

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 17, 2009

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2009
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 6:11 p.m. MAC members Janis Gardner and Mark Burley were present. MAC members Ruth Means and Don Shubert were absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Fay Konzem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

Item 9a was continued to the October meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

Rosemary Allison moved to approve the July 16, 2009 minutes as submitted, and Janis Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the Board of Supervisors was again back in session and focused on the budget, particularly programs that come from State funding such as CalWorks, food programs and homeless shelters. In addition to working with impending budget constraints, there are almost a dozen unions of County employees to work with in negotiating their contracts for salaries and benefits. Supervisor Parks said the government started feeling the economic effects of the recession a little later than the private sector and those effects may last a little longer than in the private sector.

6. Public Comments

CHP Officer Kajiwara told the MAC that the problems encountered at Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School during the drop-off period at the beginning of September had decreased. He encouraged residents to call if they have any other complaints. In response to a question about drivers using cell phones while driving without hands-free devices, Officer Kajiwara informed residents that the fine is \$100.

Stan Ullman brought photographs of the landscaping of the foreclosed house at 3003 Redondo. He explained that the contractors had eliminated many of the dead plants, but left others. He also said dead plant material had been swept down towards his property and was left in piles. In addition, Mr. Ullman said that he thinks the pine tree closest to the street is leaning and could fall. Janet Wall informed the MAC that Fire Inspector Ryan Kraai had telephoned Supervisor Parks' office that morning with updated information. Mr. Kraai said the bank had agreed to resolve the remaining issues and that the dead plant material would be removed promptly.

Jim Fortney told the MAC that efforts are being made to provide better communication among residents in the Santa Rosa Valley. He said a weekly radio net, using inexpensive radios, is underway. The e-mail address to register for the next net, scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, is jim@fortney.org. He requested that residents please send him an e-mail if they have questions or want to participate. Jim would like all CERT members and Neighborhood Watch leaders to participate in communicating with each other. Details on which radios to choose will be on the website SantaRosaValley.us Jim explained that radios can be purchased for as little as \$40 for two pairs or as much as \$500 for two pairs. Mark Burley thanked Mr. Fortney for sharing his expertise.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Janis Gardner requested that Supervisor Parks' Office acquire an update from the City of Thousand Oaks on the Norwegian Grade closure and subsequent repair process.

Mark Burley told the MAC that the Canyons Management Plan which includes plans for trails in Hill Canyon is coming up for review by COSCA on September 30. He said the draft plan is available on the COSCA website.

Rosemary Allison alerted residents that the owner of one of the properties on Yucca Drive has given their gardener permission to hunt on the property. With respect to the mountain lion that has killed local pets, Rosemary told the MAC that California Fish & Game had contacted her regarding the dog that was killed in Moorpark. Rosemary told the MAC that she met with the homeowner and gave him the name of the tracker. The permit expired and the last kill by the mountain lion was a deer near Andalusia. Residents were warned to keep their pets inside, but especially at night.

8. Action Items:

None.

9. Information Items:

a. Moorpark Vineyard Church Update

The MAC postponed discussion of the item to a later meeting.

b. Wildwood Preserve Development Proposal Update

The MAC reviewed the September 4 letter to the Ventura County Planning Director from Gerhardt Huber, Watershed Protection District.

Mark Burley moved that Rosemary Allison and Janis Gardner should represent the MAC at the Planning Commission hearing. Rosemary Allison seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. The MAC requested that the Wildwood Preserve Development Proposal be an action item at the October MAC meeting.

c. CERT Update

Rosemary Allison told the MAC that the benefit party to purchase CERT supplies was a tremendous success and over \$5,000 was raised. She said that the Santa Rosa Valley CERT Team and Neighborhood Watch now have a Facebook page where updates will be posted periodically. In addition, she told the MAC that American Medical Response had recently donated many items to the Santa Rosa Valley CERT and that the CERT team would be discussing a priority list of emergency medical items needed for the CERT container. In closing, Rosemary requested that a "Thank You" Letter to American Medical Response for donating supplies to the Santa Rosa Valley CERT be added as an action item at the October meeting.

d. Las Posas Bridge Over the Arroyo

Mark Burley informed the MAC that the bridge has been designed with a chain link fence on top. Mark has approached the WPD for the permit application and is hoping to get fee waivers for the total cost for plan review. Supervisor Parks added that she would be willing to take the matter to the Board of Supervisors if necessary. Furthermore, Mark said John Johs is working on the cost estimate which they estimate will be in the \$20-30K range. They have applied to AMGEN under their matching funds program.

e. Graffiti Removal Team Update

Kevin Cannon said that he attended the WPD graffiti removal training program in Moorpark. He told the MAC that the County does not have funds to pay for labor costs associated with graffiti removal which occurs mainly in flood channels. The training group learned that WPD will track the graffiti and call on the Graffiti Removal Team leader nearest to the graffiti to be removed. Kevin said they learned how to lower themselves into the channels safely. He said it is a great

program because teenagers can get community service hours; however, there is an age limit on boy scouts.

f. NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that at her urging, a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge will be held in the Board of Supervisors meeting room tomorrow, September 18, regarding public utility land use issues in the County. The hearing will parallel the Presidential Substation hearing. She explained that SCE is planning to put transmission lines closer to SRV homes and also has plans to install an additional set of 220Kv lines in the same easement. Some of the concerns that will be discussed at the hearing are (1) aesthetics, (2) potential hazards, (3) biological protection issues, (4) human resources, (5) improper notification methods, and (6) piecemealing of CEQA documents. Supervisor Parks said she is advocating for a Utility Corridor Master Plan which would designate appropriate areas in the County for future utility corridors. In addition, she told the MAC that mandates to reduce and conserve energy as well as alternative energy options may reduce the need for new power lines.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

Wildwood Preserve Development Project Recommendation
Thank You Letter from MAC to American Medical Response

Information Items:

Norwegian Grade Closure Update
Moorpark Vineyard Church
CERT Update
Las Posas Bridge Over the Arroyo Update
Graffiti Team Update
NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line Update

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. to Thursday, October 15, 2009