



SANTA ROSA VALLEY ADVISORY
COUNCIL

Members of the Council:
Chair Rosemary Allison
Vice Chair Kevin Cannon
Michael Adams
Mark Burley
Amy Elliott

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 19, 2022

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2022, 6:00 pm
at 11701 East Las Posas Road, Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012

1. Call to Order

Chair Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. MAC members **Amy Elliott** and **Michael Adams** were present. **Mark Burley** and **Kevin Cannon** were absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Eric Peterson**.

3. Agenda Review

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2022

Amy Elliott moved to approve the minutes as submitted and **Michael Adams** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 3/0.

5. Public Safety Reports

Ventura County Sheriff Senior Deputy Claudia Holden reported on vehicles that were broken into at the Hill Canyon trail head. She urged anyone using a key fob to double check that doors are locked before walking away, as they have arrested thieves with fob blockers and that trail heads are often targeted by theft crews. She also said residents should remove or hide any valuables in cars. She said there has not been an increase in burglaries in Santa Rosa Valley by Chilean theft crews. She provided an update on the Treatment Center on Presilla Drive saying that they are in compliance. She also looked into calls for law enforcement at that location since they opened in October 2021 and there have not been any since late February/early March. In addition, she reported the Sheriff's Office had also not received any complaint calls for the properties noted as Air BnBs in Santa Rosa Valley. She said if calls for service are generated, she can then determine if there is an ongoing issue.

Rosemary Allison asked if law enforcement can look into an RV parked on Read Road. **Amy Elliott** asked who to report issues of vagrants at the trail head.

Officer Holden said she would look into the RV, and she can be contacted for any vagrancy issues at Claudia.Holden@ventura.org

Michael Adams thanked the Sheriff's Office for their follow-up with a suspicious vehicle.

CHP Sergeant Ramos said portable scales are currently being used on the northbound side of the 101 freeway and they are waiting for a final approval from Caltrans to install the new scales. He discussed upgrades to the scale facilities on both the north and southbound side of the 101 freeway, as well as the inclusion of a permanent pit scale and building on the eastbound side of SR 118. He said motorists can report any issues to the CHP as they will be sending inspectors out to cite violators.

CHP Lt. Jeremy Key said there have not been many traffic violations in the area recently, and the traffic collisions have been mostly rear ends due to distracted driving and one incident with a motorcyclist driving under the influence of alcohol. He said CHP is addressing a traffic light complaint at Moorpark Road and Santa Rosa Road, and they are continuing to look into an issue

regarding a car with loud exhaust. He reported that CHP arrested catalytic converter thieves with nine converters stolen from an RV park in Simi Valley. He said CHP is running a Click-It-Or-Ticket campaign from May 22nd to June 5th to educate and enforce wearing seatbelts. He also announced Start Smart classes for new drivers on May 26, 6-8pm, and that law enforcement will be on maximum enforcement for the Memorial Day weekend. He also said there will be a blood drive at the CHP Moorpark station on June 21st.

A resident asked for information about an unmarked solar camera on Santa Rosa Road by Baron Brothers facing eastbound, and **Amy Elliott** asked for more information on construction happening on SR 118.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks said the Safe Route to Schools improvements include the Santa Rosa Valley bike lane project, which is currently in the design phase and includes construction of a side path with a guard rail on the south side of Santa Rosa Road from Vista Grande to Andalusia Drive. The project is fully funded and should be complete by 2023. She followed up on a question regarding the Epona lawsuit saying the loss to the County was \$3.5 million plus \$550,000 in legal fees. She said the Board of Supervisors voted to approve a CUP for Epona on May 3rd but she voted against it. She said she attended the groundbreaking for the Wildlife Crossing over the 101 Freeway at Liberty Canyon on Earth Day, and also honored Beth Pratt, Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation as the 2022 Ventura County Earth Day Champion for her work on the wildlife crossing project. She said the Living with Wildlife symposium was very informative and that Power Point presentations and the Zoom recording are available on her webpage at www.ventura.org/lindaparks She said she closed the May 10th Board of Supervisors meeting in honor of Gusie Woodfill who passed away recently. Gusie was a long-time resident of Santa Rosa Valley who participated at MAC meetings and was very active and loved in the community.

Vanise Terry provided an update on a meeting with Code Compliance Director Doug Leeper and law enforcement from CHP and the Sheriff's Office regarding temporary rental units (TRUs) in Santa Rosa Valley. She said Mr. Leeper reiterated that there is no prohibition on TRUS in Santa Rosa Valley and they do not have information on the numbers of TRUs in unregulated areas. Neither Code Compliance nor the Sheriff's Office said they had received complaints from the addresses provided as TRUs, and CHP said they have only addressed parking issues. Moving forward, it was decided that the best course of action for the time being is for residents to document and report all disturbances to Code Compliance and law enforcement to establish a record, and with enough complaints on record, these properties could be considered nuisance properties and Code Compliance could then work with the DA's office. Residents can call (805) 654-2463 or email Doug.Leeper@ventura.org with information and photos, and report to law enforcement to track the properties.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Michael Adams commented on aircraft noise over Santa Rosa Valley and that most noise was in the morning. He said the app Flight Radar 24 tracks the flight path over the community from the north to LAX.

Rosemary Allison announced an SRV Riders social event to be held on June 12th at the club house with a taco cart and information booths. She said all who love horses are welcome to attend and to email her to RSVP.

8. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda

9. Action Items

a. MAC Recommendation, PL22-0050, Solar Array Installation, APN 519-0-190-105

Michael Conger, Ventura County Planning Division, presented information on a proposal for a solar-panel array in the Santa Rosa Highlands community on Lot 15. The solar panel array would measure 26.9 feet wide by 59.2 feet long and be installed just outside the building envelope, so the applicants are seeking a tract map amendment. Mr. Conger said a similar panel was approved by the Board of Supervisors on Lot 20 in the same community. He said there may

be some visibility of the panels from the road below. He said the County consulted with a biologist to ensure that there would not be any adverse impact habitat or species on the slope. **Michael Adams** and **Amy Elliott** expressed concern that the solar panel array would be unsightly if seen from below. **Mr. Adams** also said he would prefer to have had a visual representation of what it would look like in the community to make an informed decision. **Rosemary Allison** said solar is important and that the concerns the MAC expressed about a similar project back in 2016 never materialized.

Gina Greco, Crown Solar Electric, the company providing the solar panels for the applicant, said the panels would be close to the ground, and black-on-black to absorb sunlight so reflection should not be an issue.

Vanise Terry read statements of support for the tract map amendment from MAC member **Mark Burley** and Santa Rosa Highlands HOA President **Mark Roddy**.

Rosemary Allison moved to recommend approval of the tract map amendment for the project on Lot 15, and **Amy Elliott** seconded the motion. **Ms. Allison** and **Ms. Elliott** voted for approval and **Mr. Adams** abstained.

b. MAC Recommendation, Resolution requesting consolidation of Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council's election of two members with other elections held on November 8, 2022

c. MAC Recommendation, Notice to the Ventura County Clerk of the elective offices to be filled on the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council

d. MAC Recommendation, Other election services for the November 8, 2022 Election

Rosemary Allison moved to approved Items 10b-d and **Amy Elliott** seconded the motion. The items were approved 3/0.

10. Information Items

a. Presentation on the Malibu/Yerba Buena Dark Sky Overlay from Van Vibber

Mr. Vibber provided information on the process of implementing a Dark Sky Overlay Zone in Malibu/Yerba Buena. He discussed the purpose of the overlay, possible boundaries, lighting that is allowed, compliance and enforcement. He said Santa Rosa Valley could potentially use the MAC boundaries and that the ordinance can be customized to fit the needs of a particular community. He said the process is long and needs the support of the Supervisor in office to help usher it through, and he thanked Supervisor Parks for her strong support of his community's overlay zone. He said another resource would be the International Dark Sky organization, which offers educational materials and technical assistance. He said possible next steps would be to form a task force for education in the community, gain the support and assistance of the Supervisor, and then begin the process with the Planning Division. He offered to provide guidance, if needed.

Supervisor Parks said they did a survey of the Malibu community in her District to understand what would work with the needs of the community. She said the Santa Rosa Valley community survey had mixed results with 44% expressing interest in an overlay, 30% not in favor, and 25% undecided. She said the goal is to keep lights off when not in use, and a Dark Sky overlay would not affect other overlays in place such as the Wildlife Corridor overlay zone.

Eric Peterson commented that most lights are coming from the City of Thousand Oaks and traffic on Santa Rosa Road.

Michael Adams said he is supportive of the overlay as he is seeing more bright lights in the community.

11. Written Communications

There were no written communications.

12. Future Agenda Items

- a. Temporary Rental Unit Overlay Zone
- b. Accessory Dwelling Units
- c. Santa Rosa Park

13. Adjournment at 8:07 pm to Thursday, July 21, 2022.