

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
December 7, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER: CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Seiler at 7:00PM. Members present were; Mike Seiler, Steve & Liz Stonehouse, Don Scovel, Susan and Glen Kopp and Carol Freno. Since we did not reach a quorum and could do no business, the following is a record of what we did do.

**MINUTES:** no quorum.

**TREASURES REPORT:** no quorum

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

Mr. Pocklington was absent and unable to make his motion.

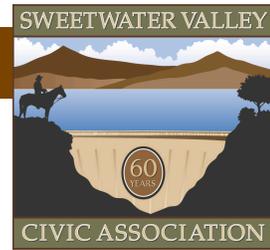
**LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS**

Civic Association welcomes Sgt. Tom Stromer to our meetings.

There were 37 speeding citations, 5 registrations and 7 stop sign violations. There was one traffic collision five property damage, one DUI which also involved an injury.

In answer to a question about DUI checkpoints, Sgt Stromer said there were none in this area that he knew about.

Julio Garcia of the Sheriff's Department gave this report: There are no data sheets this time. But, the usual hot spots have been active, Briarwood, Robinwood, Cedarwood, Picasso.



It is believed that a group of teenagers are doing the break-ins. It appears that the gang works from the Border all the way up to Alpine. They wait until they know no one is home then break in.

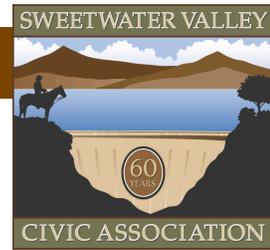
- Now is the time to start protecting ourselves from crime in the coming season.
- *Do not leave packages in plain site in vehicles, or leave windows even cracked in lots.*
- *Park vehicle in well lit area at night. Be sure no one is following you. If you feel that you are in danger, go to security at the mall or store where you are and request a guard. You may have to wait, but one will be provided.*
- *Whenever you return to drop packages, move your vehicle so on one watching can think you're returning to the store.*
- *Be aware where-ever you use a credit card that only four digits of the card show on the copy that the store keeps. This is a law.*
- *And lastly, family members have been taking social security numbers and using the internet to gain access to credit cards and other things. Be careful where you leave confidential material, even in your own home.*
- *Do not leave doors unlocked and windows open when you leave home.*

In answer to a question about a break-in on Sprinter, whether there had been others, he did not know.

Residential crime is down but car thefts are way up. Cars most often hit are Hondas and Toyota Corollas. Apparently there is a way to make a key that fits any of those cars.

## **SUPERVISOR COX'S OFFICE REPORT**

Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this report: On December 16th Sandag will have the final vote on the SR-125. The public is allowed to watch. Sandag Building 9AM.



The issue before Sandag is that the money spent on SR-125 would take away from projects already slated for other freeways. However, their takeover would possibly lower tolls and allow for more usage of the road.

The lowering of the tolls is not expected until three or four months from the takeover of the road. Because there is a debt service of funds, toll elimination for the road is not an option at this time. However, the infrastructure, once it is paid off, will be eligible for public ownership.

There is a group out there called the Red Tape Reduction Task Force. This group is backed by real estate and land developers and is attempting to curtail the activities of Planning and Sponsor Groups through cutting their budgets and asking for more oversight of their business. Today the Board accepted their report. Staff is tasked to look into term size, and function of them. Supervisor Cox is against the removing of the Groups. County liability is an issue in the face of the Brown Act and possible violations.

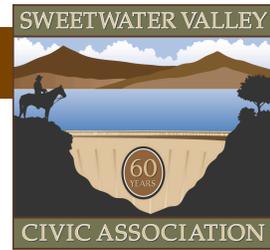
The Board of Supervisors is looking into the rates for solar customers. They want a seat at the PUC and have drafted a letter about this. If they are not invited to join, it will not stop them from exploring other avenues.

The closure of Procter Valley Road is ongoing. Right now, we are working with Otay Water to see whether we can reach an agreement which is acceptable to all parties concerning the pipeline and the road closure. Right now there are no guarantees.

San Miguel Road trail is almost complete. The stop signs are up.

Don S. said Kudos to Planning Group Zoning Chief Dan Meyer for his work on zoning code for the Highlands.

### **Otay Water District Presentation.**



Mark Watton, General Manager gave this presentation about alternative sources of clean water in the coming years.

He was very happy that Chula Vista, many years ago had adopted a plan of using recycled water to water vegetation. This water is distinguished by purple heads on the sprinklers.

He then gave facts and figures concerning where our water comes from now, the Sacramento River, the Colorado River, and water which is here now. None of these are enough for us in the future. In fact, if we don't get enough rain, water becomes the most expensive thing in Southern California.

In National City, there is a project to reclaim water which is called Rancho Del Ray Ground Water. It is a well project and is set to replace 500 acre feet of water by drilling 960 feet down in the Sweetwater and treat the water by reverse osmosis.

The future might well be in desalination of the sea. There is a plant being built in Carlsbad.

Right now Mexico is working on a desalination plant in Rosarito, which would be adjacent to the power plant there. There are plans to move some of the water north to America through a pipeline which should come out near the third Border Crossing.

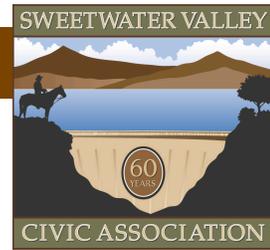
This is a great way to get water and keep it coming.

## **STANDING REPORTS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** None

**FLOODING AND WATER:** no report.

**TRAFFIC AND ROADS:** Don S. told us that the signal issue at Central Ave and Corral Canyon had been resolved. However there is



now one between Central Ave and Sweetwater to Briarwood, and one from Bonita Road, San Miguel Road and Sweetwater Road. The lights there seem to not favor through traffic.

**PARKS:** no report.

**PLANNING GROUP :** There was a loud discussion about a day care on Tim Street which was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Michael gave the report on the Red Tape Reduction Task Force. Planning Group heard about the Supervisor's vote, not how it came out.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 4 new members.

**PROJECT REPORTS:** No

**SENIOR PATROL:** no report

**ENVIRONMENTAL :** no report

**NEW BUSINESS: none**

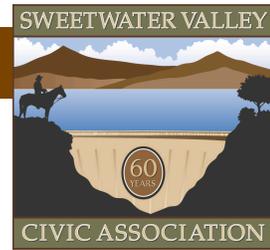
**CONTINUING BUSINESS: none**

### **ROUND TABLE:**

Don S. reminded us that today is December 7th and we should remember it.

Carol told us that the Southwestern Choral would be singing this year. Charge \$10.00.

Mike S. told us that there would be an Ad Hoc meeting concerning Sweetwater Authority's billing scheme tomorrow at 7PM here. Bonita Highlands would be hosting.



The major issue to be discussed is the tiered billing which allows discounts on the Ready for Service fees but charges the tiered customers, which are the existing customers more in exchange.

Michael De La Rosa mentioned that Sweetwater Authority is dragging it's collective feet on a trail issue which was put into place nearly forty years ago by Cal American Water when they owned what Sweetwater Authority now owns. There was a public vote for recreational activities, one of which was a riding and hiking trail through the land. Cal American agreed. Sweetwater has continually blocked this, using one thing after another. Now it feels that the trail, which is to be put in by the County will not be adequately maintained. The County believes that it can get enough volunteers to maintain this that it is a non-issue.

SR-125 mitigation purchased property to fill in for the Park property which it took for the road.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2012.

**Elizabeth Stonehouse**  
**Secretary**