

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 16, 2008

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2008 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

Don Shubert called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. MAC members Janis Gardner, Rosemary Allison and Mark Burley were present. Ruth Means was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Kevin Cannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

The MAC moved Items 8a and 9a to follow Public Comments.

4. Approval of Minutes

The September 18, 2008 Minutes were revised to correct the spelling of John Nicholson's name and to change the word "review" to "remove" under Don Shubert's comments in Item 7.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the Board of Supervisors had approved moving forward with processing the Wildlife Linkages Overlay Zone at its October 14, 2008 BOS meeting to help preserve wildlife corridors in the Tierra Rejada Valley. In addition, Caltrans installed chain-link fencing along the Highway 23 to reduce roadkill and to channel animals to the culverts which enable safe crossing.

In the recent fires, Ventura County did well despite some injuries and property losses in the area. Also this past week, the Ventu Park Fire Safe Council and CERT team met to educate the public. The Ojai Fire Safe Council recently sponsored an emergency test exercise which the Santa Rosa Valley CERT team may wish to model in the future. The exercise involved residents placing an "OK" placard in their windows which would assure officials in the event of a real emergency.

Supervisor Parks has asked and the County has agreed to apply for a Bicycle Transportation grant for bicycle lane improvements on along Santa Rosa Road. The grant can only be used for physical improvements and cannot be used for operations such as street sweeping of bicycle lanes.

6. Public Comments

Ron Nelson, Captain in charge of the Moorpark Police Station, advised residents that the last week of October is Red Ribbon Week, a commitment to drug prevention and education. Commanders focus on decreasing graffiti and reducing drug related incidents.

Residents are once again reminded to always remove valuables from their cars and to lock them at night and when not occupied to prevent break-ins.

Jim Fortney thanked Captain Nelson for the professional work done by detectives in the Santa Rosa Valley investigating and solving local burglaries.

Kevin Cannon inquired about the status of the dirt pile at the entrance to The Highlands. Rosemary Allison noted that the decline in sales combined with the current economic condition had not allowed for the completion of the project. Supervisor Parks' office will ascertain the status before the November meeting.

Stan Ullman informed the MAC that he was injured on July 15, 2008 while crossing Santa Rosa Road at East Las Posas on horseback. Although he was safely crossing at the horse crossing, a UPS truck speeding toward the intersection swerved around a truck parked at the side of East Las Posas, his horse was spooked, and he was thrown. Stan asked that a “No Parking” designation be installed to prevent future incidents such as he encountered. Nazir Lalani told the MAC that PWA has the authority to designate a “No Parking” area up to 250 feet. After discussion, the MAC added the item as an Action Item for its November meeting.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

None.

8. Action Items:

a. SCE Transmission Line (Rudy Gonzalez, SCE)

Rudy Gonzalez, Regional Manager Public Affairs, **Glenn Sias**, Manager, EMF Issues Management Group Corporate Environment, Health & Safety, **Jim Harvey**, Estimator, Transmission Design & R/W, and **Bryan Glenn**, EMF Management Specialist, EMF Issues Management Group Corporate Environment Health and Safety, **Southern California Edison**, were present.

Rudy Gonzalez told the MAC that a PowerPoint handout is available on the proposed project they will be building from Moorpark through the Santa Rosa Valley to Newbury Park. They have done assessments and projections for the project which involves new and replacement facilities extending 9 miles in length. The project will serve the Newbury Park area and provides SCE with additional and enhanced flexibility. The project is entirely within an existing right-of-way and involves installing 34 new poles, new subtransmission lines and replacement of 36 wood poles with 36 double-circuit steel poles. Mr. Gonzales said he believes they did a thorough job of notifying the community and that there will be minimal impact on roads and residents.

Jim Harvey, the project designer told residents that new insulators mitigate noise and that undergrounding the lines is not cost effective because user rates would increase.

Residents **Steve Paulson**, **Peggy Ludington**, **Kristine Supple** and **Kristen Hall** made numerous inquiries and complaints about the disclosure process, timelines, location of 66KV lines to homes, noise factors and lack of CEQA review.

Supervisor Parks told SCE that she hoped they would reconsider their decision not to apply CEQA and to look at alternatives that would be less intrusive on residents.

Mark Burley said that it is obvious not enough notice was given to residents. Mr. Burley made a motion that the MAC send a letter to the PUC, with a copy to **Roger Schultz**, Project Manager (SCE, 2244 Walnut Grove Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770), requesting an EIR and that the project not be approved until SCE provides some feedback to residents on how to reduce impacts through redesign. Rosemary Allison seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

b. Proposal for Trail Bridge Over Arroyo Santa Rosa (Mark Burley)

Mark Burley made a motion to support the trail bridge. Rosemary seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

c. MAC Endorsement of Measure U (Rosemary Allison)

Rosemary Allison made a motion to write a formal letter of endorsement of Measure U. Mark Burley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

9. Information Items

a. Update on Norwegian Grade Road Issues (Jay Spurgin, City of Thousand Oaks)

Jay Spurgin told that MAC that since last April, the City of Thousand Oaks hired Twining Laboratories who did a number of tests of Moorpark Road (the Norwegian Grade) in late summer.

They took seismic-type readings and pavement core samples. It is a very old road with cut and fill. From a slope stability standpoint, the road is not in bad shape overall, except one portion. The pavement varies from 7-13 inches and the base under it from 5-7 inches. In some portions, there are 6 or more layers that are de-bonding. Mr. Spurgin said they need to rip it out and start over because the structural integrity is very poor. He named several options. One is to grind down the surface to an even grade and overlay with asphalt rubber which would last from 3-10 years and cost \$500,000. Another option is to bulldoze out everything down to 1-2 feet. There is no cost estimate on that option yet. A third alternative is in-place recycling. The road would be ground up and polymers added. The pavement layer would be laid on top of that.

The good news is that a grant in the amount of \$800,000 was obtained for guardrails. With respect to paving, \$100,000 was earmarked for the project in the next 5-year plan. The Norwegian Grade will be shut down for 2-3 months next summer to install drainage facilities.

The Alternate Bicycle Route through Read Road and the former Olsen Road Treatment Plant now has the HOA approval and should be in place in a few weeks.

Mr. Spurgin agreed to update the Santa Rosa Valley MAC within the next six months.

The MAC thanked him for his presentation and willingness to communicate with Santa Rosa Valley residents.

b. Traffic Signal Simulation Presentation (Nazir Lalani, County of Ventura)

Nazir Lalani and Richard Herrera brought a traffic signal synchronization simulation for the MAC and the community which demonstrated how the signals will work when they are installed in late January. Mr. Lalani assured the MAC that the timing is all very changeable, but initially the peak hours will be set from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Initially, the signals will have a 100 second cycle with a 200 second cycle at Moorpark Road and Santa Rosa Road. There will be no synchronization on weekends.

Mr. Lalani also told the MAC that the Yucca signal now has a loop instead of a camera and will be more reliable.

The report on the overlay is that the County is still on a roller coaster with the State budget. PWA expects to have a new overlay schedule in approximately 6 weeks.

c. Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

Kevin Cannon said the easements for the signalization project are done. The Camelot HOA issue with the gate has been resolved. Several change orders are being processed for high visibility striping and signage, including "Prepare to Stop." The 55mph signs will be replaced with signs reading "Traffic Signals Synchronized for 45 mph During Peak Traffic Periods."

d. Update on CERT Emergency Container

Item 9d was continued to the November meeting.

e. Update on Repaving Sections of Santa Rosa Road

Nazir Lalani covered item 9e during his presentation. Supervisor Parks will have an update at the November meeting.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

"No Parking" Designation at Santa Rosa Road and East Las Posas Intersection

Information Items:

Presentation Regarding Increase in Camrosa Water Rates

Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

Safety Fence on Las Posas Bridge
Update on CERT Emergency Container
Update on Repaving Sections of Santa Rosa Road

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. to November 20, 2008.