

**SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 20, 2008**

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, November 20, 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**

Don Shubert called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. MAC members Janis Gardner, Rosemary Allison, Ruth Means and Mark Burley were present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Ruth Means** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

The MAC moved Items 9a through 9e to follow Item 5.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

The October 16, 2008 Minutes were revised to reflect that Rosemary Allison seconded the motion in Item 8a. Under Item 9c, the sign language was changed to: "Traffic Signals Synchronized for 45 mph During Peak Traffic Periods"

**5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

Supervisor Parks congratulated Rosemary Allison, Janis Gardner and Don Shubert for running unopposed for the Santa Rosa Valley MAC after they were sworn in by her to their MAC offices.

Supervisor Parks told the MAC about the Governor's Global Climate Summit she attended on November 18 and 19 to address regional and global climate change.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for Santa Rosa Park will occur in a few weeks, but the exact date is not yet determined.

Regarding the Maravilla Gardens matter, Supervisor Parks explained that the project is not in Supervisorial District 2 and therefore the matter was not included on the agenda for the meeting. She said residents can send comments and concerns directly to the planner.

**6. Public Comments**

**CHP Officers Randy Hosking and Dave Kajiwara** attended the meeting to let residents know that several citations had been issued for drivers passing illegally at the Hill Canyon merge lane. They will continue to monitor the location.

**Captain Ron Nelson** informed the MAC that the Police Department is trying to solve problems that arise from vacant homes before they start. Rosemary Allison told Captain Nelson she will help the Sheriffs keep track of local vacant and foreclosed homes. Other residents can call or e-mail Captain Nelson at 805-532-2705 or [Ronald.Nelson@ventura.org](mailto:Ronald.Nelson@ventura.org) if they are aware of abandoned properties in their neighborhood. Captain Nelson also requested that residents be on the lookout for suspicious people at construction sites. Copper wire thefts, even from recent freeway construction, are becoming more prevalent. However, he added that the Santa Rosa Valley is looking good as far as crime statistics.

**Jo Maravilla** attended the MAC meeting to speak about the status of their wedding facility, the permit process they are following, and to answer questions for residents. Ms. Maravilla praised the Ventura County permit process for its clarity and thoroughness. She hired Penfield Smith to guide them through the permit process. She told residents they have owned 5 acres on Santa Rosa Road since 1973. They plan to host approximately 30-40 weddings per year at Maravilla Gardens, although the permit allows 60. She said most weddings take place on Saturday and

Sunday evenings, with an occasional Friday evening event. They have two neighbors who are both supportive. She told the MAC that the County specifies when lights and music go off. She is also required to use a sound meter to detect sound levels throughout the evening. The property has 150 total parking spaces; and vehicles, including buses, will not be permitted to park on Santa Rosa Road. Weddings totaling over 100 people require a private security guard be hired. They have \$4M insurance and each couple must secure another \$1M insurance.

**Gusie Woodfil, Ken Santori and Kassie McMenamin-Torres** each expressed opinions about the need for guidelines and disclosures for special event uses. They noted that Tierra Rejada Golf Course, Underwood Farms and Rancho de Las Palmas each are permitted 100 large events per year. Residents will individually forward letters to the County planning department regarding the Maravilla Gardens permit.

**Kevin Cannon** asked if there was any additional information regarding the dirt stockpiled at Bridlewood. Supervisor Parks' office was informed by Frank Marasco of Berkshire Summit Development Group, LLC last year that the berm will be landscaped upon project completion.

## **7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda**

**Ruth Means** requested that the MAC be notified of the date for the Santa Rosa Park ribbon cutting ceremony.

**Rosemary Allison** informed residents that Brian Levine, who was very involved with Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School, passed away this week.

## **8. Action Items:**

### **a. "No Parking" Designation at Santa Rosa Road and East Las Posas Intersection**

Rosemary Allison moved that the MAC request "No Parking" signs on both sides of East Las Posas Road extending 150 feet from Santa Rosa Road. Mark Burley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0. Ruth Means abstained.

### **b. Cancellation of December MAC Meeting**

**Ruth Means** moved to cancel the December 2008 meeting. Rosemary Allison seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

### **c. SCE Transmission Line**

**SCE** issued a 14-page letter regarding placement of the lines. The California Public Utilities Commission has postponed their decision in order to consider resident complaints.

## **9. Information Items**

### **a. Presentation Regarding Increase in Camrosa Water Rates**

**Frank E. Royer**, General Manager of Camrosa Water District addressed the MAC regarding the anticipated increase in water costs over the next several years. He introduced Al Fox, President of the Camrosa Water District Board, and Gene West, Vice President of the Camrosa Board.

Mr. Royer told the MAC that the cost of water is expected to increase substantially over the next several years. Camrosa's goal is to reduce dependence on imported water, and they need the infrastructure to improve their system and become self-reliant.

The Camrosa Water District was formed in 1962. Originally they supplied water mostly to agriculture. Today they supply 30,000 people in addition to agricultural irrigation and industrial areas. 28% of Camrosa's water comes from wells high in nitrates until it is blended with better quality water. 72% of the water comes from Northern California through the Metropolitan Water District and the cost is increasing rapidly.

Last year a federal court judge acting on behalf of the endangered Delta Smelt determined that 30% less water would get sent to Southern California. In addition, California is in a drought cycle.

Those two factors may mean a 50% increase in costs which is why Camrosa is concentrating on reducing dependence on imported water.

A number of undertakings, including the Conejo Creek Project, securing title to local water sources and recycled water systems such as the one at Leisure Village have decreased water dependence from 82% to 72%. Camrosa hopes to lower that percentage to 59% by developing wells and instituting more recycling.

During a question/answer session, Mr. Royer said that there will be tiered rates, but that the cost of water per unit will be proportional on small and large lots.

Gene West told residents that Camrosa is committed to delivering all the water that anyone can use. Metropolitan is projecting a 10% increase in costs for every year for the next decade. The most recent increase however was 17%. He reiterated that Camrosa's strategy is higher rates for the short term so that they can develop infrastructure that will improve long-term rates.

**b. Community Representative on Synchronized Signals**

**Kevin Cannon** told the MAC that conduit is being laid and the signal project is on schedule.

**c. Safety Fence at Las Posas Bridge**

**Mark Burley** noted that the item should now be titled Las Posas Bridge over the Arroyo. He will apply for an encroachment permit for the bridge which will either be a shipping container or railroad car that is cut down or a fiberglass bridge. He is in the process of finding a civil engineer to do the plans.

**d. Update on CERT Emergency Container**

**Janis Gardner** will contact Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School to inquire if the CERT Emergency Container could be stored on school property near the other containers on site.

**e. Update on Repaving Sections of Santa Rosa Road**

Janet Wall told the MAC that the portion of Santa Rosa Road from Moorpark Road to West Andalusia is expected to be paved in February or March 2009, depending on the weather. The section from Glenside to Yucca will be paved in January or February 2009. Paving from Camarillo east to Yucca is scheduled in approximately two years. All pavement installed will be rubberized asphalt.

**10. Future Agenda Items**

Action Items:

SCE Transmission Line

Recommendation re Conditional Use Permit Requirements for Weddings/Special Events in SRV

Information Items:

Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

Las Posas Bridge over the Arroyo

Update on CERT Emergency Container

Santa Rosa Park

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to January 15, 2008.**