

Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council

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Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Santa Margarita Community Hall
22501 I Street, Santa Margarita, CA 93453

1. **Call to order** – 7:03 pm
 - a. **Members Present:** Joe Patterson, Richard Gayou, George Sullivan, Guy Rathbun, Tamara Kleemann, Eric Michielssen (for Dana Tryde), Joseph Fariss, John Beccia, Sue, Christian, Bob Righetti, Stuart Souza, Stacey Phillips, Robert Stockel, Mike Cole, Kristin Burtness (for Doug Filipponi), Steve Rossi, JoAnn Head, Jeremy Burns.
 - b. 14 members of the public present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – 7:04 pm
3. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meetings:** No minutes were available for approval.
4. **Approval of the agenda:** Rathbun made a motion to approve; seconded by Reed, passed unanimously.
5. **Review of Meeting Structure:** Chairman Patterson reviewed the meeting structure
6. **Public Safety:** Sgt Brian Betham was present from the Sheriff's office. He noted there were no pressing issues for our area and encouraged us to contact them at any time on an informal basis. Non-emergency call 781-4550 or for emergencies 911. A resident Deputy is now in Creston to reduce response times to the NE portions of the county. Response times vary dependent on where the patrol car is at the time of a call. There are mutual aid agreements with all local agencies to help ensure prompt responses.
7. **CSA 23 Update:** Roy Reeves provided an update. They now have a quorum. Public Works provided a water update – noted the Grant proposal for the intertie with Atascadero fell through. But recent news now indicates potential half of the requested grant money has become available – necessitating a determination for which projects will get funding. They also discussed the Encina crosswalk and traffic calming measures via potential center dividers that narrow the roadway.
8. **Open Comment**
 - a. **Public Announcements:** Ken Johnston, Las Pilitas Resources, announced Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) is due for publication on November 11. Hard copies will be in the Santa Margarita and San Luis Obispo Libraries. Murry Wilson, County Planning, will make online copies available the same day. Hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for Dec 11. Chairman Patterson will add subcommittee appointment to our agenda under item 14.
 - b. **Council Announcements:** Sullivan requested an agenda item for next meeting (Dec) for a discussion on needed Tassajara Creek Rd maintenance issues. Chairman Patterson cautioned that the Dec meeting is full with discussion scheduled for the Hansen Quarry Expansion Draft EIR and the FEIR for the Las Pilitas Quarry.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. **Water Discussion:** Dylan Wade (Water Systems Consulting) provided his professional perspective on the current water status throughout San Luis Obispo

County. Wade also discussed the various management strategies and the processes involved in forming the official management for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. Wade noted that although SMAAC does not currently overlay the basin it's important to follow progress via the AB 2453 management process as the official boundary lines will be drawn at that time and could include areas for management purposes that go beyond the current known boundaries of the basin

- b. SLOCOG Update: Jeff Brubaker – San Luis Obispo Council of Governments SLOCOG is a metropolitan planning organization for coordinating, planning, and programming planning and funding for the region. The governing Board consists of 12 elected representatives with a representative from each of the seven City Councils within the county and all five County Supervisors. They are currently updating their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is updated every 4 years and covers a 20 year time frame. The draft RTP will be presented at the Board of Supervisors in December, followed by a 60 day public comment period. Access is via slocoggconnectingcommunities.com to provide input/comments. Their main website is found at slocog.org. Identified projects will probably be adopted in March or February of 2015.

A HWY 101 Corridor Mobility Study is underway. Congestion, safety, Park & Rides, fixing inadequate on and off-ramps, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and the potential for increasing public transit are all part of the study. A cost benefit analysis is included in the study.

In February 2014 the Master Plan for the Paso Robles to Santa Margarita Salinas River Trail and the Anza Trail Corridor was adopted. The county has the responsibility to conduct the study for implementation. Funding to start the process will occur in the summer of 2015 and proposals would likely be made in December 2015. County Parks is working on the section between Garden Farms and Santa Margarita regarding trailheads etc. It's unknown if funding from SLOCOG will be sought. Current monies collected by SLOPOST are with County Parks now. Supervisor Arnold will follow-up on this. There has been community concern regarding trailhead locations for our section. Chairman Patterson will contact Curtis Black with County Parks.

10. **Continued Business:** None

11. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Head reported we currently have 52.33 in the account. Without informing SMAAC Rabbobank had audited the account and determined we did not qualify for non-profit status. That meant they began charging a \$10/month checking account fee as our account does not meet the minimum required balance for a fee waiver. This meant advance payments to the Lion's Club for use of this hall were not completely made as planned. Chairman Patterson will talk with other Advisory Councils to see how they're managing their money. There was discussion to check account requirements with SESLOC.

12. **Public Information Committee Report:** Christian referenced the SMAAC Facebook page and asked that we encourage active neighborhood sites link with us.

13. **5th District Supervisor Arnold's Report:** Arnold reported work is progressing on the Encina crosswalk with discussion regarding a crosswalk near Ancient Peaks. Topaz donated \$50K for a Carissa Plains Community Center building. Water well levels are currently stable in Santa Margarita. Repairs to the Nacimiento Water Pipeline are on track for completion in April 2015.
14. **Chairman Patterson's Report:** Chairman Patterson encouraged all members to complete the needs assessment survey, which he has posted on our website.

Chairman Patterson requested 3 members volunteer to participate on the Las Pilitas Quarry FEIR subcommittee – Beccia, Kleemann, Tryde (via Michielssen), Sullivan and Stockel volunteered. Beccia was appointed subcommittee chair. A discussion followed regarding participation on the subcommittee and possible conflict of interest issues for any members of Margarita Proud or direct association with Las Pilitas Resources. Ultimately all members remained on the committee as the council is advisory and the purpose of this review is simply to comment on adequacy of the FEIR.

Chairman Patterson received an electronic referral to expand the Santa Margarita Cemetery from 3 to 3.7 acres as part of an agreement with Santa Margarita Ranch for additional burial plots. The county did not come to present. Council discussion – indicated there were no issues with the proposed expansion.

An extreme marathon is currently in its planning stages more information for the route which could include Creston and Shandon areas will come out in the next few months.

15. **Adjournment:** Beccia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sullivan, passed unanimously – Adjourned at 9:38 pm
 - a. Next meeting – Dec. 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Meeting minutes approved on Dec 3, 2014 with correction to spelling for the last name of council member Gayou and expansion to include the entire county for Dylan Wade's water discussion in Item 9.a. as the focus was not on the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. Addendum added for Item 9.b

Prepared by Robert Stockel
SMAAC Secretary