

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 16, 2017

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017
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

Chair Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. **Ruth Means** and **Philip Ochoa** were present. **Mark Burley** and **Kevin Cannon** were absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ruth Means led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

Item 9.e. was continued to a future meeting. **Rosemary Allison** moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by **Ruth Means** and passed 3-0.

4. Public Safety Reports

Ventura County Sheriff Senior Deputy Kathleen Perea said that the reports on social media of multiple break-ins has been exaggerated, but that there was a stolen car in the barranca area, and there have been some calls regarding suspicious suspects seen in the area, but they were not substantiated. She advised that people not leave items of value in their cars. **Damon Wing from Supervisor Parks' office** reported that CHP Officer Musgrove couldn't attend this meeting but wanted the MAC to know that the CHP would have a radar trailer in the Santa Rosa Valley during the holidays. He said that he continues to monitor and check 3-axel traffic on Santa Rosa Road and found approximately 95% of large vehicles have business in the area, and he checks this area several times a week and has not written a violation for this in over a month.

5. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2017

Philip Ochoa moved to approve the September 21 minutes. **Ruth Means** seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Linda Parks announced that the topic of her upcoming quarterly dinner event is on the decline of Monarch butterflies and bees and what we can do about it. A pollinator conservation specialist will be speaking at the dinner event. She also said that property taxes could be made to the Treasurer-Tax Collector in her office between November 29th and December 11th between 9:00am and 4:00pm. **Damon Wing** reported on Santa Rosa Roads trash cleanup. At the end of October, a work crew from the Probation Department picked up 30-40 bags of trash. The Transportation Department swept the road and inspected trees and vegetation. They found that trees growing in the public road right-of-way were trimmed to the required standard of 14 feet of vehicle clearance. They also determined that the weeds growing behind the guard rails do not impact sight distance or any other traffic safety issue. Damon also reported that at the request of Lynne Brady, Supervisor Parks' office contacted Southern California Edison about palm trees possibly impairing SCE lines. While the palms were inspected and found not to be a safety concern, trees near and/or intertwined in communication/cable lines are on private property and up to the owners to trim.

Damon reported on an application that has been submitted for a minor modification to a conditional use permit for Temporary Outdoor Festivals, Animal Shows, and Similar Events” at 9015 Rosita Road (Casi Cielo Estates and Flowers), and that the application has been deemed complete with some advisory changes to the site plan. Existing permits on the property are for a farmworker dwelling, which expires in 2035, and for temporary outdoor events, which expires in March of 2018. He said that a letter of completeness was to be sent on this day, and there will be a 30-day period to determine the environmental document that will be an addendum to their existing Mitigated Negative Declaration. Supervisor Parks noted that it would be coming before the MAC before it goes to a hearing.

Responding to questions from the previous meeting about the Watershed Protection District’s use of glyphosate in the Santa Rosa Valley and what measures the District is taking to reduce or eliminate its use, Damon reported that the District is currently searching for substitutes. They are finding alternatives to anticoagulant rodenticides by using raptor perches and owl boxes, but continue the search for alternatives to glyphosate.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Ruth Means said that she would like to contact the Conejo Recreation and Park District directly about the wood chips piled up and blocking a trailhead in Wildwood Park. **Philip Ochoa** said that he thinks the palm trees that have been chopped off on top and are dead present a fire hazard. If they are on private property, he asked what the best way would be to contact the owner. **Supervisor Parks** said that the MAC or other property owners could always write a letter to the property owners requesting that the trees be removed.

8. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

Amy Elliott expressed concern about future development harming the bird population in the arroyo.

9. Advisory Items

a. Proposed Development SD 4410, Proposed 15-lot Residential Development along Voltaire Way, East of Yucca Drive and West of Blanchard Road

Bonnie Luke from the Ventura County Planning Division presented a brief overview of the proposed project that would entail subdividing approximately 50 acres into 15 residential lots. There are currently five buildable lots in the existing community. Roads and infrastructure such as a detention basin would be needed. Building would be restricted from the steeper slopes. An Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) have been completed and are available for public review. Public comments on the MND will be accepted through December 15, 2017. Several residents commented and expressed concerns about the use of roads in the area, fire and emergency access, grading impacts, mudslides, and debris basin maintenance. The Planning Division will return to the MAC with an update and request for recommendations on the proposed project.

b. Accessory Dwelling Units

Tricia Maier and **Owen Deutsch** from the Ventura County Planning Division gave an update on the changes to the County’s ordinance on accessory dwelling units and where it affects properties in the Santa Rosa Valley. **Rosemary Allison** noted that accessory dwelling units are not permitted on usable flat lots but allowed on some unbuildable steep lots. **Ruth Means** asked about the prohibition of development due to groundwater quality impacts and requested the Watershed Protection District give an update to the MAC about groundwater quality.

c. Santa Rosa Road Traffic

Dave Fleisch, Director of the Ventura County Transportation Department, reported on the Santa Rosa Road Signal Evaluation Study and said that the goal of better traffic flows have been achieved. **Ruth Means** said that she would like to see the study address the traffic calming concerns of the MAC. Dave said that if there were direction to conduct a study based on different criteria, the Transportation Department could do that. **Philip Ochoa** suggested that specific intersections or driveways could be indicated on a map and presented to the Transportation Department so that it could see the precise areas where the residents have concerns. **Lynn Scheck** asked if additional signage or crossing signals could be installed at the intersection with Vista Grande where children cross going to and from school. Because a pedestrian crossing signal already exists, it was suggested that the residents contact the school district to have a crossing guard placed at that intersection. **Ken Beeunas** said that he would like to see flashing yellow lights for left turns to be considered. **Don Schubert** asked if the benefit assessment district tax is used for maintenance of the traffic signals. Dave said that they are not, and that the assessments will end in 2018.

d. MAC Priorities for Santa Rosa Road

Ruth Means said that the list of the MAC's six priorities had been presented to the Transportation Department and asked for further suggestions. **Supervisor Parks** said that it was important and helpful to create the prioritization list. She said that since residents are saying that the traffic flow was better before the synchronization was changed, it may be that simply adjusting the traffic signals closer to how they were set before may resolve the current concerns. She will discuss this with the Transportation Department.

e. Frequency of MAC Meetings

Continued to a future meeting.

10. Updates

Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT)

Philip Ochoa reported that the graffiti under the bridge by the clubhouse had been abated. He asked people to report any graffiti they see, and the GRIT has a committee that will send photos of it to the Sheriff's office and cover it over with recycled paint they get from the Watershed Protection District.

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. Proposed residential development along Voltaire Way (SD 4410)
- b. Code Compliance Division presentation
- c. Groundwater quality presentation

12. Adjournment to Thursday, November 16, 2017