

**SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 17, 2014**

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, April 17, 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**

**Ruth Means** called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. **Ruth Means, Mark Burley,** and **Janis Gardner** were present, **Rosemary Allison** and **Kevin Cannon** were absent.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Ruth Means** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

No changes were made to the Agenda.

**4. Public Safety Reports**

**Senior Deputy Matt Volpe** told the MAC there had been a rash of car burglaries at trail heads including at Santa Rosa Valley Park. He said they would be doing a press release to warn the public. **Ruth Means** recommended a warning sign be posted at parking lot entrances. Supervisor Parks said she would ask the Parks Department if they would post a sign.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**Mark Burley** moved to approve the March 20, 2014 minutes, **Janis Gardner** made the second. Motion passed 3/0.

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

**Supervisor Parks** told the MAC that she had heard a report from Camrosa about a possible use of Santa Rosa Valley aquifer for recycled water. She mentioned two upcoming presentations for the MAC: a report from Public Health Department on Community Health Assessment and Demographic Information for Santa Rosa Valley and surrounding community, and a report on the County's emPower Program for energy efficient loans. She said she will try to arrange an NPS presentation on mountain wildlife including mountain lions and coyotes.

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

**Gusie Woodfill** reported that there had been a sighting of eight coyotes approaching some people in Camelot Estates.

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

**Ruth Means** asked Supervisor Parks to pass on an urgent request that the Parks Department remove "goats head" thorns that are about to grow on weeds in a few areas in Santa Rosa Valley Park. These thorns pop tires and are a nuisance to horses, dogs and others. She also commented on 4-foot high piles of wood chips along the trail off of Rocky High Street and asked that the Fire Department and CRPD look into this issue. **Mark Burley** commented on seeing the wood chips give off steam and mentioned concerns of a possible fire hazard. **Supervisor Parks** said she would notify both agencies.

A letter from **Kevin Cannon** was read by **Mark Burley** regarding whether the left turn signal at the at the Santa Rosa Road/Yucca intersection could be changed to be similar to the Santa Rosa Road/Las Posas intersection. **David Fleisch** said he will have his traffic engineer look at it, and stated that a new signal head could cost up to \$20,000, and said his biggest concern is for safety and that this intersection may not be as visible as the intersection at Santa Rosa Road/Las Posas. **Ruth Means** asked that no changes be made that would interfere with the platooning of cars that bring desired breaks in traffic.

**9. Advisory Items**

**a. Santa Rosa Valley Equestrian Trail Plan**

**Chris Stephens** introduced **Jon Berlin**, an open space and trail planner from Rincon Consultants, Inc. **Mr. Berlin** described his assessment report, draft guidelines, and trail development plan. The main focus of the Plan is equestrian trails with an emphasis on bike lanes, including providing for continuous bike lanes on Santa Rosa Road

and connecting them to the regional bike lane network. A suggestion was made to put a sign notifying cyclists that they can take Read Road instead of bicycling up Moorpark Road at the Norwegian Grade.

Discussion about equestrian crossings, type of paving so horses don't slip, equestrian high traffic signal buttons, and the possibility for equestrian "sharrows" to warn drivers to share the road with horses. Suggestions were made for better locations for striping and signage for horse crossings on roadways.

**b. EIR Scoping Letter Regarding SCE's Moorpark/Newbury Transmission Line**

**Mark Burley** said at the Scoping Hearing it was disclosed that SCE had forced people to cut their orchard trees and there was surprise expressed to have an Environmental Impact Report commenced after impacts have been caused. SCE had originally said they had to complete their project by 2008, then when that deadline was not met they changed it to 2011, and now they're saying it must be done by 2016. **Mark Burley** made a motion to send a letter (attached) to PUC on behalf of the MAC. **Ruth Means** seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**c. Viewshed Impacts of Shipping Containers**

**Dominick Savo** commented on a letter from attorney **Cassie McManus-Torres** to the Rancho Santa Rosa Homeowners Association regarding willingness to work with the Association on viewshed issues caused by shipping containers on his property. **Cassie McManus-Torres**, speaking on behalf of **Mr. Savo**, said they were willing to consider relocating, removing or screening. She said they would need a County zoning clearance to move the containers. **Mark Burley** agreed it would be good to mediate. **Ruth Means** said she saw this as a light at the end of the tunnel and asked that a status report be brought back to the next MAC meeting.

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

**Janis Gardner** reported that the signs cost \$427 not including installation. Five signs and 10 posts would be needed. **Ruth Means** made a motion that a committee be formed consisting of Rosemary Allison and Janis Gardner. **Mark Burley** seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

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

**Mark Burley** said they spotted a small amount of graffiti at Redondo Avenue to be taken care of.

**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
- f) Equestrian crossings and roadway mix to avoid slipping horses

**11. Adjournment to Thursday, June 19, 2014**