

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 20, 2021

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021
at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Online/Teleconference

1. Call to Order

Chair Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. MAC members **Mark Burley**, **Amy Elliott** and **Michael Adams** and **Kevin Cannon** were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Amy Elliott**.

3. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2021

Mark Burley made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. **Amy Elliott** seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

4. Agenda Review

Vanise Terry made a correction on the agenda that Tony Stafford is the General Manager of Camrosa Water District.

5. Public Safety Report

Lt. Jeremy Key, Moorpark CHP, reported there was one minor-injury collision on Santa Rosa Road involving a pedestrian in the construction zone since the last MAC meeting in March. CHP will continue to have officers enforce the area for speed. He said CHP will have maximum enforcement out during the Memorial Day weekend with 80% of officers patrolling throughout Ventura County. He said there is currently a Click-It-Or-Ticket campaign for seatbelt violations and encouraged everyone to use seatbelts because they save lives.

Deputy Jason Fuller, Ventura County Sheriff's Office, said the individual involved in the recent mail theft is now in custody. He encouraged residents to use the non-emergency number if they see anything suspicious at (805) 654-9511. **Kevin Cannon** asked about the ability to text to 9-1-1 and Officer Fuller said that is in effect if you are not able to make a phone call.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Vanise Terry reported on behalf of Supervisor Parks that the Board of Supervisors approved grant funds for Transportation projects and that Supervisor Parks requested Transportation look at safer rumble strips and other options for cyclists, including those on Santa Rosa Road. She followed up on a concern about wedding venues saying the Planning Division confirmed that a property owner can have a wedding on their property if it is private, and that the Planning Division would not be involved as they do not regulate temporary outdoor events with 75 or fewer attendees in the OS, AE, and RA zones with lots 5 acres and smaller. **Rosemary Allison** expressed concern that residents could rent out their properties for small events. Ms. Terry said she would be happy to connect Ms. Allison with the Planning Division for further follow up. Ms. Terry said the Airport Master Plan Workshop on May 13th is available to view online at <https://venturacounty.airportstudy.net> and she will send updates on any future workshops. She said Transportation reported that there currently are Botts dots in place on top of the striped median and double yellow centerline on Santa Rosa Road and they are routinely inspected, and any missing dots are replaced. She reported that the Santa Rosa Road Signal Upgrade Request for Proposals (RFP) was postponed due to the County's successful grant to install systemic signalized intersection improvements, which includes upgrading traffic controllers, installing advanced dilemma zone detection, and enhancing signal timing among other safety features. These signalized improvements will happen in FY23/24. She said other signalized upgrades needed along Santa Rosa Road that are not grant-funded would be funded separately. Also, Transportation is moving forward with some signal maintenance and repair projects on Santa Rosa Road, including replacing eight battery backup systems and conflict monitor units, and relocating the radar feedback signs. **Kevin Cannon** said he did not want the 55 MPH sign

added to the empty radar pole near Blanchard since it could encourage higher speeds on Santa Rosa Road and Ms. Terry said she would pass that along to Transportation.

7. Information Items

a. Ventura County Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen announced two new Firehawk helicopters for the Ventura County Aviation Unit, a joint operation of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the Ventura County Fire Department. The helicopters are former military Blackhawk helicopters that can hold 1,000-gallons of water, an increase from 360 gallons of the Vietnam-era Huey helicopters. He provided three-years of response time data from the Fire Department to Santa Rosa Valley (SRV). He said the three first responder stations for SRV are Station 52 in Camarillo on Santa Rosa Road, Station 34 in Thousand Oaks at Avenida de los Arboles and Moorpark Road, and Station 40 by Moorpark High School. He reported that SRV had a total of 519 calls over the three-year period, an average of 173 calls per year with 60% being medical calls, which is lower than the County's average of 72% medical calls. He said the Board of Supervisors approved a set metrics for response times of 8.5 minutes in suburban areas and 12 minutes in rural areas, and that the data presented shows the metrics are not regularly met in SRV. He said he would look into the specifics of compliance times and percentile to get a more accurate picture. He said a combination of risk, frequency and finances are looked at when considering the addition of a new fire station, and that the cost to staff a fire station is about \$2.5 million. **Rosemary Allison** pointed out that the Fire Department already owns land in SRV next to the school. **Mark Burley** asked how SRV compares to other similar areas in Ventura County. **Kevin Cannon** asked if there is a certain level of non-compliance that would warrant a fire station the area. **Chief Lorenzen** said he would provide further information on SRV compliance percentile and what level of non-compliance in response times might warrant a fire station, as well as comparison data to other communities. He said they are rebuilding Station 34 closer to California Lutheran University and adding a day engine to assist with peak volume times, but the best way to improve response times is to add a fire station in the community. **Mr. Cannon** also asked about weed abatement and whether the new requirement is to have dead palm fronds cleared 10 feet from the edge of the pavement or the fog line and who would someone contact about the fronds. **Chief Lorenzen** said he would confirm the requirement. He also answered questions about emergency triggers for traffic signals, homeless encampments, the new Firehawk helicopters, private firefighting companies, and fireworks in the community. The MAC expressed appreciation to the Fire Department for all their work.

b. Camrosa Water District General Manager Tony Stafford

Mr. Stafford provided information as a follow up to issues raised in the SRV community survey. He said Camrosa has 20 big generators throughout the district and several smaller ones for communications. He said six big generators have been purchased in the last five years, three of which are portable to place wherever needed, and three more planned for purchase this year. He said seven of the generators are in SRV. **Rosemary Allison** said there should be a generator on Yucca Drive because they were out of non-potable water for four days. Mr. Stafford said there is a portable generator available for the Yucca site during fires and power outages and that residents did not lose potable water, however there were some non-potable water systems without water but the priority is for potable water. He said during a fire there is an assigned agent that works with SCE, OES, and the Sheriff's Department to ensure they are in communication and understand any impacts to their water sites. **Kevin Cannon** asked if non-potable water systems are affected during power outages, what would happen if a canal cracked and potential plans for a pipeline on Santa Rosa Road, and about opportunities to utilize the County's One-Dig policy. **Mr. Stafford** said generators have been installed and portable generators purchased to go where needed based on what circuits are out. He said there are large reservoirs throughout the Metropolitan agencies, including Camrosa, with millions of gallons of water available to go long periods even with a canal disruption, and that there may be a pipeline installed either with or by Calleguas Water but that is likely a long way off. **Michael Adams** asked about water quality and whether there is electronic notification available. Mr. Stafford said water is tested multiple times every day throughout the district and if there are safety concerns all affected residents would be immediately noticed. A

resident asked if having brown water that smells is harmful. Mr. Stafford said to contact Camrosa and lab technicians can speak to the resident. **Mark Roddy** showed photos of water filters from his home, with the dark brown filter being only 6 months old, he also asked whether there are plans for desalinization plants. Mr. Stafford said he would follow up via email regarding the water quality issue, and he said the technology is available for desalinization plants, but the biggest issue is getting intake permitted and could be mostly a political issue in nature. He said it's a good way to go but it could increase the cost of water.

c. Bridlewood Debris Basin Removal Project and Equestrian Trail

Mark Burley reported on his recent meeting with Bridlewood who are working with a lawyer to prepare a document regarding the easement that includes the Bridlewood HOA, owners of the property in question, and the Watershed Protection District (WPD). The document is being sent to WPD for review.

8. Action Items

a. Santa Rosa Valley 2021 MAC Goal Setting

The MAC discussed updates to the draft goals they would like to pursue based on the community survey. Additions to the draft include:

- Working with Southern California Edison to prevent PSPS in the community
- On Santa Rosa Road – improve safety, maintain lighted street signs, review of flashing left-turn arrows, monitor road surfaces, level of service/vehicle miles traveled, review of Safe Routes to School recommendations
- Potential for a fire station in SRV based on response times, and comparison of response times across the County
- Equestrian evacuation
- Reducing fuel load (brush/trees)
- Education on defensible spaces
- For Santa Rosa Park – increase usage of park, review new proposed uses, provide community education about the park, hold a live MAC meeting there.

Jeri Cooper introduced herself as the County's new Park Manager and said she would be happy to return to a future MAC meeting to discuss the park and possible uses in further detail.

Mark Burley made a motion to adopt the MAC goals as amended, and **Kevin Cannon** seconded the motion. It was approved 5-0.

9. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Amy Elliot commented on stagnant water and debris in the arroyo on the west side of Camelot.

Mark Burley suggested contacting WPD.

Michael Adams commented on his concern about SB 9 and SB 10 and whether the zone changes proposed in them could affect SRV regarding single-family zoning, allowing the potential for building apartments. **Rosemary Allison** said the fact that SRV is on septic tank would negate the building of apartments. **Mark Burley** suggested contacted State Senator Henry Stern, State Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, or State Assemblymember Steve Bennett for more information.

10. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no Public Comments.

11. Written Communications

There were no written communications.

12. Future Agenda Items

- a. Dark Sky Overlay Zone
- b. Santa Rosa Valley Park
- c. Update on Bridlewood Trail/Debris Basin

- d. ADUs in Santa Rosa Valley
- e. MAC Protocols

13. Adjournment at 9:00 pm to Thursday, July 15, 2021.