

Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council
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7 PM, Wednesday, June 3, 2015
Santa Margarita Community Hall
22501 I Street, Santa Margarita, CA 93453

Minutes: June 3, 2015

Members Present: Sophie Treder, Tamara Kleeman, Jeremy Burns, Stuart Souza, George Sullivan, Sue Christian, Bob Righetti, Guy Rathbun, Robert Stokel, Dana Tryde, and Steve Rossi.

1. **Call to Order - 7:05 pm. (Dana Tryde acting as Chair)**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting – Tabled until next time.**
4. **Approval of the Agenda – MPU.**
5. **Review of Meeting Structure**
 - a. SMAAC meeting procedure for project review
 - b. Rules for presenting testimony
 - c. Agenda item requests – submit requests no later than ten days prior to meeting. Requests to be submitted through representatives to Chairman. Late requests must be submitted in writing and may be included in the agenda at the Chairman’s discretion.
6. **5th District Supervisor’s Report**
 - a. Budget hearings starting next week. The Atascadero Zoo was nationally accredited. The Las Pilitas Project was denied; the cemetery expansion is proceeding, they are down to last steps in the process.
7. **Public Safety - None present**
 - a. Cal Fire/County Fire Department
 - b. Sheriff’s Department
 - c. Highway Patrol
 - d. Other Agencies

8. **CSA 23 Update** – Jacob Hernandez from CSA 23 provided the update. Potential water rate increase for CSA 23 coming up.

9. **Open comment** -

a. **Public announcements and comments regarding items not on the agenda.**

Patricia Bennett: June 10th is the BOS hearing re: tourist marketing district fee. They own a vacation rental and are opposed, and can provide info to anyone who is interested. There is no evidence of any benefit for local tourism. Only lodging businesses would be assessed. Visit SLO County will get the money to advertise the area. Supervisor Arnold and David Church provided some additional comments.

b. **Council announcements and comments regarding items not on the agenda.** George Sullivan wanted to comment on Las Pilitas Resources, explained his support for the project. Bob Righetti added some historical perspective.

10. **New Business:**

a. **Santa Margarita Ranch Events Discussion:** Rob Rossi gave the presentation. They haven't been able to confirm Neil Young, but are still working on it. Another opportunity is the Wilderness Festival. Rick & Amy from Superfly, a festival promotion company, were present. They are working on the Festival and will be making a formal application to the County. They believe our community can attract arts patrons from San Francisco to Los Angeles. They would be looking at hosting it on the south part of the ranch, not at the headquarters. There is a possibility that some proceeds could go toward building the Garden Farms to Margarita Trail. This was just an introductory meeting. George Sullivan thought it would be a great success. Dana Tryde asked some clarifying questions, thought it sounded like fun, but wanted to make sure local biology/ecology was protected. Connie Church volunteered to be on the festival committee. Rob Rossi would like to be put this item on the August agenda.

b. **Community Water Discussion** – John Diodati presented for public works. The water district application is at LAFCO. The next LAFCO meeting is scheduled for June 18. The Fox Canyon Water District manager, and Eric Echdol, a geologist with SWRCB, will be there to talk about enforcement. They are taking July off to work on application, with formal hearings to be held in August and September. They are looking at March 2016 for the formation vote. Boundaries: there is a discrepancy between Fugro vs. Bulletin 118 that will need to be resolved.

John Neil: AMWC. Paso gets about ½ of its water from the Salinas River water in the Atascadero Subbasin. AMWC has hired a consultant GEI to prepare a draft GSP. The goal is to form a JPA, as the GSA for Atascadero, with Paso, Templeton CSD and AMWC. AMWC is taking 3,000 of Naci water, and expects 4,000 AF of groundwater pumping. Atascadero basin.com is the new website.

David Church: First formal LAFCO meeting on the District application will be August 20, then probably another meeting on September 17th.

Robert Stockel suggested we add a discussion of our position on the Furgo Boundary versus the Bulletin 118 Boundary to the August Agenda, approved unanimously.

11. Continued Business

a. Draft SEIR – Countywide Water Conservation Program Discussion – No further comments.

12. Treasurer’s Report: JoAnn Head not present, Dana Tryde gave report. We are now banking with Union Bank.

13. Public Information Committee- Website up to date with new members.

14. Chairman’s Report:

a. Assign subcommittees – tabled until next meeting.

b. Discuss August “Dinner” meeting – There was a discussion about holding the meeting after dinner. George Sullivan will handle the details.

c. Upcoming CAC Training – June 19, 2015 from 9am – 12 noon at the City/County Library Room (995 Palm Street). Parking validations provided if you park in the parking structure.

15. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned unanimously at 8:46 p.m.

a. NO MEETING IN JULY

b. Next Meeting – August 5, 2015 at 7:00pm