

**SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 20, 2014**

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014  
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. **Rosemary Allison, Mark Burley, Janis Gardner, Kevin Cannon** and **Ruth Means** were present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Eric Peterson** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

No changes were made to the Agenda.

**4. Public Safety Reports**

**Senior Deputy Matt Volpe** discussed arrest of vandals that had been targeting Baron Brothers Nursery and mentioned 22 arrests countywide that were made as a result of a probation and law enforcement search/home sweep.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**Mark Burley** moved to approve the January 16, 2014 minutes with an amendment to Agenda Item 9, Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda substituting "he said he will check" with "Rosemary said she will check" into metal or other types of signs with a longer life than the wood. **Janis Gardner** made the second. Motion passed 4/0 with one abstention by **Kevin Cannon**.

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

**Supervisor Parks** reported that her office had contacted the National Parks Service to request a presentation on wildlife in the Santa Rosa Valley area in response to recent sightings, including mountain lions and coyotes. She said she brought flyers announcing April 13 as a free day for residents to use the Simi Valley landfill. She also encouraged participation in a Walk for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for which she is the Honorary Chair, and thanked **Janis Gardner** for signing up and said her Walk Team will get free hand-painted tee shirts.

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

**Gusie Woodfill** reported on three additional sightings of mountain lions and a bear paw-print, and said coyotes had taken down deer. She also commented about debris in a flood control channel and it was determined to be located on land owned by the Rancho Santa Rosa Homeowners Association.

Public Comments was re-opened later in the meeting to accommodate late arriving public:

**Jen Bellprice** and **John Elliott** both spoke in opposition to the extension of the CUP for Tropical Paradise.

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

**Mark Burley** discussed follow-up on the Yucca Drive left turn signal and **Supervisor Parks** read the response she received from County Transportation that stated it was necessary to retain synchronization during peak hours. **Ruth Means** passed on a compliment she heard from a Palmdale horse association member regarding the high quality of Santa Rosa Valley Park equestrian amenities and it was suggested she also pass the compliment onto the County's Park Department. **Rosemary Allison and Kevin Cannon** reminded people of the Community Beautification Event coming on May 10<sup>th</sup>. **Rosemary Allison** also encouraged people to donate a pie for the No Place Like Hope Picnic to benefit California Coastal Horse Rescue, and said the event this year will be at Santa Rosa Valley Park.

**9. Advisory Items**

**a. Update on the Santa Rosa Valley Equestrian Trail Plan**

**Mark Burley** said a presentation will be made April 17, 2014 and asked that in the interim for the County Planning Department to link to the map and presentation prepared by Trail Plan consultant, Rincon.

**b. 101/23 Interchange Improvement Program**

**Mark Burley** reported that the 101/23 interchange was reduced to one lane from southbound 23 to southbound 101 for three days causing considerable congestion but was then fixed. He said it is estimated to take one year to complete the interchange widening and that people can sign up for latest news on closures associated with the construction on the City of Thousand Oaks' website.

**c. Homeowners' Fire Insurance**

**Supervisor Parks** read comments she received from the Ventura County Fire District. She read in part that "The issue of insurance companies canceling homeowner's policies due to the property being located within a high-fire area has been an on-going issue throughout the County; and other jurisdictions in Southern California. These companies have been demanding homeowners meet requirements above and beyond the codes. Unfortunately, there is nothing the Fire District can generally do to alleviate the situation. There is no legal mechanism in place to allow the Fire District to prohibit the insurance companies from requiring these additional requirements. "Mark **Burley** said he thought it was related to the State's Fire Prevention Fee. **Rosemary Allison** said that it could mean people are not able to get fire insurance, or have to pay more. Jim Fortney said people need to file an appeal every time they get a State Fire Prevention Fee so if a current lawsuit against Cal Fire is successful they can get refunded. For more information and to get the form he recommended going to his blog at SantaRosaValley.US

**d. "Welcome to Santa Rosa Valley" Signs**

**Rosemary Allison** reported that she is getting a bid from Signarama for new metal signs to replace the older wooden signs on Santa Rosa Road.

**e. Zoning Requirements for Shipping Containers**

**Supervisor Parks** said County zoning allows shipping containers as accessory uses on essentially all zones in the county. **John Johs** said the Planning Department indicated to him that the zoning law could be changed with an amendment to the text of the law to exclude the allowance of multiple shipping containers on properties in Santa Rosa Valley. He asked if the MAC would write a letter supporting the text amendment. **Rosemary Allison** suggested the Homeowners Association could resolve the issue by revising their rules to focus on viewsheds using language similar to current language that requires homeowners to obscure their RV's from view.

**f. SCE's Moorpark/Newbury Transmission Line**

**Supervisor Parks** said she understands there is interest in having a local PUC hearing on this issue and said the MAC may want to consider writing a letter in support of a local hearing. **Rosemary Allison** asked if the Board of Supervisors will be writing a letter also supporting the local hearing. Supervisor Parks said she will follow up with Peggy Luddington to see if that is what she would like.

**g. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT)**

**Mark Burley** said they have successfully removed a small amount of graffiti nearby and it was pointed out that there is more graffiti on a large swale north of Redondo Avenue on the east side of Las Posas Road and also on a wall of Wildwood Estates.

**10. Future Agenda Items:**

- a) Santa Rosa Valley Equestrian Trail Plan
- b) Update on SCE's Moorpark/Newbury Transmission Line
- c) Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT)
- d) Viewshed Impacts of Shipping Containers
- e) "Welcome to Santa Rosa Valley" Signs

**11. Adjournment at 7:30pm to Thursday, April 17, 2014**