

**SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 21, 2013**

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2013  
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 6:05 p.m. **Mark Burley, Kevin Cannon and Ruth Means** were present, **Janis Gardner** was absent.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Wes Shipley** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

No changes were made to the Agenda.

**4. Public Safety Reports**

**CHP Officer Mike Moriarty** reported that he reviewed collision data from January 2013 to October 2013 and found most accidents on Santa Rosa Road were during the afternoon commute period and primarily caused by driving too close. There were four reported accidents over the last month, including one DUI injury at Read Road and Moorpark Road. He said the radar trailer is helping to slow speeds at an elementary school in Newbury Park and plans to have it back in Santa Rosa Valley in the next few weeks. **Senior Deputy Matt Volpe** said there were no burglaries or assaults reported over the last month, though there was one theft from an unlocked vehicle and an unfortunate suicide at the wastewater treatment plant in Thousand Oaks.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**Mark Burley** moved to approve the July 18, 2013 minutes, **Ruth Means** made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

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

**Supervisor Parks** asked the MAC if they would like to schedule a Community Beautification Event (CBE) on a Saturday in May, similar to last year, and the MAC agreed to get back to the Supervisor shortly with a preferred date. She also reported on the Planning Director's approval of changes to the Tom Barber Driving Range which would allow for nine 70-foot high poles to be installed with downward facing lights and turning off the bunker lights that shine towards the 23 freeway. She mentioned that the Watershed Protection District had followed up with Gusie Woodfill on her report of dumping of debris in a private ditch along the Arroyo Santa Rosa. Finally she mentioned her Quarterly Dinner Series would have California Treasurer Bill Lockyer as the guest speaker on December 12<sup>th</sup> and the public was invited.

**7. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments.

**8. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda**

**Kevin Cannon** asked if county inmates could clean along Santa Rosa Road. Supervisor Parks said she will follow-up. He noted the wood entry signs on Santa Rosa Road looked shabby and suggested they be spruced up. He also asked about survey crews and whether they concerned future road improvements and it was determined the crews were from SCE. He also told the MAC that the Nottingham Festival was very successful.

**Rosemary Allison** commented on the upcoming Holiday for Hounds fundraiser by Riley's Rescue at the Club House.

**9. Advisory Items**

**a. MAC Forum for Community Input on Trail Plan General Plan Amendment (GPA)**

**Mark Burley** provided background information on the Santa Rosa Valley Equestrian Trail Plan and the effort to amend the County's General Plan to include the Trail Plan. He commented about how the Trail Plan included connecting trails throughout the Valley and the process for the Amendment involved getting public input at the MAC, mapping the trail network and going through a CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) analysis and hearings before the Trail Plan could be adopted into the General Plan. He pointed out how it will be particularly helpful to link trails that are currently not linked.

**Rincon Consultant Jon Berlin** said they were mapping the existing trail network and finding opportunities to make it better. He said the trails would be used by pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians and they will also look at bike lane improvements for road cyclists. Rincon would assess the existing trails and look to connections with other trails in the area including those maintained by COSCA and Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District. They would also look at the full network of trails both private and public, and access to regional trails in Moorpark, Camarillo and Thousand Oaks. They will particularly be looking for pinch points like near the Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School in connecting Santa Rosa Valley Park with McCrea Ranch Park. The Plan will also look at staging areas.

They will review the rumble strips issue for cyclists to make it better. **Mr. Berlin** took input and questions on trail markers, bikes on the Norwegian Grade, and acquiring private trails in the future.

**Mark Burley** pointed out there are some key trails that are mostly used on an informal basis and that a critical part of the GPA is to get them permanently dedicated, for example along the Arroyo Santa Rosa to East Las Posas and from McCrea Ranch to Santa Rosa Valley Park.

Input on the Trail Plan maps was solicited and it was noted that the maps will be available on Supervisor Parks' webpage for Santa Rosa Valley for people to continue to give input.

**b. Extension of Conditional Use Permit PL13-0088 (Tropical Paradise)**

Supervisor Parks stated there were copies available of the project description, and written comments had been submitted to the MAC from **Jen Bell**. **County Planners Michelle D'Anna** and **Daniel Klemann** were present for questions.

**Michelle D'Anna** said the County staff has not yet made a recommendation on the permit application. She said they have just finalized the CEQA document and have not yet set a date for the Planning Director hearing. She described the history of complaints and said the current CUP expires December 2014.

**Ilene Cohen** spoke in opposition. She said she lives on White Wing Lane and has gathered 60 signatures on a petition. She objected to having a business in a residential neighborhood.

**Larry Cohen** said music from Tropical Paradise was disturbing their tranquility and ten years was too long to extend the permit.

**Amy Elliott** said she lives on Barbara Drive and the Tropical Paradise venue had not been disclosed to her when she moved there two years ago. She said her husband has made complaints and she's concerned about the wedding venue with over-consumption of alcohol and then people driving. She said she has children and it's not safe and was opposed to the ten year extension.

**John Elliott** said he moved to the area in 2011 and they hear the DJ every weekend and his daughter can't sleep at night because of the loud music from Tropical Paradise. He noted his wall was vibrating from the bass noise. He said he complained twice to MaryLou Diermier.

**Mehrzad Emad** said he lives at the corner of Yucca Drive and Santa Rosa Road and said he has no problem with the noise.

**Robin Miller** said his house is at the top of Yucca Drive approximately 2500-feet away and 150-feet above Tropical Paradise and complained of noise and said his neighbors also don't like hearing the noise. He submitted the County noise ordinance and said if you can hear noise within 50-feet it is a disturbance cut and dry. He said ten years was unreasonable and that one expects road noise but not sound from a business that plays loud noise, and he speaks for a lot of people on Yucca Drive.

**Steve Steinberg** said he lives on Summerview Circle at the same elevation as Yucca Drive and hears the noise and sees no benefit to the community of having Tropical Paradise and opposes the commercial development in the residential area.

**Dale Collins** lives 1,000 feet away on Chippenham and is in opposition to extending the CUP for Tropical Paradise. He said there were more complaints than reported and that every weekend June through September does not work because it is too close to homes. He encouraged the MAC to read the County noise ordinance.

**Steve Pearlman**, representing Tropical Paradise said they did a noise study and levels were less than County standards, though on Yucca Drive they were higher than expected but lower than the General Plan decibel standard of 70 decibels. He also said that residents have complained about noise that was actually from huge parties down the block, not from Tropical Paradise.

**MaryLou Diermier**, who is the site coordinator for Tropical Paradise, said she spoke to Mr. Elliott and told the County of his complaint. She said she even reports anonymous complaints within ten days because she has to. She described a call where the complainant said they'd call the police but she said Tropical Paradise was not having an event that evening but the complainant didn't believe her. She said there were other false complaints and that she has been threatened. She said they plan to move the speakers so noise goes towards Santa Rosa Valley Park instead of the current configuration where noise bounces off of the hills towards residences. She also said they made requested changes in 2011 after coming to the MAC.

**Ruth Means** said direction and height of speakers are a factor. She asked about monitoring locations and discussed length of time for the existing CUP of five years compared to current request for ten years.

**Dan Klemann** noted that the ordinance on noise is enforced by the Sheriff's Department. The Planning Department looks to see if projects meet the County's standards and whether it is compatible. He discussed the ambient noise requirements and baseline measurement incorporating traffic noise. It was noted by audience members that traffic noise is not as significant in the evening.

**Rosemary Allison** discussed whether 300 feet is an adequate notification area.

**MaryLou Diermier** noted that they expanded notification for the CUP to 500 feet.

**Kevin Cannon** said that the event location is too close to residences and that is why there is an outcry against the noise.

**Michelle D'Anna** noted that residents can continue to have their voices heard by emailing her and she will see that they receive notification of hearings. She provided her contact information.

**Kevin Cannon** moved to recommend denial of the CUP. **Ruth Means** seconded the motion and said they cannot mitigate the noise. **Mark Burley** suggested they recommend approval but limit the venue to day time hours not evening. **Rosemary Allison** agreed with recommendation to deny. Motion passed 4/0 (Janis Gardner was absent).

### c. SCE's Moorpark/Newbury Transmission Line

**Peggy Luddington** provided background on efforts to stop the installation of an above ground 66KV transmission line along the eastern side of an SCE easement that has 220KV lines. She explained the location of the new lines would be closer to homes. She said SCE's project was appealed to the CPUC in April 2010 resulting (twenty months later) in a cease and desist order by the CPUC that also required SCE file an application to construct. She said SCE wants to be exempt from CEQA.

**Ms. Luddington** described the impacts of the project and requested the MAC send a letter to the CPUC opposing the project. **Supervisor Parks** said she sent a letter of opposition and that the Board of Supervisors had also taken a position of opposition at her urging in 2008. She said she spoke with the Thousand Oaks Mayor and recommended if the City was going to support the project as had

been indicated to her, that they encourage the line to be undergrounded. **Kevin Cannon** recommended that the MAC send a letter opposing the project with a provision that if the new line is approved anyway, that it be underground. **Wes Shipley** spoke in support of the new transmission line. **Rosemary Allison** moved that the MAC send a letter to the PUC citing their last letter of opposition and stating that the MAC continues to oppose the expansion, however if the line is going to be approved, that they underground it near residences, and express their disappointment with the lack of CEQA analysis. **Ruth Means** seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 (Janis Gardner was absent).

**d. Santa Rosa Valley Park, Round Pen**

**Mark Burley** reported that they were taking down the Round Pen they had installed to put in four panels that are open, and removing sand around the bottom. He thanked Sue Perrin for funding the improvement. This will make the Pen larger, allow spectators to see inside the Pen, and importantly, meet the requirements for structures in the flood plain.

**Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT)**

**Mark Burley** reported that the two small areas of graffiti will be painted over with volunteer help after documenting with photos sent to law enforcement.

**11. Future Agenda Items**

Trail Plan Update  
SCE's Moorpark/Newbury Transmission Line Update  
Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT)  
Community Beautification Event (CBE)

**12. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to Thursday, January 16, 2014**