee** - Audit Report was moved to consent agenda and tabled until hard copy of audit could be located
- F. **Election Committee** - Inactive

Next Meeting: June 22, 2015

Adjourned