

South County Advisory Council Meeting Minutes February 27, 2023

Present: Darrell Sisk Steve Schumann Jerry Bridge
 Kevin Beauchamp Richard Wright Harry Walls

Correspondence from the Chair

Community Presentations

SLO County Supervisor Jimmy Paulding discussed the County's storm relief program. The outreach office in SLO can help up to \$200k. Other priorities are homelessness, mental health and water. The number one priority is still public safety. The Board wants to increase the number of Mental Health beds, increase housing including more granny units.

CAL CHP Sgt. Hieldebrink reported in January there were 22 collisions with 5 DUI arrests. There were six injury collisions. The closure of I-5 increased traffic on Hwy 101.

Public Comment

Jimmy Paulding discussed the progress of the Nipomo Community Parks multiuse perimeter trail, The Skateboard park should be open by the end of March.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Steve Schumann and seconded by Jerry Bridge to accept the Consent Agenda. Kevin noted that the minutes are not on the web site. Motion passed as amended.

New Business

NextERA Energy battery storage project on Joshua st. The project was presented by staff.

Public Comment on the project:

Mary Albur speaking for the Costa Pacific Estate HOA. They are very concerned about fire at this facility. There is only one way out of their subdivision and the batteries give off a deadly gas when burning. The prevailing wind will be directly into their neighborhood.

Harold Orndoff from Costa Pacifica Estates is opposed to the battery project. He notes there have been 50 incidents around the world and this project is too close to homes.

Janet Pihilen of Costa Pacifica Estates is opposed to the project because of fire and the lethal gasses from the fires and the single exit for evacuations.

Marv Hatfield of Costa Pacifica Estates is opposed to the project because of fire and the possible contamination of Nipomo Creek.

Kevin of Costa Pacifica Estates is opposed to the project because of safety concerns and how it might affect his insurance rates.

Mike Moore of Costa Pacifica Estates is opposed to the project because of possible fire and health concerns, limited access for evacuations and the project is close to an earthquake fault.

David Balentine of Costa Pacifica Estates is opposed to the project for security concerns from sabotage.

Erica from the Costa Pacifica Estates HOA noted that the HOA will put their thoughts on paper for further evaluation.

Motion by Steve Schumann and seconded by Jerry Bridge to recommend denial of the was passed.