

South County Advisory Council
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Monday, June 22, 2015

NCSD Building – 148 South Wilson Street, Nipomo, California

Call to Order: By Art Herbon - Chair at 1830

Pledge: Conducted by Gary Spelbring

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:

Susan Cholakian (Excused)

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

Quorum Is Established

Pledge of Allegiance: Conducted

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Art Herbon briefed the consent agenda rules

Correspondence and Comments from the Chair – Art Herbon read the following “The SCAC provides a forum for citizen involvement and information issues affecting unincorporated areas in South SLO County. The objective of the SCAC is to advise County Government entities on those issues.”

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Community Presentations:

SLO County District 4 – Don Spagnolo Transportation Project Manager from the Public Works Department briefly discussed the upcoming pavement repair plan for Nipomo, distributed maps of the upcoming work and stated that work would start in the October timeframe.

CALFIRE- Chief Alan Peters directed the Board and citizens to the CALFIRE website to find additional information on SRA fees. Art Herbon asked for clarification on Fees, the discontinued or delayed Chipping Program, Weed Abatement and Dead Tree Removal. Mr. Peters explained that fee information could be found on the CALFIRE website, that chipping programs had to take a back seat this year to firebreak maintenance and that possibly funding for weed abatement and dead tree removal could be secured through a grant request(s) from the Fire Safe Council.

SLO Sheriff's Office – Commander Jay Donovan briefed that over the previous five weeks that there were 1079 calls for service, 45 arrests of which 34 were for thefts and four were for vandalism. He briefly discussed the upcoming Anti-Gang Summer Program.

California Highway Patrol – Lieutenant Mike Brown stated that there were 25 reported collisions with eight injuries and one fatality. There were 11 arrests nine of which were for DUI and 2 stolen vehicles.

Nipomo, Community Services District – Director Dan Woodson briefed that water use in the month of May was down 31% and that the top 100 residential users in Nipomo would be receiving a letter from NCSO. He also stated that NCSO would be conducting briefing on water treatment for the supplemental water that will be coming from Santa Maria.

Lucia Mar School District – Vern Dahl stated that Central Coast New Tech High School will have its first Senior Graduation next year and that the new classrooms on the New Tech campus were nearing completion. Mr. Dahl also expressed to the group the loss of the District Superintendent over the previous wage conflicts and that the head of curriculum would be leaving as well. Finally he stated that the Cuesta College Computer Lab would be installing stations at Nipomo High School this upcoming school year.

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce – Richard Malvarose relayed that the next Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Luncheon would be held at the Blacklake Country Club on Thursday at 11:45

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SLO County Active Project Status Report - Brian Pedrotti was glad to see decent attendance at the Advisory Council training conducted at the San Luis Obispo Public Library. He offered additional training one hour prior to next month's regular SCAC meeting.

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.

No public comments

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 May 18th** Richard Malvarose requests approval. Remained on consent agenda. Motion by Dan Woodson. Second by Patricia Duron. Approved unanimously.
2. **Financial Audit** Audit committee requests approval of 2014/2015 audit. Art Herbon removed from consent. Harry Walls provided audit for further review.
3. **Treasurer's Report** Gary Spelbring requests approval of 2015/2016 budget – Approved by consent
4. **SLO County Water Conservation EIR** – Approved by email unanimous consent
5. **DRC2014-00142 VAHABNEZHAD** – Removed from consent agenda and moved to LUC for review and advise for action at July 22nd SCAC meeting
6. **DRC2014-00131 MIRINAI** – Removed from consent agenda and moved to LUC for review and advise for action at July 22nd SCAC meeting
7. **DRC2014-00148 JOHANNESSEN** – Removed from consent and moved to LUC for review and advise for action at July 22nd SCAC meeting
8. **DRC2014-00126 AQUINO** – Removed from consent and moved to LUC for review and advise for action at July 22nd SCAC meeting

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9. **DRC2014-00130 MONARCH DUNES** – Removed from consent and moved to LUC for review and advise for action at July 22nd SCAC meeting

10. **DRC2014-00150 EVENSON** – Removed from consent and moved to LUC for review and advise for action at July 22nd SCAC meeting

Old Business

SUB2003-00001 LAETITIA AGRICULTURE CLUSTER

Presentations were made by Vic Montgomery of the Laetitia Reserve project and by El Jay Hansen from the SCAC Land Use Committee.

Harry Walls makes a motion to approve the Laetitia Reserve / Seconded by Richard Malvarose at which point the public was invited to make comment

Peg Miller stated that she believed the project was well planned and designed

Jeanne Taylor questioned whether each individual lot would come before the Land Use Committee for permits and also asked if curbs, sidewalks and gutters were part of the overall plan.

Elaine Thomas stated that the wells West of Highway 101 were in trouble and questioned the impact that project would have on water sources to the West.

David Castro questioned what has changed with the project since the previous two times that the issue had come before the Advisory council. He also expressed concerns that the development would be taxpayer funded.

Brian Pedrotti stated that 103 acres of planted grapes would be removed for the project and that a planned 140 acres would eventually be planted after construction was completed.

John Anderson stated that the last time he saw water running down Los Berros Creek was 5-7 years ago. He expressed concerns about a possible bridge shutdown during construction of the road, fires in the upper Los Berros area, widening of Thompson and Sheehy Roads and straightening of the S-Curve.

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James Toomey expressed concerns about Laetitia possibly adding another 27+ acres of vines. He also stated that the Laetitia Reserve project team were outright lying about the water studies conducted and stated that the project was utilizing Voodoo Economics to justify their development.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Art Herbon – No
Sandra Caughell - No
Richard Malvarose – Yes
Gary Spelbring – No
Richard Wright – No
Michael Pieper – No
Vince McCarthy – No
Dan Woodson – No
Harry Walls – Yes
David Nilsen – Yes
Kevin Beauchamp – Abstain
Susan Cholakian – Absent
Ron Smith – Yes
Patricia Duron – No

Results 4 – Yes, 8 – No, 1- Abstain Vote for recommended approval is denied

New Business:

- 1. SCAC Exposure on Social Media** – Richard Malvarose has offered to set up and manage a Facebook page on our behalf. He would manage it with informational items as he already does for many other non-profit groups in Nipomo. He would connect us to over 1,000 local followers. Action requested – Approve Richard Malvarose as committee chair. Establish a “Social Media Committee” that would periodically meet to review content of the site, and report status of site to SCAC. Authorize Richard Malvarose to activate Facebook page.
At the request of Richard Malvarose issue is tabled for further discussion when he has more time to devote to the project.
- 2. PRIVATE CAPITOL – DRC2014-00153** – A proposed Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to increase the number of senior apartments to 40 units from the approved 36 on DRC201300003. Site location is Mary Ave. and Juniper St. in Nipomo. APN: 092-

572-057. The Council unanimously voted to recommend approval of the project with the condition that the building design conforms to the West Tefft Design Plan. The

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Council questioned whether the lack of a third floor setback violated the Design Plan and would set a new precedent.

Committee Reports and Assignments:

- A. Land Use Committee** – Istar Holliday No report

- B. Traffic and Circulation Committee** – Dan Woodson: Stated that SLOCOG will recommend that the area immediately around Dana Elementary School will be designated as a Safe Route to School. He also stated that SLOCOG may pursue funding in the future to convert Orchard Avenue to a Class II bikelane as an interregional connection to the Santa Maria Bridge. (see attached report)

- C. PM 10 Committee** – (see attached report)

- D. Parks and Recreation** – Inactive

- E. Audit Committee** – (see attached report)

- F. Election Committee** - Inactive

Next Meeting: July 27, 2015

Adjourned