

**SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 21, 2021**

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2021**  
**at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Online/Teleconference**

**1. Call to Order**

**Chair Rosemary Allison** called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm. MAC members **Mark Burley**, **Kevin Cannon**, **Amy Elliott** and **Michael Adams** were present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** was led by **Rosemary Allison**.

**3. Swearing-In Ceremony for Michael Adams, Rosemary Allison and Kevin Cannon**  
**Supervisor Parks** swore in newly elected member **Michael Adams**, and re-elected members **Rosemary Allison** and **Kevin Cannon**.

**4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**Mark Burley** nominated **Rosemary Allison** as Chair of the MAC and **Kevin Cannon** seconded the motion. It was approved 5/0. **Rosemary Allison** nominated **Kevin Cannon** as Vice Chair and **Mark Burley** seconded the motion. It was approved 5/0.

**5. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2020**

**Mark Burley** requested a change in Item 6a from “and possibly be ADA compliant or with a 10% slope” to “and preferably with a 10% slope.” **Rosemary Allison** motioned to accept the minutes with proposed change and **Mark Burley** seconded the motion. It was approved 5/0.

**6. Agenda Review**

No changes were made to the agenda.

**7. Update from Southern California Edison on Public Safety Power Shutoffs**

**Rudy Gonzales**, Southern California Edison (SCE) Government Relations Manager, provided an overview of SCE’s Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program and gave an update regarding COVID. He reported that SCE is eliminating disconnections for lack of payment due to COVID hardships and streamlining efforts to enroll customers in their discounted electricity programs such as Medical Baseline and Customer Care Programs. He said the reason for the PSPS program is due to California’s serious wildfire problem and that 25% of SCE’s service territory is located in high fire risk areas. He went over SCE’s multiple mitigation tools, including the PSPS and customer care programs. He said he understands the challenges created by using PSPS and that its goal is to protect the public. The most recent winds were an unusually severe event and power had to be shut off longer than normal. He talked about the possibility of moving the neighborhood off of Yucca Drive from the Zone Circuit to the Rosa Circuit, saying he put in a request, which is now going through the approval process and could take between 2-4 weeks. He said the PSPS program will be examined by the California Public Utilities Commission regarding its implementation and communication issues. **Kevin Cannon** asked about notification and inspection. **Michael Adams** asked about segmenting lines to minimize shutoffs in Santa Rosa Valley and also mentioned notification problems regarding power outages. **Rosemary Allison** asked about compensation for spoiled food due to the shutoff and protecting utility circuits. **Mark Burley** mentioned the need for power surge protection. **Amy Elliot** asked if information about how to protect your home is readily and easily accessible to customers. **Mr. Gonzales** said the process to re-energize the power lines includes patrolling to safely re-energize them, which adds time. He said SCE is installing covered conductors to increase thresholds before needing to consider use of PSPS. He said SCE does not reimburse for spoiled food but it will likely be discussed at the CPUC, and that claims for equipment damage can be submitted online at SCE’s website. He said he does recommend surge protection as a safeguard and to disconnect sensitive equipment when the power is out. Mr. Gonzales said he is always

willing to field calls from the community and can be reached at (805) 402-4403. He said SCE communicates with cell service providers, County Public Works Agency, and County Office of Emergency Services during power shutoff events. He said SCE cannot parse out certain customers from a circuit but will follow up with an action item to urge service providers to install back-up generators.

There were comments from residents **Eric Peterson, Patrick Welch, Diane Henderson** with concerns regarding outages affecting traffic signals, lighting on the streets, water pumping, circuit zoning for the Yucca Drive neighborhood, impact to students working remotely during COVID-19, need for emergency communication, lack of cell/internet service, and the need to underground power lines.

**Mr. Gonzales** said undergrounding power lines is very costly but that studies have shown that in areas where SCE has hardened the lines, incidents of PSPS have decreased by 30-40%.

**Supervisor Parks** asked about community resource centers during PSPS events and their medical baseline program. **Mr. Gonzales** said these areas provide limited resources such as battery charging, water, snacks, and are targeted where they expect the most impact. He said customers that rely on electricity for medical reasons and meet SCE qualifications, can get a power system to operate needed equipment. SCE also has rebate programs available.

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

**Supervisor Parks** spoke briefly about the importance of the recent community survey and thanked Vanise Terry for her assistance in tabulating the results. She discussed basic principles for following the Brown Act. She said Community Beautification Events are still canceled due to COVID, but the County is working with local waste haulers to have either an extra curbside bulky item pickup or an additional "Free Dump Day" at the Simi Valley Landfill, and that her office would provide more information. She gave a brief COVID update about vaccine availability and prioritization, which is currently available to 75 years and older and healthcare and long-term care professionals. She hopes more vaccine will arrive to meet the need in the County and that up to 80-93% of vaccinations received are going into arms, not in storage. She said cases are starting to plateau, but hospitalizations remain high. More information can be found at:

[www.vcrecovers.org](http://www.vcrecovers.org) **Kevin Cannon** asked about the second COVID shot, and **Supervisor Parks** said the second shot will be scheduled once you receive the first. She also said the County has registered 850 qualified people to give the vaccine once more is received. She said Code Compliance was notified of an issue that Rosemary Allison alerted the office about and property owners were notified, and that any code issues can be reported either to her office or directly to the County at [www.vcrma.org/make-a-complaint-code-compliance](http://www.vcrma.org/make-a-complaint-code-compliance).

**Rosemary Allison** said she would like to get a letter from the MAC about their concerns about the power outages and asked who the person would be to send it to. **Supervisor Parks** suggested reaching out directly to the service companies such as Camrosa or Spectrum.

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

**Kevin Cannon** suggested adding to the MAC agenda a request for a fire station to be built in Santa Rosa Valley because the fire insurance companies are dropping homeowners due to a lack of a station close to the community. **Supervisor Parks** said the main issue is getting funding of about \$25 million. He also mentioned mailbox thefts happening in the community.

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

**Maria Nelson** discussed her concern of a possible teen rehabilitation center in a home on her street. She and the other homeowners do not want a business on their road. **Supervisor Parks** said these types of entities are regulated and licensed by the State and the County does not have any regulating power, nor does this type of project need a Conditional Use Permit.

## 11. Information Items

### a. Measure O and Hemp ordinance Update

**Supervisor Parks** said the Board of Supervisors approved the permanent hemp ordinance with a 1/4-mile buffer on a 4-1 vote. She preferred a 1/2 mile buffer and did not vote to approve the ordinance. She was able to include no exemptions for greenhouses within the 1/4-mile buffer. Since most of Santa Rosa Valley is zoned an Existing Community, there can't be any hemp farms within a 1/4 mile of that zoning, and also all of Tierra Rejada Valley was prohibited from growing hemp. There were also harvest discipline requirements included to help lessen the impact of the hemp smell. **Mark Burley** expressed concern that prevailing winds could still carry the smell from nearby farms not included in the buffer. **Supervisor Parks** shared a map demonstrating the 1/4 mile distance from the edge of Santa Rosa Valley toward the agriculture land near Camarillo. **Rosemary Allison** expressed concern about hemp growing in that ag land area. **Supervisor Parks** said the hemp permits are for one year and could be revisited if there is significant public outcry.

**Supervisor Parks** also reported that Measure O was approved by voters and it has the same 1/4 mile buffer for cannabis as the County's hemp ordinance. She said cannabis can only be grown in existing greenhouses and she also asked for best available odor control technology. **Michael Adams** asked if there is a database of existing greenhouses in the County. **Supervisor Parks** said they require permits which is a way to look up existing greenhouses.

## 12. Action Items

### a. Santa Rosa Valley Community Survey Presentation and 2021 MAC Goal Setting

**Vanise Terry** presented the results of the survey and presented a power point (attached). She said these documents would be posted on the Santa Rosa Valley website at [www.ventura.org/santarosavalley/mac](http://www.ventura.org/santarosavalley/mac). **Michael Adams** asked if the Dark Sky Ordinance can still be investigated even though it didn't receive over 50% support but still had considerable support. **Supervisor Parks** said educating the community may help get more support. She also suggested the MAC could communicate survey information, such as the vocal opposition to camping at Santa Rosa Regional Park, to the Parks Department when it begins looking at activities to add there, as well as other ideas about signage and additional activities. She said there are many ideas in the survey, such as the bike repair stand, the MAC can pursue if interested. She also suggested that the MAC can provide the results that pertain to services, such as transportation or water to the respective agency to let them know about the community needs. **Vanise Terry** said people can still fill out the survey and they can contact her at [vanise.terry@ventura.org](mailto:vanise.terry@ventura.org). The MAC will hold a goal setting session at the next meeting.

### b. Bridlewood Debris Basin Removal Project and Equestrian Trail

**Rosemary Allison** mentioned a concern from a resident about flowage of water beyond the basin because earth had been moved. **Mark Burley** suggested that Ms. Allison work with the resident and Vanise Terry to get more information. **Mark Burley** presented photographs of the west end of the Bridlewood trail before and after the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) debris basin removal project. He said the trail is considerably steeper than it was before the project. He reported that WPD said they cannot extend the trail out because it's not on WPD's easement and that any new work should be paid for by the Bridlewood HOA since the plans were sent during the planning stage to the HOA. However, it was found that the slope was omitted from the plans because it would not be changed, but ultimately was changed to be much steeper. He referred to an email on 12/4/2020 from WPD where it was stated that the ramp slope could be modified within the WPD easement to less than the existing 20% slope. Bridlewood HOA President **Vicki Smith** discussed the dangers of the steeper slope for equestrians and said the steeper slope could also entice more bicyclists, which would be a concern with equestrians. She requested any assistance from the MAC. **Supervisor Parks** suggested that her office could also assist with WPD. **Michael Adams** asked if the MAC should set a slope grade. **Mr. Burley** said 10% is generally the standard for

horse trails. He also said a possible solution to get a less steep slope would be to create a zigzagged trail, rather than straight down, to stay within the fencing.

**Mark Burley** made a motion to recommend that Supervisor Parks' office discuss with Watershed Protection District (WPD) realigning the trail slope connecting to the existing Bridlewood Trail west of the WPD easement to as close to 10% as possible. Mr. Sheydayi said in his email dated 12/4/20 that the ramp slope could be modified within in the WPD easement to be less steep than the existing as-built slope. The MAC is asking that Supervisor Parks recommend this modification be paid for by WPD. **Rosemary Allison** seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**c. 2021 MAC Meeting Schedule**

**Mark Burley** made a motion to approve the MAC 2021 meeting calendar with no changes and **Rosemary Allison** seconded the motion. It was approved 5/0.

**13. Written Communications**

There were no written communications.

**14. Future Agenda Items**

- a. 2021 MAC Goal Setting
- b. Santa Rosa Debris Basin Update
- c. Speakers from Camrosa and Spectrum
- d. SCE update regarding circuits re-zoning in Santa Rosa Valley

**15. Adjournment at 9:06 pm to Thursday, March 18, 2021.**