

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 18, 2021

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021
at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Online/Teleconference

1. Call to Order

Chair Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. MAC members **Mark Burley**, **Amy Elliott** and **Michael Adams** were present. **Kevin Cannon** was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Mark Burley**.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2021

Mark Burley made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. **Michael Adams** seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

4. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

5. Public Safety Report

Lt. Jeremy Key, Moorpark CHP, reported that there was commercial enforcement in the area on Feb. 5 and 25, which resulted with 30 contacts and inspections, and no significant violations found. He also reported that there was bicycle enforcement looking for cyclists running the red light at Santa Rosa Road and East Las Posas, but no violations were observed. There were four collisions in the area, including a major injury collision on March 14th between a motorcycle and vehicle. He said there were no violations in particular that precipitated the collisions. He announced that in April the CHP will participate in Distracted Driver Month by enforcing those violations. He said nearly 30% of collisions are caused by distracted drivers and urged residents to spread the word and be careful.

Mark Burley thanked Lt. Key for responding to issues raised at the last meeting and expressed appreciation for their work in Santa Rosa Valley. He pointed out that the number one issue mentioned on the community survey was traffic on Santa Rosa Road.

Michael Adams asked if the truck enforcement was based on visual violations, such as weight or axles limits, or if were they random stops. **Lt. Key** said the Commercial Officer has authority to pull trucks over at will to perform an inspection. He said trucks traveling in the area were legally working in the area and no violations were found.

Deputy Jason Fuller, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, addressed concerns about mail theft in the area and said they have identified the primary suspect, but he is not yet in custody. He said it is unlikely he will be back in the area because after a vehicle pursuit, the suspect left his car behind and the Sheriff's Office knows who he is. He suggested adding locked mailboxes and retrieving mail before evening since thieves tend to operate at night. He also said there has been an issue with catalytic converter theft throughout the County. He urged residents to report any suspicious vehicles in the area. He said the mail theft suspect was reported by a Santa Rosa Valley resident and the vehicle description matched on a previous call so officers already in the area began to chase the suspect when he crashed his vehicle near CSUCI and ran. He said the vehicle contained mail from approximately 50 residences, which was catalogued and returned to residents. **Michael Adams** noted the great value in calling in suspicious activity. Deputy Fuller also said he would coordinate with CHP on suspect information.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks reported that the Board of Supervisors supported a resolution for increased broadband access, which would include Santa Rosa Valley along Santa Rosa Road. She said the County is looking to partner with agencies to promote a "one-dig" policy to include fiber installation when there is work on the road. She announced the County is now in the Red Tier for COVID-19 so businesses will be able to open more with some indoor use. She said there are

dedicated sites for teachers and educators to get their vaccine, and schools are starting to open as well. Additionally, the County is targeting vaccines in communities with high levels of COVID and farmworkers. She said as of Monday vaccines are available to those 16 - 65 years with a co-morbidity, and that 72% of people over 65 years have already been vaccinated. She is pushing for opening vaccine availability to more age groups. She reported that SCE is working toward shifting a portion of the Zone Circuit, including the area off Yucca Drive affected by the power shut offs, to the Rosa Circuit, as well as adding conduit covers on wires so there will be less need for power shut offs during high winds. She said SCE's Action Plan in response to the Public Utilities Commission hearing is available to view on her website. She understands there is difficulty with fire insurance, so she has asked the Fire Chief to perform a study of response times to see if a fire station is needed in Santa Rosa Valley. She said the Transportation radar traffic signs will be installed on both sides of Sant Rosa Road within 6 weeks. Finally, the County will take care of the most recent election invoice for Santa Rosa Valley MAC.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Rosemary Allison said she would like to see SCE include a backup power plan or generator in the Action Plan for residents, specifically for Camrosa customers who lose pumping power during power shut-offs.

Vanise Terry read comments submitted by **Kevin Cannon**. His discussion topics included a lack of inclusion of transmission lines for damage after a wind event is over in SCE's report, potential for getting a fire station built in Santa Rosa Valley, adding a strong commitment to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to the MAC goals, and the teen rehab house on Presilla Road.

Michael Adams commented on the possibility of fixing broken lighted road-name signs on Santa Rosa Road. He contacted Public Works and since they sub-contract the work, the County will not do any further lighted signs to eliminate maintenance. Instead the County will add reflective signs. He would like to keep lighted signs, if possible, for safety. He was told the synchronized signals will be upgraded in about 2 years with new communication and battery back-up equipment. He said yellow reflective borders are about 1-2 years away as the County is waiting on grant funding. He reported a need for re-sealing on Presilla Road and Barranca Road.

Amy Elliot agreed that lighted road name signs are necessary. She said she was able to contact Code Compliance to look into the property on Santa Rosa Road by the farm stand, east of Tropical Paradise, regarding debris.

8. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

Mark Roddy commented that Santa Rosa Valley welcome signs mention a neighborhood watch but he is not sure how to join. He also asked if the MAC had ideas on how to minimize use of fireworks during the summer months. **Mark Burley** said a Neighborhood Watch was started but the person who started it has moved. **Rosemary Allison** said there are Facebook neighborhood watch groups and said she will contact the Sheriff's Office to get more information on how to set up a group. **Supervisor Parks** said fireworks are a statewide problem and at the local neighborhood level information can be given out to the community. She is looking into the idea of arson patrols for residents to deal with this issue at a local level since law enforcement is often overstretched. **Mr. Burley** reminded residents that if fireworks are seen or heard to call the Sheriff's Office. **Mr. Adams** suggested a fireworks watch list for the Sheriff's Office to follow up on.

Linda Cannon submitted written comments regarding the proposed teen rehab facility in the home on Presilla Road. She provided background on the property and information on the type of facility that will go in, which will be a licensed rehab facility for 18 to 22-year-old non-smoking females with mental health issues like anxiety and depression. She also provided contact information if the MAC would like to communicate with the facility's Executive Director Amanda Seymour. **Mr. Burley** said he understands the maximum number of patients at this type of facility is six. **Rosemary Allison** asked if there are any approved wedding venues in the area.

Supervisor Parks said none have come to the Board or Planning Commission, but if the venue meets criteria regarding number of guests, they might not need a permit.

9. Information Items

a. Bridlewood Debris Basin Removal Project and Equestrian Trail

Mark Burley reported on a recent meeting with the Watershed Protection District (WPD) Director, Mr. Sheydayi, and a member of the Bridlewood HOA regarding his proposal for fixing the slope issue for the equestrian trail. They said they want to wait until the HOA has received the easement from the property owner before approving or not approving any changes. Bridlewood is now going through the process of getting the easement finalized.

10. Action Items

a. Santa Rosa Valley 2021 MAC Goal Setting

The MAC discussed using the findings from the 2020 community survey to set goals for further action, which included the following:

1. More community outreach and education about local matters, the Santa Rosa Park, CERT training (after COVID) and the Emergency Radio Network. They discussed the possibility of a new Santa Rosa Valley website and availability of additional County contact information.
2. Ensuring service providers in the community are prepared for any disasters such as wildfires and wind events causing power outages with backup generators and services. The MAC would also like to see collaboration among service providers such as Southern California Edison, Camrosa water, and cable/internet providers.
3. Added safety on Santa Rosa Road to deal with the increased traffic and speeding such as lighted street signs, yellow reflective borders, and deterrents for illegal passing.
4. Added fire safety in the community with information on the potential for a fire station, a report on response times from the Fire Department, and an Arson Watch in neighborhoods.
5. More education in the community about Dark Sky Overlay zones.
6. Adding the use of non-toxic weed abatement along County roads.
7. Reviving Neighborhood Watch groups within the community and promoting the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number for suspicious activity. Also, comparing crime statistics in Santa Rosa Valley to surrounding communities.
8. Continue to monitor hemp and cannabis issues.

The MAC chose to discuss goal setting for Santa Rosa Park at a later date.

11. Written Communications

There were no written communications.

12. Future Agenda Items

- a. Report from Fire Department
- b. Camrosa Water
- c. Dark Skies Presentation
- d. Update on Bridlewood Trail

13. Adjournment at 8:34 pm to Thursday, May 20, 2021.