

**SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
MINUTES - March 11, 2004**

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2004 at 6:00 pm at the Santa Rosa Valley Club House on 1701 E. Los Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93012

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Allison at 6:00 pm. MAC members Rosemary Allison, Mark Burley, Janis Gardner, Ruth Means and Don Shubert were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The salute to the flag was led by Rosemary Allison.

3. Agenda Review

No changes to the Agenda were made.

4. Approval of Minutes

March minutes were approved 5-0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks introduced Butch Britt from Ventura County Transportation Department and she thanked Mr. Britt for his work on the Santa Rosa Road study. Draft copies of the study were made available for review at the meeting.

Supervisor Parks said that Santa Rosa Valley MAC would not be able to transfer money held in the Norwegian Grade Fund, but the MAC could make recommendations as to how the money could be spent.

Supervisor Parks said that the equestrian park focus group would meet on March 25, 2004 at 10:00 am at her office to discuss Santa Rosa Park development.

6. Public Comments

Resident Peggy Ludington commented regarding the Cingular Cell Antenna Proposal stating that if Cingular was allowed to build the wireless communication facility, more installations might go up in the area since landowners would be offered good money for facilities installation on their properties. She would like to see an ordinance overlay for scenic resource protection in order to preserve the Santa Rosa Valley character by preventing the development of antenna facilities.

Resident Molly Pei said that residents should consider the public leasing of private lands an issue. She felt changing Santa Rosa Valley to a scenic overlay zoning might be a good idea.

Resident Don Thomas said that the building adjacent to the antenna would be 16 ft x 12 ft in size and 10 ft in height. He stated that this type of building requires an air-conditioning unit running 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Only property owners who live within 300 ft of the boundary were notified of the proposal.

7. Council Comments on issues not on the agenda

Mark Burley said that in the Camrosa Water Company meeting he attended, there was not much support for putting a sewer system in Santa Rosa Valley. He said that the County has guidelines that prohibit the expansion of sewer systems. However, one potential issue with not having sewers is groundwater contamination. If the groundwater was badly contaminated, the state could mandate a sewer. Mark Burley said that residents should be responsible and make sure that their septic tanks are pumped out regularly and that they are working adequately. New back flow devices could also be installed to prevent water contamination.

Janis Gardener thanked Hidden Meadow for donating water for the plants and trees that were planted in the Moorpark and Santa Rosa Road intersection.

8. Information Items

Day laborers location

Don Shubert suggested the flood control area that is across from Glenside Road might be a good area for the day laborers' relocation. He would meet with CHP and Public Works staff to find out if the location was suitable.

9. Action Items

9a. Recommendation on Santa Rosa Road Study

Butch Britt said the Santa Rosa Road Study that was handed out at the meeting was a draft copy and was in the review phase by several agencies in the County. He would present the report to the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 23rd for discussion. The report included seven different recommendations for road improvements such as installing a landscaped median, wider bike lanes, four new synchronized traffic signals, a recreation trail and school bus turnouts, etc. Mr. Britt said that the four proposed intersections for traffic signals did not have enough traffic to meet the installation requirements. The cost of road improvements varied anywhere between zero cost (doing nothing) to 40 million dollars, depending on the options chosen.

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Supervisor Parks said that she would look into ways of getting some money to help with the road improvements. Although there are some funds for road improvements, these funds were paid by developers specifically for the purpose of expanding Santa Rosa Road to four lanes. Changing the General Plan for Santa Rosa Road from four lanes to two lanes would mean returning that money back to the developers.

Rosemary Allison said that the County is in the process of amending the General Plan and she wants Santa Rosa Road to be changed in the General Plan from four lanes to two lanes. She asked the audience for opinions and no one opted for option 6, which was to expand Santa Rosa Road to four lanes.

MAC members each chose from the seven road improvement options:

Rosemary Allison recommended option 3 & 4. (Signal synchronization & separate recreational trail.)

Janis Gardner recommended option 3 & 4.

Ruth Means recommended option 3 & 4.

Don Shubert recommended option 3.

Mark Burley recommended options 3 & 4 with no shoulder widening.

Mark Burley suggested setting up a special assessment district for Santa Rosa Valley residents to pay for the improvements. The cost would not be prohibitive if it is spread out over a number of years. He made a motion to advise the Board of Supervisors to install four new traffic signals and a separate recreational trail and to keep the 'No Turn On Red' sign until the synchronization system is complete. Don Shubert seconded the motion. MAC voted 5-0 to approve.

Mark Burley made a motion to advise the Board of Supervisors that improvements be paid for with whatever existing funds there are and also explore the possibility of creating a special assessment district. Janis Gardner seconded the motion and the MAC voted 5-0 to approve.

9b. Statement of MAC policy on County General Plan

Mark Burley made a motion to recommend to Board of Supervisors to amend the General Plan to have Santa Rosa Road designated from four lanes to two lanes. Rosemary Allison seconded the motion. The MAC voted 5-0 to approve.

9c. Request school bus signage

Janis Gardner said some drivers aren't aware of the law and don't stop when school bus lights are flashing. She asked if signs with fines could be put up to alert drivers. Butch Britt suggested this be coordinated with the school district.

9d. Recommend road modifications at Yucca Drive and East Las Posas

Ruth Means said that the merge lane (or “Pork Chop”) would be removed from the west side of Yucca Drive. The Pork Chop on the east side of Yucca Drive would be made thinner for better pedestrian and equestrian use.

The signal light on E. Los Posas will get a green arrow. A Pork Chop would be added to the east side of E. Los Posas.

Ruth Means moved to support the current plan including the revisions in red presented to the MAC and make adjustments in the future if necessary. The MAC voted 5-0 to approve.

9e. Designate location of two monument signs

The MAC voted 5-0 to move this agenda item to the next MAC meeting.

10. Future Agenda Items

The MAC requested a status on the General Plan Workshop and the process to create assessment districts.

11. Adjournment

Rosemary Allison moved that the meeting be adjourned to the next MAC meeting on April 22nd, 2004. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.