

Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council

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Santa Margarita Community Hall

Santa Margarita, CA 93453

Minutes: September 2, 2015

Members Present: Sophie Treder, JoAnn Head, Bob Righetti, Jeremy Burns, Stuart Souza, Richard Gayou, Tamara Kleeman, Dana Tryde, George Sullivan, Sue Christian, and Robert Stockel

1. **Call to order - 7:07 pm.** Dana Tryde sitting as chair.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Minutes:** tabled until next time.
4. **Agenda amendments:** CWWC Program update added to Item 11. Add the e-referral for T3 LLC to Item 10a. MTA agenda as amended by George Sullivan, 2nd by Jeremy Burns. MPU.
5. **Review of Meeting Structure.**
6. **Fifth District Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Arnold gave the report. She deferred a recap of the Cuesta fire to Eric Cleveland. Noted that Sophie Treder is in discussions with Union Pacific regarding Railhead Arena, another meeting on the 9th with County Parks to discuss on how they can help facilitate keeping the arena available to the public. Still working on the private transfer.
Work started on Atascadero Mutual Water Company emergency intertie. Been assured that it will only go one way—for Santa Margarita to have a secondary water supply. Paid for by grant money. Drought update- still strong El Nino predictions, but not guarantee it will hit the central coast. We are still doing quite well (relatively speaking) as far as surface water supplies. Public Works is hoping for the best and preparing for the worst. Santa Margarita Lake is in the worst shape, it holds 24,000 AF and now has about 3,000 AF, but that serves the City of San Luis Obispo.
Airport terminal upgrade going ahead. \$35 million project, most of that coming in the form of grants, so we are only paying \$3.4 million of that. Will make us more competitive for airline service.

Last month the Board voted to approve the funding scheme for the Water District application, though Supervisor Arnold dissented as she has numerous concerns. As of now, the BOS still supports excluding the Atascadero Sub-Basin including Santa Margarita, but it is still an ongoing process.

BOS voted to give \$250,000 to support the PAC, it has become a regional attraction and provides free or low cost performing arts opportunities to young people.

The County is entering into an MOU to study the Salinas. Also voted to move forward with studying desalination at Diablo Canyon as an emergency source of water for the Coast.

7. **Public Safety**—Eric Cleveland gave a recap of the Cuesta fire.
8. **CSA 23** – Jacob Hernandez gave the report. The big issue is the water rate increase. They recently had a presentation from public works. Another presentation will take place on September 10th in the Community Center. The rates need to change because the current rate structure is illegal, so it needs to change, but the current proposal would result in a monthly increase of 33% every two months (roughly \$15 per month). The proposed increase would cover some deferred maintenance.
9. **Open public comment:** None. **Council comments:** George Sullivan commented regarding the overlay that has created rocks being thrown up. Caltrans has a claim form online where you can file claims for broken windshields, but you need to know the post mile marker.
10. **New Business:**
 - a. T3, LLC—Sophie Treder recused herself, but it was agreed that she could continue taking notes as secretary. Jake Treder gave the presentation for the applicant. The project is for a waiver to waive the sidewalk curb and gutter requirement for the vacant lot until it is known what the development plan is for the lot. It was noted that a bond had been posted per County requirements. Several council members asked clarifying questions. George Sullivan made a motion of support for the project and the waiver, as he believes this will only be an improvement to the property, Jeremy Burns 2nd. Robert Stockel suggested that the motion be amended to state that the info was adequate, there were no concerns, and the Council recommended support of the waiver. George Sullivan agreed to amend, and Jeremy Burns amended his 2nd. Motion passed with 9 in favor and one abstention (JoAnn Head).
11. **Continued Business: CWWC Ordinance.** Xandrea Fowler gave the update for the County Planning Department. Planning Commission held their last hearing on August 13th and made a recommendation to the BOS regarding adoption of the ordinance. The Planning Commission did change a few things—added an exemption

for vested rights granted under the urgency ordinance, also for implementation of new water efficiencies. Eliminated the courtesy notice for adjacent properties, because the ag offset is ministerial. They increased the di minimus amount up to 5 AF of water per year, but this would only apply to properties that currently have no crop production at all. The ordinance would sunset upon the adoption of a GSP within the County boundaries. They made some clarifications to ensure that maintenance of existing wells would not trigger the offset requirements. The proposed version currently excludes the Atascadero sub basin. The proposed version is available online. There will be an introduction hearing of Titles 8 & 19 on consent on October 6th, and a full hearing on the full ordinance on October 27th. A press release will go out at the end of this week to help educate the public.

12. **Treasurer's report.** JoAnn Head: Nothing new, submitting the application for new money.
13. **Committees:** Bylaws wants suggestions for proposed bylaws revisions.
14. **Chairman's Report:** Vice Chair Tryde had no report for the absent Chair.
15. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.