

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 17, 2008

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
at the Rancho Santa Rosa Property Owners' Association Club House,
11701 East Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93012**

1. Call to order

Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. MAC members Mark Burley, Ruth Means, Don Shubert and Janis Gardner were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gusie Woodfil.

3. Agenda Review

The agenda for the meeting was approved without changes.

4. Approval of Minutes

Rosemary Allison suggested the second sentence of Item 9c. be revised to state:

Jim Fortney, resident of Santa Rosa Valley, offered to assist in forming an organization to coordinate the communication line which will enable all residents to get emergency information through a radio channel exclusively for use in the Valley. Rosemary Allison who has been spearheading the Santa Rosa Valley CERT will coordinate his involvement with other individuals in Santa Rosa Valley who has home radio operations. Rosemary Allison reported that the CERT members as part of their training was coordinating the purchase of battery operated radios by CERT team members to coordinate communication during a crisis.

Mark Burley moved to approve the minutes as revised. Janis Gardner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that Santa Rosa Park will come to the Board of Supervisors later this month. The Goldbergs have agreed to the easement to complete the road turnouts. Electricity and water lines will be part of the park improvements and a park host will be living on site. There will be picnic areas, grass, a permanent restroom, a parking lot and utilities. In addition, the streambed portion of the improvements will add an abundance of native plants to the site. Equestrian facilities will be added in Phase Two of the project when an equestrian trail to the park is available.

Supervisor Parks informed the MAC that Watershed Protection District staff agreed to make a presentation at the February 21 Santa Rosa Valley MAC meeting to address the expanded floodway and floodplains within the new FEMA maps as they pertain to Santa Rosa Valley properties.

The January 29, 2008 letter from Butch Britt to the Board of Supervisors was distributed to the MAC. It requests adoption of a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Traffic Light Synchronization Program for Santa Rosa Road.

Janet Wall told the MAC that Erik Nagy of Jensen Design and Survey, Inc. had called Supervisor Parks' office to ask that the DJ Farms subdivision project (SD06-0034) be included as an action item on the February agenda. The subdivision would allow the addition of one house within the three 40+ acre parcels.

6. Public Comments

Max Bowers told the MAC that the day laborer situation at the rear of his property on Glenside at Santa Rosa Road has become an intolerable nuisance due to the lack of restroom facilities and the use the area behind his yard for this purpose. In addition, he said traffic violations endanger the community when cars make U-turns to drop off people to stand waiting for community members to pick them up for day work. Mr. Bowers also told the MAC that the litter has increased. He explained that there are six "No Stopping" signs posted. He asked if a "limited time task force" could be allocated to the situation for a short period of time to alleviate his concerns. Supervisor Parks' office will determine the appropriate police department officer to ask for assistance with the sanitation nuisance. CHP Officer Hosking has been alerted and is monitoring the traffic situation within his extensive assigned area. Don Shubert requested that the Sheriff's Department be asked to report on the day laborer situation at the next MAC meeting.

Stan Ullman requested that the MAC determine if a "safety fence" similar to the one along the flood zone could be added to the bridge overpass on Las Posas Road. The MAC asked that the item be included as an action item on the February 21 agenda.

Jim Fortney said he attended the December Camrosa Water District meeting and that a formal agreement with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department and Fire Protection District has been reached with respect to the Communication Facility on the Water Tank on Presilla. Funding was obtained for the 1) amateur radio association, 2) narcotics encrypted radio system, 3) Sheriffs Department and 4) Fire Protection District.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Ruth Means inquired if the deficiencies in the pavement on Santa Rosa Road had been addressed. Janet Wall explained that Butch Britt notified Supervisor Parks that the "birdbaths" in the pavement have been marked and will be fixed.

8. Action Items:

a. Bottlebrush Trees

Mark Burley made a motion to continue the item regarding the trees to the February 21 meeting so that MAC members can view the area in question before taking action. Motion passed 5/0.

9. Information Items

a. Report from County on Horse Property Lot Sizes

Gusie Woodfil found scientific studies completed at various universities that show that horses do not contribute significant levels of nitrates into the soils. She will forward the links to the relevant studies to Supervisor Parks' office.

Lee Sahon of Wildwood Stable Estates explained that they had originally projected 23 lots, but after the County evaluated the property in conjunction with the WPD's Groundwater Quality Department, 18 lots were designed with a minimum acreage of 2.875 acres per lot.

Mark Burley presented a section from the General Plan Land Use Section, paragraph 3.2 on page 57-58: "The rural designation identifies areas suitable for . . . the keeping of farm animals for recreational purposes."

Supervisor Parks informed the MAC that a draft memo had been submitted that was returned for further evaluation regarding the one horse per lot issue. She said it is premature to discuss the project because the EIR is yet to be completed; however, the legal justification is to protect water quality. An update on the item will be presented at the February 21 meeting.

b. Unauthorized Businesses and Related Truck Traffic

Supervisor Parks office received an update from Code Compliance that Civil Penalties are in place but the property owner on Chestnut Street is in the process of addressing permit violations

for lighting, open storage and the construction of structures without permits. The two businesses operating from the neighborhood have been moved to an appropriate location.

c. Trail Plan Update

Mark Burley said he met with the Planning Staff and got feedback on the trail plan. They want distinctions between existing easement and where it is restricted. Discussions about moving forward resulted in his sharing it with the people in Santa Rosa Valley for their input. The MAC requested that the Trail Plan be included as an action item at the February 21 meeting.

The draft version of the Trail Plan is available on the Santa Rosa Valley Trails, Inc. website: www.srvtrails.com

d. Santa Rosa Road Resurfacing.

The small depressions in the pavement are slated to be fixed.

e. Design Plans for Lexington Hills/Moorpark Road

Two maps prepared by PWA were distributed at the meeting. Butch Britt's advice regarding PWA's preference for the two-laned version was explained. Supervisor Parks office will contact the Lexington Hills HOA and request their presence at the February 21 meeting. The MAC asked that Item 9e. be continued to that date as an information item.

f. Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

Kevin Cannon said that the 95% plans went in and will be finalized by the end of the month. PWA will choose the contractor and the item should be at the Board of Supervisors in March or April.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

Recommendation re SD06-0034: DJ Farms Subdivision
Recommendation for Safety Fence at Las Posas Bridge Overpass
Bottlebrush Trees Notification
Recommendation re Santa Rosa Valley Trails Plan

Information Items:

Report from County on FEMA Maps
Report from County on Horse Property Lot Size
Community Representative on Synchronized Signals
Report from Ventura County Sheriff on Day Laborers
Design plans for Lexington Hills/Moorpark Road

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. to February 21, 2008.