

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING March 7, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: In absence of both President and Vice President, the meeting was called to order by the Treasurer, Steve Stonehouse at 7:00Pm Members present were; Steve & Liz Stonehouse, Ken Pitney, Don Scovel, Susan Kopp, Ray Ymzon, Jim Woodford and Carol Freno. Quorum reached. Mike Seiler joined the meeting in session.

MINUTES: Correction from last month. Mike Seiler was indeed at this meeting. Susan moved to approve, Steve seconded. Carried.

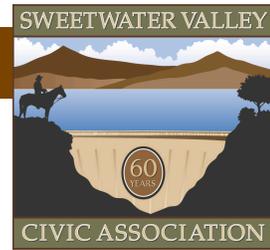
TREASURES REPORT: Currently: \$2201.80 Check #688 to IRS for \$400.00. Check # 489 to Postmaster for \$6.80 and check # 690 to Kiwanis Club for \$50.00 Certificate Balance \$3434.37, ending balance \$5636.17

It is now time to decide whether to roll over the CD for next year. The interest is abysmal but it is something: .2%. Motion to keep CD where it is Don S. Second Ken P. Accepted.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report Don S. seconded Jim W. Accepted.

OPPROTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Susan Caldwell from Institute for Public Strategies explained that her mission was to educate the public on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. She scheduled DUI events to encourage public safety.



LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

Sgt Stromer of the California Highway Patrol was absent.

SUPERVISOR COX'S OFFICE REPORT

Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office was delayed.

STANDING REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tom Plockington absent.

FLOODING AND WATER: No Report.

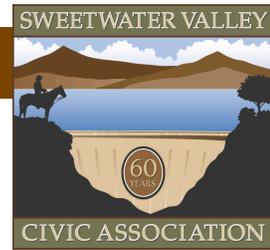
TRAFFIC AND ROADS: Don S. reported that traffic is flowing well though conditions remain lousy due to the construction which seems to be everywhere. There is a five year plan for signalization to coordinate with Chula Vista but there is no completion date.

Ken asked about the toll road. Sandag has the road now but they haven't worked out how to do the tolls yet.

PARKS: no report.

PLANNING GROUP : SR-125 is now owned by Cal-Trans and will be administered by Sandag. There are issues with the trails and the water people. Uwe Werner's issue with the gate continues.

MEMBERSHIP: 1 new member



PROJECT REPORTS: No

SENIOR PATROL: In February we logged 336 hours consisting of 28 patrols over 1297 miles. There were 69 vacation checks, 25 YANA's or one yana 25 times and one visit. We man the Safety Center five days a week, 2 days are manned by Sheriff's volunteers. There is usually someone there almost every day except Sundays.

Ken had a comment about people speeding down Bonita Road. When was the speed trailer going to be replaced.

Jim answered that he would ask Michael De La Rosa about that.

ENVIRONMENTAL : no report

CONTINUING BUSINESS: none

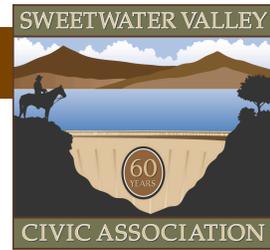
SPECIAL REPORT: Steve Marchioro, a senior civil engineer with Otay Water came to discuss the proposed underground pipeline through the Sweetwater Valley.

Otay Water has three alignments available for this pipeline, both with issues. The first is up Corral Canyon, the second is up Frisbie Street, and the third is up Procter Valley Road.

The issue with Corral Canyon is that the residents don't want their street torn up and traffic, which is bad right now made worse. Something similar can be said about Frisbie Street. Procter Valley Road, which is slated to be closed in the future appears to have no adverse effect to the community.

But the land that has to be crossed is slated to be deeded from Caltrans to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife as a wildlife preserve. There are numerous environmental concerns which may cancel out the benefits of using this course.

There have been extensive discussions on this topic with County Supervisors and the Water Authority. The main thing now is to use the County Water right-of-way to lay pipe on an already allowed area. It appears that if Otay Water chooses to go through



Procter Valley Road and the Preserve near it there will have to be mitigation done. Right now there are four studies being done. The EIR is expected to be completed by summer of 2012.

Ray asked what benefit would the pipeline bring to Sweetwater Valley.

Answer: none at present. But there could be a great benefit if water were scarce or cut off for some reason. Procter Valley could get the horse trail.

Don S. asked whether they would be drawing water from Sweetwater Reservoir.

There are small interconnections, but no, water is not taken from there.

Jim asked about the red dot on the map. Was that a connection to the Reservoir?

That is a pumping station which would remain closed unless there was an emergency. This is another reason not to use Corral Canyon.

Liz asked about asphalt removal. Would they see to it if they used Procter Valley Road?

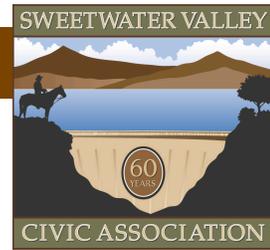
Yes, they would remove it and just not put it back.

Judy T. asked about her clients on Jonel Way. They need places to park. Would there be a right-of-way left for parking?

The project would take about two months. The drilling team covers between 80 and 200 feet per day. They would cross Jonel Way in a day perhaps. During this time there would be potable water available. Parking not so much, crossing the road, not so much.

Don S. asked about public hearings, would Otay Water continue to come to us to keep us informed on areas like the EIR comment period, and would they post information about this on their website?

Yes. As a note, U.S. Fish and Wildlife is asking for either restored or mitigated habitat in the preserve if it is left damaged.



Steve thanked Jeff for coming and asked that he return when he had more information.

SUPERVISOR COX'S OFFICE REPORT

Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this report:

Planning Group heard about the Water Authority trails. There has been a snag. Apparently the trails have not been posted properly that equestrians are not allowed.

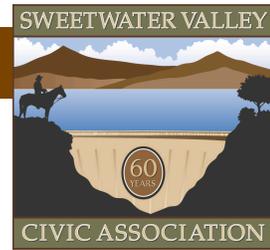
Jonel Way trail users are attempting to gain access to a trail which will allow them not to use the side of the road to ride. The completion of the fence on Bonita Road has been delayed. It was supposed to be out to bid in February.

Chula Vista Public Works is looking at putting in a bridge across the ditch at the corner of Otay Lakes Road and Bonita Road where it crossed the trail by the fish pond. It would mean crossing over the bridge instead of around the fence or through the run-off.

The Red-Tape Task Force is has their plans available to the Board on March 28th, when this issue should be resolved. Our Supervisor does not want to do away with the Planning Groups. The meeting should be very interesting.

Jim asked about the speed sign for the Senior Patrol. Michael said he would look into whether it had been applied for.

NEW BUSINESS: none



Greg Cox will be the speaker at the BBPA meeting in April. It will be at the Chula Vista golf course at noon. The cost will be \$15. and reservations can be made on the website.

Ray mentioned that the Association might want to investigate the issue of 'Toilet to Tap' water, which is gaining notoriety. Perhaps we could get someone to speak to us on this subject?

Mike Seiler agreed to find a speaker for this, but it would be on water conservation, not 'toilet to tap'.

Judy spoke about the County draft EIR concerning small horse farms. Apparently this is part of the General Plan that seems fitting for East County but not Bonita. The small horse farms of Bonita were not apprised of this issue before the vote. In this, a maximum of ten horses to acre are allowed, which puts all but the back-yard horse keeper out of business. Most back-yard horse owners do not declare to the County how many horses they may have, nor do they go through the permitting process, which has gotten completely out of hand for the equestrian centers. What is needed in South County is a compatibility of land use.

ROUND TABLE

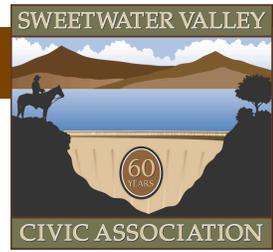
Don S. Long time member George Kost fell at his residence at Sunrise and was taken to Balboa Hospital. He turned out to have infected legs. He is now back at Sunrise and resting comfortable.

Liz said to send him the regards of the Association and welcome him back any time.

Good job Bonita.

Meeting adjourned 8:42 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2012.



Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary