

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 21, 2011

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2011
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 6:07 p.m. MAC members Don Shubert, Mark Burley and Ruth Means were present. MAC member Janis Gardner was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Sheriff Geoff Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

Rosemary Allison moved to move Items 8a, 8b and 8c after item 4. Ruth Means made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mark Burley moved to approve the June 16, 2011 minutes as submitted. Rosemary Allison made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Janet Wall told the MAC in Supervisor Parks' absence that on Tuesday, July 19, the Board of Supervisors approved the Simi Valley Landfill expansion which requires an extra fee to trash haulers from out of Ventura County because the Board wants to discourage out-of-county trash. She explained that part of the deal is that Simi Valley gets \$100M in benefits and an additional \$100M net was negotiated from out-of-county fees, 40% of which was conceptually agreed by the Board to be put aside for open space, County parks, and recycling. Janet told the MAC that Supervisor Parks' office will be moving next Wednesday to 625 West Hillcrest Drive, a two-story building that is kitty-corner to the Oaks mall. She said the building is twice the size of the present space and has a large room for meetings, such as when the clubhouse in Santa Rosa Valley is not available for the MAC meeting. She told the MAC that there are 30 parking spaces and a separate office for Veteran's Services. She added that Supervisor Parks is anticipating a September 14 open house and to save the date. Janet closed Supervisor comments by telling the MAC that redistricting is finalized, and Supervisor Parks' district now includes Cal State Channel Islands and Somis.

6. Public Comments

Gusie Woodfill said that her husband was on Vista Arroyo around 12:30 p.m. on June 25 when he saw a rider fall off her horse in front of the school. She said the horse took off toward the Norwegian Grade and three cars with flashing lights followed it. Gusie said the 911 call was placed at 12:39 p.m. and two patrol cars were sent out; however, they did not stop traffic and cars were still going down the grade at normal speeds which was a danger to the horse and the drivers. Gusie said she thought the officers did not know how to handle the situation and that it was lucky a local equestrian girl was able to get out of her car and lead the horse to safety. The MAC asked whether there is training regarding such animal situations by the police. They then suggested that Alisa Barles be invited to the September 15, 2011 MAC meeting for recognition of her heroic efforts.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Mark Burley told the MAC that a gas transmission pipeline burst on property he leases to Pacific Ridge Farming when a tractor was ripping dirt. The man on the tractor was not seriously hurt, he said, but the ripper was blown 50 feet. He said that Santa Rosa Road was closed down. After an investigation, he learned that due to pressure loss, the pipeline automatically shut off and that the pipeline had only been buried 1 to 2 feet. He said the Gas Company will be digging and

determining the depth on the remainder of the pipeline to make sure it is 3-4 feet underground, and after that a meeting will take place to determine safety parameters. He reminded residents to call 811 ("Dig Alert") before digging so that future accidents can be avoided. In addition, Mr. Burley asked about the "For Sale" sign posted on a fence and cars that were lined up on Santa Rosa Road. In response, Janet Wall told the MAC that Public Works had been notified and replied that the County does not have an ordinance that prohibits a private owner from parking a car in a legal area in the road right of way (i.e., one not signed "No Parking") and placing a "For Sale" sign in the window. There is, however, an ordinance that businesses cannot sell in the right of way. She told the MAC that the cars were no longer parked in the right of way and the sign was removed when Public Works visited the Santa Rosa Road location.

Don Shubert asked if anyone else had noticed the clothing collection boxes that appeared recently on East Las Posas and Marvilla. He said that the boxes are a traffic hazard and the Sheriff should be contacted. Janet Wall agreed to notify the police. Mr. Shubert also said that CA AB 529 creates opportunities to lower speed limits and that it should be monitored. The MAC added an action item to the next agenda to send a letter in support of AB 529.

8. Information Items

a. Public Safety Reports (Sheriff, CHP, etc.)

Sheriff Geoff Dean told the MAC that he has been in the community for 33 years. He said crime is down 10% overall from last year. He told the MAC that the Sheriff's Department is using DNA to target offenders with good success. He noted that it is a small percentage of people who are committing a large percentage of the crimes. He said one particular crime that continues is committed by a sophisticated criminal ring that uses torches to obtain access to CONEX boxes. Sheriff Dean told the MAC to always feel free to contact them whenever they see suspicious activity. The MAC thanked Sheriff Dean for attending the meeting.

b. Los Padres Wild Heritage Campaign

Mike Summers told the MAC that he is working with Congressman Elton Gallegly on a way for local communities to have an impact on how federal lands are managed under the Wilderness Act. He handed out maps of the areas that illustrated where 100 miles of rivers and 200 acres of land would be added as wilderness designated and managed by the Forest Service under the Wilderness Act. Mr. Summers explained that they have met with forest users such as farmers, ranchers, businesses, cyclists, off-roaders, and oil and gas companies in an effort to eliminate conflicts. He said that they have approached the Ventura County Board of Supervisors and have verbal commitments of support from all five Supervisors. The MAC asked that a letter of support from the MAC be added as an action item at the September 15 meeting.

c. Aaron Zucherman Kiosk Eagle Scout Project

Aaron Zucherman attended the meeting to inform the MAC that the Eagle Scout project he has chosen is to build a kiosk for maps, directions, hours and rules for Santa Rosa Equestrian Park. He said the kiosk will also have information on local bird species at the park that are designated rare or endangered. Aaron explained that Eagle Scout projects are public service endeavors that are deemed meaningful and which must have a lasting impact in the community. He showed plans for the kiosk and said that it must be built with redwood which is very expensive. John Johs, Kevin Cannon, Gusie Woodfill and Janet Wall each pledged \$50 to help with materials costs. Rosemary Allison and Mark Burley agreed to donate \$225 each to the kiosk. Aaron expressed his gratitude for the contributions that would allow him to begin the project in time for fall completion.

d. Santa Rosa Equestrian Park Update

Ruth Means told the MAC that the trail south of the arroyo leading to the park has been fenced off by the farmer who leases the property and that equestrians are forced to use the Hill Canyon Road bridge. Janet Wall said she would contact Mark Watkins to ask if the fence could be moved to allow safe access to the park.

e. Escollera/Las Posas Road Intersection

Janet Wall made available a memo from **David Fleisch**, Ventura County Transportation Director, on the status of the intersection issues that were discussed at the June MAC meeting.

f. CERT Trailer Update

Janet Wall told the MAC that the trailer is being inspected and that standardized racks and supplies are being installed. She added that she will notify the MAC as soon as the ship date is available.

g. Las Posas Equestrian Bridge over the Arroyo Update

Mark Burley informed the MAC that the bridge is approved and that Supervisor Parks has asked if WPD fees can be forgiven because the bridge is a community asset that benefits the residents.

h. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update (GRIT)

Kevin Cannon reported that the GRIT painted over all remaining graffiti in Santa Rosa Valley on Saturday, July 2 and that T-shirts with the SRV GRIT logo are available for those who completed training. He added that anyone who notices graffiti in the area should e-mail him at avoking@roadrunner.com with a photo and/or location.

i. Tom Barber Driving Range CUP Update

Janet Wall told the MAC that Planning Staff has deferred the decision on the Conditional Use Permit to the Planning Commission for hearing and that there could be more revisions. The hearing date is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

j. Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection Update

Janet Wall said that the planner e-mailed that there has been no activity on the matter.

9. Action Items

a. Thank You Letter to Pandee Leachman and Howard Hope re Integrated Waste Management Community Beautification Event

Don Shubert moved to send the draft thank you letter and Rosemary Allison made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

b. Cancellation of August 2011 Meeting

Ruth Means moved to cancel the August 2011 MAC meeting and Mark Burley made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

10. Future Agenda Items

Information Items

Public Safety Reports (Sheriff, CHP, etc.)

Las Posas Equestrian Bridge over the Arroyo Update

CERT Trailer Update

Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection Update

Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT) Update

Tom Barber Driving Range CUP Update

Santa Rosa Equestrian Park Update

Action Items

Community Spirit Award: Alisa Barles

Letter in Support of California AB 529

Letter in Support of Los Padres Wild Heritage Campaign

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to Thursday, September 15, 2011.