

**SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 18, 2018**

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2018  
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 6:03 pm. **Mark Burley, Ruth Means,** and **Philip Ochoa** were present. **Kevin Cannon** was absent.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Eric Peterson** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Election of MAC Chair and Vice Chair**

**Mark Burley** nominated **Rosemary Allison** for Chair, **Ruth Means** seconded the motion; **Mark Burley** nominated **Phillip Ochoa** for Vice Chair, **Ruth Means** seconded the motion, and the motions passed 4-0.

**4. Agenda Review**

**Rosemary Allison** moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by **Ruth Means** and passed 4-0.

**5. Public Safety Reports**

**CHP Officer Greg Musgrove** said there was no significant activity to report. He announced his retirement and was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the MAC for his service to the Santa Rosa Valley community. **CHP Officer Ben Susanka** was introduced as Officer Musgrove's replacement to update the Santa Rosa Valley MAC. **Ventura County Sheriff Deputy Marcos Borja** reported that there have been thefts from unlocked vehicles and advised everyone not to leave purses or anything of value in their cars and to keep their car doors locked. The Sheriff's Department reviewed Ring doorbell video submitted by a resident and saw a Hispanic man ringing a doorbell on Presilla Road late at night and speaking Spanish in his cell phone. It appeared the man was casing the house as he was telling whomever he was speaking to on the phone that there were dogs in the house and that nobody was home. He walked off after a few seconds. Deputy Borja said that any suspicious activity should be reported. He said that he would have crime statistics available at the next meeting.

**6. Briefing on Robert's Rules of Order**

**Michael Walker**, Chief Assistant County Counsel for the County of Ventura, gave a presentation on the Brown Act and Robert's Rules of Order.

**7. Camrosa Water District Report on Recent Water Quality Notification**

**Tony Stafford**, General Manager of the Camrosa Water District, discussed water quality, water quality monitoring, and the notification that was mailed out about monitoring requirements not being met. He reported that the notice had been sent out because samples had not been tested upstream and downstream of a sampling site where there had been a positive test for total coliform. The sample tested negative for E. coli. It was a protocol issue not a safety issue. He noted that false positive test results are not uncommon.

**8. Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2017**

**Ruth Means** moved to approve the minutes, and **Philip Ochoa** seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0, with **Mark Burley** abstaining.

#### **9. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

**Supervisor Linda Parks** reported that the Ventura County Watershed Protection District conducted a study that demonstrated that hawks and owls do a better job at controlling rodents and the damage they do to dams and levees than rodent poisons. With raptors being more effective and less expensive than poisons, the study demonstrated that the use of anticoagulants and other poisons is not necessary, and the Watershed Protection District will be replacing poison bait stations with owl boxes and raptor perches. Supervisor Parks noted that anticoagulant rodenticides work their way up the food chain and kill unintended wildlife. Supervisor Parks said that an update on the General Plan Update will be coming to the Board of Supervisors on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and this is a good opportunity to comment on it. Additionally, she announced that state law allows local governments to get together to provide energy to their communities at a lower cost rather than Southern California Edison. The Board of Supervisors approved joining the Community Choice Aggregation program with Los Angeles Community Choice Energy along with most of the cities in Ventura County. It would not be profit oriented, and it creates the opportunity to get more energy from renewable sources, and it gives the County and cities the ability to have clean energy projects within our county.

#### **10. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda**

**Mark Burley** wanted to make everyone aware that the Watershed Protection District was planning to decommission the Santa Rosa #2 Debris Basin, and he has asked that they come talk to the MAC about it. **Ruth Means** asked to get an update on the wood chips dumped at the Wildwood Park trailhead. She asked if there were any updates on Santa Rosa Road synchronization and if they would be changed back to the way they used to be. **Supervisor Parks** said that the Transportation Department will be looking at it, but they first want to gather baseline information on the current conditions over the next few months so they will be able to measure the actual results of any changes they make to the synchronization. Ruth Means requested that Santa Rosa Road traffic calming be a recurring item placed on the agenda. **Rosemary Allison** announced that on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, she is sponsoring a free horse evacuation seminar at the clubhouse from 11:00 to 1:00. She also announced that on the evening of February 24<sup>th</sup>, the For the Troops organization will hold a Gala at the Reagan Library to raise funds for its project to send boxes to enlisted soldiers each month. Rosemary also noted that the General Plan Update workshop January 23<sup>rd</sup> is a public workshop and an opportunity for the public to comment. Rosemary said that she received a text from **Lynn Scheck** who was ill but wanted to update the MAC on the school crosswalks. Lynn had said that the principal had the district come out and assess the situation. **Supervisor Parks** said that the County Transportation Department has said that all the measures for traffic control that they can provide have been put in. Supervisor Parks noted that crossing guards are provided by school districts, and she encouraged the MAC and residents to appeal to the school board if they want a crossing guard.

#### **11. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda**

**Jan Woodfill** said there were two safety issues. She said that as a result of the Thomas Fire, there have been five mountain lion sightings, twice in Hill Canyon during the day, twice at night in the flood control channel by East Las Posas Road, and once in a backyard on Las Brisas Drive. The other safety issue is that in Simi Valley two people rang a doorbell of an 86-year-old woman and said they were putting fertilizer on the lawn and demanded \$800. They pushed their way into her house, and to get rid of them, she paid them the \$800. They were driving a beige Toyota pickup. **Amy Elliott** said that she spoke to the Charles Company, and said that

they got approval for a water tank. Amy said that she would like more time to review the MAC draft minutes. **Rosemary Allison** explained that minutes can't be officially posted until they are approved.

## **12. Advisory Items**

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

**Mark Burley** recused himself. **Bonnie Luke** and **Jennifer Welch** from the Ventura County Planning Division presented a status update of the proposed subdivision that would entail subdividing approximately 50 acres into 15 residential lots. An Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) have been completed and are available to the public. Several MAC members and residents expressed concerns about the grading impacts, slides on the steeper slopes, the damage to Yucca Drive during construction, and impacts to the viewshed. **Philip Ochoa** moved that the MAC provide limited support for the project, with the MAC expressing great concern over 1) the amount of grading and degree of slope of lots 1, 2, and 3; 2) the need to have assessment of damage to Yucca Drive; and 3) the viewshed. **Ruth Means** seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1 with **Rosemary Allison** voting against it.

### **b. Frequency of MAC Meetings**

Continued to a future meeting.

## **13. Updates**

### **Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT)**

There were no reports of graffiti.

## **14. Future Agenda Items**

- a. Presentation by the Ventura County Code Compliance Division
- b. Groundwater quality presentation
- c. Decommissioning of Santa Rosa #2 Debris Basin

## **15. Adjournment to Thursday, March 15, 2018**