

# Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council

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7 PM, Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Santa Margarita Community Hall

Santa Margarita, CA 93453

## Minutes: December 2, 2015

**Members Present:** Sophie Treder, Bob Righetti, Jeremy Burns, Butch Pope, Stuart Souza, Robert Stockel, Joe Patterson, Tamara Kleemann, Dana Tryde, George Sullivan, and Sue Christian

1. **Call to order - 7:07 pm.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Minutes:** Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to Approve by Butch Pope, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy Burns, agenda approved.
5. **Review of Meeting Structure:** The Chairman reviewed the meeting structure.
6. **Fifth District Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Arnold gave the report. Recently came from a graduation at Cal Poly for a program for at risk kids. Coming up on December 15<sup>th</sup> is the CSA 23 water rate increase, which will be the last board meeting of the year. The Board recently approved some rate increases and the budget priorities for the coming year. Debt service, state mandates, and public safety are the priorities. Supervisor Arnold pushed to include road maintenance as a 4<sup>th</sup> priority, but it did not pass.
7. **Public Safety:** Cal Fire- They have had a busy summer. Have been working on several grants. There will be a lot of controlled burns up in the Cuesta Fire area through the winter, cleaning up areas that did not burn. As far as APCD permits, if you make a living off of agricultural stock, there is an ag burn permit that can be obtained. Otherwise you fall under residential. Technically, however, we are still in fire season you will also need a Cal Fire permit for ag burns; backyard burning is still prohibited, but hopefully will be lifted soon. The ag permit can cover fallen trees, stubble, and even noxious weeds. Jeremy Burns asked where the fire prevention fee

goes. A: it pays for some positions in the County that work directly on fire prevention, also weed removal and fuel breaks. Sacramento gives out grants to communities with the money. Our local Fire Safe Council has received the most fire prevention fee grant money in the state. Right now some of it is being used for tree removal in Cambria.

8. **CSA 23** – None.

9. **Open Comment:** Butch Pope announced the tree lighting, some confusion whether it was the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 6<sup>th</sup>. Santa Margarita Park.

10. **New Business:** Dave Flynn from Public Works gave the presentation. County has “to dos”, and a detailed storm response plan for anyone interested. Provided a list of activities that public works is currently undertaking in preparation for El Nino, and also a suggestion list of dos and don’ts for property owners. The County reception desk at 781-3232 is activated as the County storm center line during times of high rains and flooding. There was some discussion by the Council about how to deal with dead trees and vegetation in the streambed. The County is working on a regional permit that would allow some work within 50 feet upstream or downstream of the County’s bridges.

11. **Continued Business:**

(a) George Sullivan thanked Joe for his efforts in finalizing the letter and read the letter for the Council. George Sullivan moved that the Council formally adopt and pass on the letter. Dana Tryde seconded. Robert Stockel, Sophie Treder, and Butch Pope suggested a few minor, typographical clarifications, which were incorporated into the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

(b) Sophie Treder presented the first reading of the bylaws amendments. Minor, typographical changes were made. Motion to approve by George Sullivan of first reading as amended. Bob Righetti 2<sup>nd</sup>. MPU.

12. **Treasurer’s report.** None

13. **Public Information Committee:** None

14. **Chairman's Report:** Joe proposed a public safety committee that could identify roads and bridges or other structures that should be priorities before they become a problem. Council discussion ensued. Butch Pope, Jeremy Burns, and Joe Patterson will form the committee. Future topics for agendas include Phillips 66 at the February meeting (the first Planning Commission hearing will be the day following our SMAAC meeting), and PG&E/Diablo at upcoming meetings. Given the time constraint, Joe suggested that we just list our comments and turn that in to the Planning Commission. He asked George Sullivan to communicate with CSA 23 about the project schedule.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.**