

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 15, 2010

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2010
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

Ruth Means called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. MAC members Don Shubert, Janis Gardner, Ruth Means and Mark Burley were present. Rosemary Allison was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Captain Ron Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

The agenda was revised to move Item 8a after Item 4.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were revised to correct the spelling of Janis Gardner's name under Item 7, to correctly spell "Connector" under Item 7, and to add "Hidden Meadows" under Item 8a. Janis Gardner made a motion to approve the March 18, 2010 minutes as revised. Mark Burley made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks' office supplied information on agenda items to the MAC in advance of the meeting.

6. Public Comments

Officer Ron Nelson told the MAC that crime statistics for the first quarter of 2010 were available, and compared to 27 serious crimes in the January through March period of 2009, there were 10 serious crimes in the area in 2010. Less serious crimes dropped from 11 in 2009 to 6 in 2010. There were 4 reports of domestic violence in 2010. Officer Nelson congratulated residents for being vigilant and reporting suspicious activity. He reminded residents to tell their gardeners to lock their tools while working. Officer Nelson said that statistics on collisions are down as well. He said that identity theft continues to be a problem and warned that any bills or paperwork that contains private information and credit card numbers should be shredded.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

No Council Comments were made.

a. Huanglongbing Citrus Disease Presentation (John Krist)

John Krist, Chief Executive Officer, and **Leslie Leavens-Crowe**, President of the Farm Bureau of Ventura County, attended the meeting to educate residents about the threat to the citrus industry as well as all residentially-owned citrus trees. As background information, Mr. Krist told the MAC that the citrus industry employs 7,000 people in Ventura County. He said we all have a stake in retaining citrus in Ventura County because it is part of our County's heritage.

Mr. Krist explained that the disease affects all varieties of citrus. The disease is called Huanglongbing, or HLB, and it is untreatable. HLB is transmitted by the Asian Citrus Psyllid, which is a very small insect that picks up the bacteria from affected trees and carries it for the rest of its life. The Asian Citrus Psyllid was first found in California in 2008. The insect, which is smaller than an aphid, has been found in the counties of San Diego, Orange, Imperial, Riverside and recently was found in Van Nuys in Los Angeles County. The disease is currently on the east coast of Mexico, only 750 miles from the U.S. border. It generally takes between 3 and 5 years for the tree to die once it is infected. Mr. Krist said that the psyllid was found in Florida in 1998 and the agricultural industry did not attempt to eradicate it. HLB was then found in Florida in

2005 and by 2008, the disease could be found in all Florida counties. Statistics show that 250,000 acres of trees have been lost to the disease. The only form of control is to control the bug. Psyllids were on fruit that was mailed to California.

Mr. Krist said that the focus of the Farm Bureau of Ventura County is to keep the Asian Citrus Psyllid out of Ventura County. They ask that residents not personally bring in citrus fruit from outside the county, and that they inspect citrus trees that are on their personal property. The insects can be seen with the unaided eye and they tend to feed on new growth. Feeding results in mottling, twisting and sometimes burn on the foliage. Mr. Krist requested that residents please call the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner at 805/933-2926 if they have questions about whether their citrus trees contain psyllids. The Farm Bureau website at www.farmbureauvc.com also contains information on the Asian Citrus Psyllid and HLB. The method of control is to spray the tree and put systemic in the ground.

A resident inquired if organic produce would be relabeled if the tree is sprayed. Mr. Krist replied that the industry is asking for an exemption for organic growers because it is a one-time pesticide application. Beneficial wasps are being explored as a control, as well as resistant, genetic rootstock and inoculation.

Mr. Krist asked that residents contact him if they are aware of other venues that would be receptive to the Farm Bureau presentation on HLB, or if they have any additional questions. The MAC expressed their gratitude to Mr. Krist and Ms. Leavens-Crowe for attending their meeting and explaining the facts surrounding the threat to the agricultural community and local citrus growers.

b. Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection

Don Shubert read an e-mail from the City of Thousand Oaks regarding the status of the Moorpark Vineyard Church. There was discussion regarding the storage container, which is still on the property, and what items are stored in the large container. The MAC asked that Supervisor Parks' office stay in touch with the City of Thousand Oaks and update the MAC with any new developments.

c. Las Posas Bridge over the Arroyo Update

Mark Burley stated that he and John Johs met with Building and Safety in Simi Valley. They were provided a checklist of necessary items to proceed with the bridge and the checklist was then returned to the County Building and Safety Department with two items addressed: the grading plan and plan check. The group is hoping to obtain a waiver on the fees imposed by the County and to obtain County approval to proceed with the project. Mark announced that Building and Safety has new standards for Earthquake preparedness and the bridge must be redesigned to the new standards which will delay the project.

d. Norwegian Grade Update

Don Shubert read an email from the City of Thousand Oaks regarding the Norwegian Grade project. The MAC asked Supervisor Parks' office to keep the MAC updated on the status of the Norwegian Grade project.

e. Community Beautification Event

Don Shubert reiterated that the Community Beautification Event will be held on May 22nd. He told residents that they will receive a flyer in the mail from the County reminding them of the event particulars. Don also asked that Supervisor Parks' office remind the Santa Rosa Elementary Magnet School to place "No Parking" signs in the parking lot of the school the day before the event.

f. Graffiti Removal Team Update

Kevin Cannon announced that he is developing a pilot project to work with the Kiwanis Club. Kevin is also looking for help with the project. The suggestion was made that he contact the

Santa Rosa Riders to see if there would be interest from the Riders to assist with the project. Kevin is also developing an email list that he could “blast” when there is a need for workers to assist with the Graffiti Removal. The acronym “GRIT” was suggested for the Graffiti Removal Team.

g. NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line Update

Don Shubert stated that a “Notice for a Rehearing of Resolution E-4243” had been filed by Alan and Peggy Ludington, Danalynn Pritz and David Tanner in the NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line project. The Notice was based on a phone call and an email from the PUC stating that the project had been placed on hold and was then approved without notification. The project will continue to be monitored.

h. COSCA Trail Plan/Trailhead at Santa Rosa Equestrian Park

Mark Burley stated that the meeting scheduled with the City of Thousand Oaks and COSCA and the Santa Rosa Trails Inc. had to be cancelled at the last minute and would be rescheduled.

9. Future Agenda Items

Information Items

Ventura County Transportation Director: David Fleisch
Volunteer Tree Planting at Santa Rosa Equestrian Park
Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection
Las Posas Bridge over the Arroyo Update
Norwegian Grade Update
Community Beautification Event
Graffiti Removal Team Update
NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line Update
COSCA Trail Plan/Trailhead at Santa Rosa Equestrian Park

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to Thursday, May 20, 2010