

**SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 15, 2008**

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, May 15, 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 6:03 p.m. MAC members Janis Gardner, Ruth Means, Mark Burley and Don Shubert were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paula Jons.

3. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the Agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes

Rosemary Allison moved to approve the April 24, 2008 Minutes as submitted. Ruth Means seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0 with Mark Burley and Don Shubert abstaining.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the California Transportation Commission staff did not recommend the grant for the signal project on Santa Rosa Road. Therefore, it will go to bid as soon as possible. Her recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to review the costs and process to adopt the Santa Rosa Valley Trail Plan will be at the June 3, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that she is hosting the third countywide dinner and speaker event on May 22, 2008 at Mandevilla in Westlake Village. Brian Brennan, a Ventura City Council Member will present a study on how peak oil and how it is expected to affect the urban environment.

May 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., 25 teams, including Supervisor Parks' "Conejo Valley Green Team," will join to walk for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill at the Promenade in Ventura.

Santa Rosa Valley Park is on hold until the Least Bell's Vireos complete their nesting cycle. The creek restoration will include widening, planting of native species and removal of two old cars that have been in the creek for years.

6. Public Comments

Fred Meyer alerted Officer Randy Hosking that Escolera is experiencing speeding cars in the evening. Officer Hosking will investigate.

Jim Fortney said he has heard numerous trash complaints, including liquid pouring out from moving trash trucks and 40-50 cans being lined up along the road as a staging area. He said Consolidated has not been cleaning up trash that gets left behind. It was suggested that a representative from Consolidated attend a MAC meeting to address residents' issues.

Kevin Cannon told the MAC that a BioBlitz event to identify and tabulate local species is being conducted by National Geographic and the National Park Service in collaboration with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and California State Parks on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31. Volunteers are invited to help. The link to the BioBlitz event is <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/field/projects/bioblitz-ca-2008.html>

Captain Ron Nelson attended the meeting to inform residents that thefts of property left in cars, especially unlocked cars, is increasing. He reminded everyone to lock their cars and remove all valuables. Another complaint has been siphoning of gasoline in vehicles located on Riata and Allison. If you encounter these types of crimes, be sure to file a report with the police. Captain Nelson also reported that Eric Stadler was named by the Kiwanis as the Officer of the Year.

CHP Officer Randy Hosking reported that accident statistics on Santa Rosa Road and feeder streets are down 50% from last year. During the period from January 1, 2008 through May 15, 2008 there were 11 traffic collisions. January 1, 2007 through May 15, 2007, there were 20 traffic collisions. He also reported that traffic at the Lexington Hills/Moorpark Road intersection had decreased due to the widening of the 23 freeway.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Don Shubert reminded the community that the Santa Rosa Valley Community Beautification Event is being held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. this Saturday, May 17, at Santa Rosa Valley Technology Magnet School. The event coincides with weed abatement requirements this year. It was also (erroneously) reported that batteries and electronic waste would be collected.

Mark Burley said that on Saturday, June 7, the National Trails work day in the Santa Rosa Valley will be working to improve the baseline trail.

8. Action Items:

a. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair.

Rosemary Allison nominated Don Shubert for Chair. Janis Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

Janis Gardner nominated Ruth Means as Vice Chair. Mark Burley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

b. Recommendation re Policy on Equestrian Property

Mark Burley told the MAC that there were concerns among residents that horses were being prohibited in the new Wildwood development. Rosemary Allison told residents that the issue of groundwater quality means that developers may decide not to have equestrian sized lots. In addition, the MAC has concerns that farmers can put down large amounts of nitrates for crops but residents may not be allowed to keep horses even though manure is removed and recycled. The MAC wants all rural rights protected and believes the County policy may be shifting against equestrians unnecessarily.

Mark Burley read the following recommendation aloud:

Ventura County will allow the keeping of livestock, including horses, on all discretionary development lots in Santa Rosa Valley as permitted under County ordinances for Rural, Open Space or Agricultural zoning.

Mark Burley moved to approve the above MAC policy, and Ruth Means seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

8c. Resolution that the MAC Request the Consolidation of Santa Rosa Valley's Election of MAC Members on November 4, 2008 with Other Elections Held on the Same Day and At the Same Place

Ruth Means moved to approve the resolution and Mark Burley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

8d. Notice to the Ventura County Clerk of the Elective Offices to Be Filled on the Santa Rosa Valley MAC in the November 4, 2008 Election, and of the Funding Source for Candidate Statements

Information from the Elections Division will be available during the first two weeks of July. Rosemary Allison, Janis Gardner and Don Shubert hold the offices that will be up for election on the November ballot. Candidates will pay the printing, handling, translating and mailing costs for their candidate statements. Ruth Means moved to approve the motion. Mark Burley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

9. Information Items

a. Fire Department Information on Weed Abatement

Craig Morgan, the manager of Ventura County Fire Protection District told that MAC to call Station 34 (805-371-1111 and punch in number of station) if they have concerns about weed abatement issues. His department sends the notices to inform residents they must comply with weed abatement to protect their property as well as other nearby structures. He said that staff cycles through different stations enabling them to take a fresh look at properties as well as to maintain consistency. It is possible that residents who had not received notices in the past were sent notices this year due to the year-round fire season Southern California is experiencing.

Ventura County Fire Protection District mailed approximately 14,000 notices on April 20, 2008. If you received a notice, you are in a high fire zone. The first inspection is June 1, 2008, and new notices are issued if there is re-growth requiring a second cutting. If the inspector finds a resident has not complied, a second notice is issued with a shorter time frame: 5-7 days. If weed abatement still does not occur, a contractor is sent out. Last year, 18 lots were cut by the contractor and an administrative charge of approximately \$1,050 plus the contractor's costs will appear on the property owner's tax bill. The program has a 99.9% compliance rate.

Craig Morgan distributed a wildfire plan brochure to residents.

b. Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

Kevin Cannon told the MAC that the California Transportation Commission grants went to large projects and that two-thirds of the amount had already been earmarked for L.A. County. PWA will go forward now with the bidding process and that the synchronized signals project should be at the Board of Supervisors at the end of July/beginning of August. The recommendation for high-visibility crosswalk striping will be added as an action item to the June agenda.

c. CERT Report

Rosemary Allison offered to put together another set of classes for Santa Rosa Valley residents. Between 20-25 people must commit in order to get the class going. In addition, they will come up with specific topics in mini-modules. Supervisor Parks said the Board of Supervisors approved a dedicated CERT position to work with residents of the county and her office will check whether a container from the Navel Base is a possibility for a CERT trailer.

Janis Gardner and **Gusie Woodfil** mentioned that DART (Disaster Area Response Team) was at Conejo Valley Days and is one step up from CERT. DART falls under the Sheriff's Department whereas CERT falls under the Fire Department. DART assists with traffic control, has broader training than CERT, with some on-line classes available. DART trainees must have "security clearance."

d. Safety Fence at Las Posas Bridge Overpass

The private bid by Ken Loos received by Mark Burley for \$6,155, and construction plan shows a chain-link style fence on top of the current guardrail over the bridge. It would require drilling into the bridge. Supervisor Parks' office will forward the bid and construction plan to PWA.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

Recommendation re High Visibility Crosswalk Striping

Information Items:

Presentation from Consolidated Disposal Service and Waste Management

Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

Update on Mulch at Farming Operation

Update on CERT Emergency Container

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to June 19, 2008.