

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
April 3, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by the President Mike Cohen at 7:00PM. Members present were; Mike Seiler, Steve & Liz Stonehouse, Ken Pitney, Don Scovel, Susan Kopp, Ray Ymzon, Jim Woodford, Tom Pocklington and Carol Freno. Quorum reached.

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes: Don S. Second Mike S. Approved.

TREASURES REPORT: Currently: \$ 2176.80 including membership of \$25.00. Certificate of Deposit \$3435.52. Interest for the year is \$1.71. Ending balance is \$5611.71.

Motion to accept: Mike S. second Liz. Approved

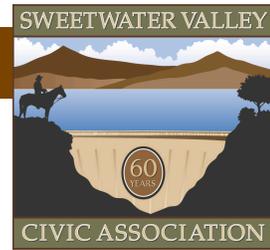
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

No speakers.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

Sgt Stromer of the California Highway Patrol gave this report: From January to April, there were 17 collisions, 5 unsafe turning, 3 DUI, 3 unsafe speed, 1 backing, 1ROW, 1 unsafe passing, and 1 traffic signal.

There are now two motor officers out in this area, they patrol the major hot spots which include but are not limited to: Bonita, Forest Ranch, school zones, San Miguel Road, and Frisbie Street. In addition to the Senior Patrol, we have a new officer, Jake Sanchez who replaces Don Shoemaker.



Mike C. mentioned that there was a developing situation at the corner of Belle Bonnie Brae and Central Ave where parents often drop their children off. There is no crosswalk there.

Steve wondered whether the closing of the Academy would impact our area. He discovered that the Academy had been kept open and a class was graduating in May.

SUPERVISOR COX'S OFFICE REPORT

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

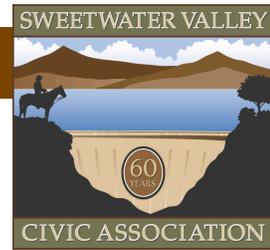
Planning Group had a lively discussion on the trail situation. As we know, the Water Authority and the Sweetwater Authority has denied equestrians access to the road/trail going up the hill by the reservoir on the north side, which is part of the Sweetwater Loop Trail. Other trail users, bikers, hikers and the like are able to use it. According to the Water Authority, they may pull this allowance due to improper or lack of signage.

Equestrians are in negotiation to get another trail that they can use in the area to complete the loop.

Otay Water is writing a letter to County Water to ask for an alignment along Procter Valley Road rather than Corral Canyon as it might be easier for them to lay pipeline there. But there are environmental issues with Fish and Wildlife concerning the Bonita Meadows Preserve.

Mike S. mentioned that he had a letter for County Water that he wanted to send to Mike.

(Sweetwater Valley Civic Association Letterhead)



April 9, 2012

Mr. Jeff Marchioro, P.E.
Otay Water District
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RE: Otay Water District Interconnect Pipeline Through Bonita Highlands Community

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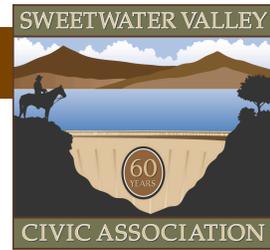
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Sincerely,

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Liz mentioned that there was an historic switchback trail where the current embattled road now is.

Jim asked about the speed trailer. It was decided that it would be followed up through Dave Gillespie.

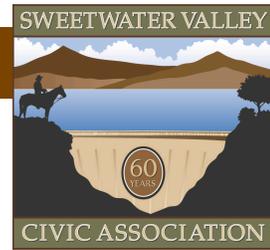
SPECIAL REPORT:

Water Reclamation: what it means to us

Fabiola Amarillas came to discuss water reclamation with us. She is a Civil Engineer with the Long Range Planning and Water Resource division for the PUD in charge of planning of recycled water projects. She has worked for San Diego for twenty years.

Eighty-five per cent of the recyclable water in San Diego County is purified and able to be put into reservoirs. However, we are unable to add this water while the study is in progress.

In order to implement this process and get more water there are several things hindering it: Cost, pumping restrictions in each district, population growth, and earthquakes. Forty per cent of earthquakes are in water, but we have had none since 2010.



This study started in 2005 as a water purification demonstration and operates at 1 million gallons per day.

It takes 18 months from the time the water enters the reservoir until it gets to the filtration station.

Ray asked how she could determine the time.

Answer: Size of reservoir.

Mike S. asked whether this 'ultra-pure' water was dirtier than the water in the reservoir.

No, it is cleaner. If it is not the process stops.

The filtration process is as follows: reverse osmosis and UV radiation treatment followed by advanced oxidation to destroy remaining particles.

Orange County has been using this technology, as has Fairfax County, Virginia since 1982.

San Vicente Dam has gained water from 90,000 gallons to 200,000 gallons. Waste water is used to water plants above San Diego.

Mike S. stated that this project would provide 15 million gallons a day when the pilot project is finished this summer. The plant was built in '98 but the project was moving before that.

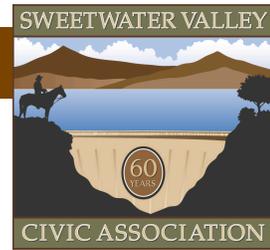
Jim wanted to know whether a new plant was being built near the old one.

Across the street.

How is the water being used? The recycled water, six to nine million gallons per day, is used for irrigation. You see purple pipes? They're irrigation from recycled water.

This project is not connected to Sweetwater, correct?

Yes, however Otay uses recycled water for landscaping.



Ray wanted to know the cost analysis of recycled water compared to distilled water.

We would have to look that one up.

STANDING REPORTS :

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tom Plockington gave this report:

The new Fire Chief is Tim Isabel. He wants to meet with us as soon as his schedule settles down a little. He is due to start at the same time as we get a new fire rig, the last week in June or the first week in July. A new Captain will be selected from within the ranks here.

A L.A. High School football coach passed. The Veteran's Memorial flag from Bonita was presented in his honor.

While up there, we got to tour the Commemorative Air Force base, and the station where 'Emergency!' was filmed. You remember Station 51? The series was filmed at a station in Long Beach in the 60's.

In March we went on 125 calls- 95 of them medical emergencies, 9 fires.

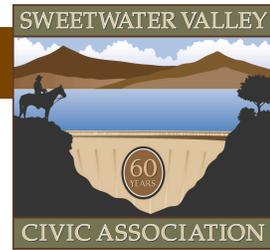
Don S. asked about the Fire Marshall, would he wear two hats.

New Chief will make choices.

FLOODING AND WATER: No Report.

TRAFFIC AND ROADS: No report

PARKS: no report.

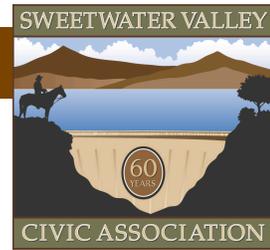


PLANNING GROUP : Steve Stonehouse gave this report:
The Board of Supervisors retained the Planning and Sponsor Groups. Staff is tasked with coming up with valid training for Planning Group members so they can be better informed about the Brown Act, ethics, environmental issues and concepts, and the alphabet soup they deal with such as: CEQA, DPW, and Neg-Decs.

We had a preliminary presentation from La Finca De Adobe concerning the acquiring of the adjacent land and expanding. Among the issues was parking, and noise abatement.

Judy Tieber of Mt. Miguel Equestrian Center spoke up about the 'new' equine law concerning small horse farms within the County. The Board of Supervisors should edit this law so that there is a provision for 'grandfathering' those who have been in business. Right now, even a small change will eliminate the provision: the implementation of the new changes will be so prohibitive as to cost her business. North of SR-125, Bonita is Grandfathered, as is Jamul, and Mother's Grade Truck Trail, and a section of National City where an apartment complex sits. Perhaps the Board of Supervisors should look into the benefits to parents and children to have horses in this supposedly rural area before putting such restrictions on the small horse farmer as to drive him out of business with regulations.

Michael De La Rosa commented:
Our Supervisor is a huge advocate of the equestrian community. but there are issues to be addressed, such as manure management and the off water restrictions. There are new



environmental regulations to consider. But I advise you to contact Supervisors Cox and Jacob about this.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members

PROJECT REPORTS: None

- **SENIOR PATROL:** 29 patrols
- 348 hours patrolling
- 1,527 miles driven
- 54 hours manning the Safety Center front counter
- 50 vacation checks
- 26 YANA phone calls
- 14 citizen assists

Jim commented that he had been to the S.D. Sheriff's Assoc. meeting with four volunteers. He met the Sheriff and his wife.

ENVIRONMENTAL : no report

CONTINUING BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

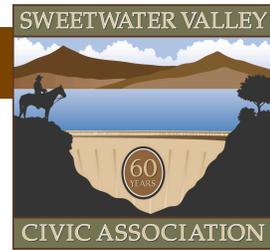
Mike S. proposed a letter to Sweetwater Authority and Otay Water concerning the Otay Water Pipeline through Central Ave.

Tom made the motion and Jim seconded.

The letter:

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I did not include the extended letter due to space. I do have copies if anyone wants to read it, please email me. (Liz)

ROUND TABLE

Tom P. noted that Sweetwater Road's undergrounding of power lines was ongoing. He was wondering when the Willow Street Bridge was going to be dismantled, as the Museum would like a piece of it.

Mike Cohen is the new Museum Board President. Julie Gay is the director. There is a new Museum Store.

Mike C. stated that SVCA will be on Twitter and Facebook soon.

Meeting adjourned 8:36 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2012.

**Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary**