

**SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
MINUTES – May 18, 2006**

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Santa Rosa Valley Club House on 11701 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 Janis Gardner, Ruth Means and Don Shubert were present. Mark Burley was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Kevin Cannon.

3. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes

Rosemary Allison noted that the street name "Riato" in the second paragraph of #6 Public Comments should be corrected to reflect the correct spelling: "Riata."

Jim Fortney asked that in the third paragraph of #6 Public Comments, the words "over the next year" be added after "5% increase in water rates." In the same paragraph, line 4, the word "cellular" was revised to "radio communications." The spelling of "Priscilla" was changed to "Presilla."

In #8b, second paragraph, Supervisor Parks noted the typographical error of "5000,000" which was corrected to "500,000."

In #8b, third paragraph, "Park" was changed to "Parks."

Rosemary Allison moved to approve the minutes. Don Shubert seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said the initiative that specified a funding formula for Public Safety agencies that was upheld by a Ventura County Superior Judge was recently overturned by the Court of Appeals.

Supervisor Parks attended the ceremony for the widening of the 23 Freeway. The project will take about two years to complete and will add a lane in both directions. Cal Trans plans to work at night to minimize construction delay impacts.

Supervisor Parks advised that volunteer opportunities are available with the Fire Department and CHP, and Volunteers in Policing if residents are interested.

Supervisor Parks said the Santa Rosa Park project is moving forward and funding is available for bathrooms and road work for the park. The City of Thousand Oaks has agreed to a county easement for installing acceleration and deceleration lanes on Hill Canyon and Santa Rosa Road. The environmental document is currently being revised. Supervisor Parks expects that the park will be built by January.

6. Public Comments

CHP officer Hosking reported that he is training a new motorcycle officer. Hosking said that an overtime grant he wrote was approved, and allows for greater enforcement against cars not stopping for school buses on Santa Rosa Road. Also, a new CHP officer who recently joined the unit has been diligent about giving out tickets to speeding drivers.

Rosemary Allison said several burglaries had occurred recently on Sumac Street in Wildwood Ranch gated community.

Jim Fortney added that there were burglaries reported on Barranca and that the stolen property had been recovered in Simi Valley during February.

Resident Ong Ronholt asked about the overall picture of the Santa Rosa Valley horse trails. He wanted to know if the MAC is exploring expanding horse trails within the entire Santa Rosa Valley and if all homeowners will be asked to allow easements for trails. Ronholt said he has seen horse trails being set up in other areas where all homeowners have to give an equal part of their properties for recreational trails. He said he believes it is very unfair to put the burden on only his property and the Petersens. Ruth Means said Mark Burley is working on establishing a non-profit organization, Santa Rosa Valley Trails, Inc. and their mission is to create an interlocking trail system.

7. Council Comments on Issues not on Agenda

Don Shubert received a letter from Jim and Lisa Nastor, residents of Barranca Street. The letter stated that a small brush fire was started the weekend of April 22-23 between 11 pm and 7 am in the front yard of their house. It appeared the fire was started by someone playing with fireworks. The fire burned 150 feet of landscaping, primarily junipers, as well as a 2006 truck, causing damage in excess of \$5,000. The fire eventually burned itself out and was not noticed by anyone until the morning.

The neighbor said that this is not an isolated incident as fireworks go off frequently in the area. He asked residents to educate their children about fire safety and the hazards of fireworks. The neighbor also asked anyone with information related to this incident to contact the HOA president (Brett Cleaver) or the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

Shubert said the neighbor was disappointed when police officers came out to investigate but ruled out arson as a possibility. Therefore, the fire department was not consulted. The neighbor also reported that four cherry bombs were found in the area.

Supervisor Parks agreed to check the protocol for investigation of fire-related incidents.

Don Shubert said it is difficult for residents to exit side streets to get onto Santa Rosa Road during peak hours. Shubert asked if "Keep Clear" zones similar to Lexington could be added to make it easier for residents to get out.

Kevin Cannon suggested that the designer should look at this as part of the Santa Rosa Road signalization project. Supervisor Parks asked Cannon to relay the MAC's request to Nazir Lalani at the Transportation Department so that it could be incorporated into the project.

8. Information Items

a. Yucca bus stop

Janis Gardner talked to the principal at Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School and many parents. It was agreed that the Yucca bus stop is not more dangerous than other bus stops.

Jim Fortney suggested moving the current Yucca bus stop to the east side of the intersection, which has more room for the bus to pull over. Ruth Means said that high school students are currently being dropped off on the east side. Janis Gardner will ask the elementary school principal about moving the stop to the east side.

b. Resolution that the SRV MAC request the consolidation of Santa Rosa Valley's election of MAC members on November 2, 2006 with other elections held on the same day and in the same place.

c. Notice to the Ventura County Clerk of elective offices to be filled on the Santa Rosa Valley MAC in the November 2, 2006 election, and of the funding source for candidate statements.

Rosemary Allison noted that all five MAC members initially were appointed by Supervisor Parks. In the November election, two council member positions will be elected. Mark Burley and Ruth Means are the positions up for election

Rosemary Allison moved and Don Shubert seconded the motion to approve items b. and c. They were approved 4-0.

9. Information Items

a. Report from TIMF Committee

Ruth Means said she and Don Shubert have been working on the new TIMF fund. Kevin Cannon has also joined the committee.

Supervisor Parks explained that TIMF are Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees that are paid by developers to help road improvement. Under Statute AB 1600, there needs to be a nexus between the fee, the project and how the fees are applied to road improvement. The fees that are collected by the County and each city must mitigate impacts from the development based on the impact the development has on the roads. As this relates to Santa Rosa Road, the four-lane widening project was cancelled; however, there are approximately 30 different improvements that were part of the overall widening project. Although the County has said the funds from the widening project cannot be reallocated to a new project, Supervisor Parks hopes that the monies could still be used for some of the 30 improvements on the two-lane road. The County is still involved in the due diligence process but the decision should be rendered shortly.

Supervisor Parks will make available the TIMF report for the Santa Rosa Road widening project.

b. Report update on Scope of Work Synchronized Signals

Kevin Cannon said bids were going out to a dozen design companies, and they have until May 31 to respond. Supervisor Parks said Cannon can put the latest status of SOW on her County web site so residents are better informed of the progress.

c. 23 Freeway Widening

Addressed above.

Closing Remarks

Supervisor Parks said that she has received e-mails from cyclists informing her how it was easier to bike on Santa Rosa Road after it had been swept for biking events. Residents can get it swept regularly if they want the costs included in their assessments as is done in other areas in her District.

The Public Works director is in the process of removing signs from the right of way along Santa Rosa Road. The signs will be held for a number of days at the county offices. Residents who have their signs removed should contact the Transportation Department.

10. Future Agenda Items

Santa Rosa Valley Trails, Inc.

11. Adjournment to June 15, 2006