

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
In Conjunction with
“The State of Bonita,” Address by
County Supervisor Greg Cox
Location: Bonita/Sunnyside Library’s Community Room
July 30, 2013**

President Mike Cohen opened the meeting: Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence to honor the men and women of our armed forces, law enforcement, and fire and safety professionals.

Election of SVCA Officers for 2013-2014: The following people were elected to the SVCA Board:

- President – Mike Cohen
- Vice-President – Mike Seiler
- Secretary – Liz Stonehouse
- Treasurer – Steve Stonehouse
- Member-at-Large – Don Scovel
- Other Board members: Ken Pitney, Susan Kopp, and Ray Ymzon

Cohen spoke about plans for Bonitafest, to be held on Sept. 28. He said there will be road closures, including a bridge closure near the Bonita Golf Course. Two other announcements he made were that the SVCA will be dark in August, and that Lt. Mark Ryan has been put in charge of the Imperial Beach Sheriff’s Dept.

The “State of Bonita” presentation followed. Below are the general categories of the address, along with some specific points Supervisor Cox made:

- The San Diego County budget – 4.98 billion for 2013-14.
- Recognition that the County has received.
- County funding for several local organizations.
- Public Safety Realignment – about 40,000 prisoners to be transferred because of over-crowding.
- Presentations for grandparents raising grandchildren – meeting at Parkway Community Ctr., Chula Vista, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 9/7/13.
- Affordable Care Act.

- Coast2Coast RX card – available through S.D. County for discounted prescriptions.
- 211 San Diego – Call 211 for information on County services.
- Bonita/Sunnyside Library.
- Bonita Museum and Cultural Center.
- Bonita area improvements.
- The Otay Interconnect Pipeline project – construction in 2020.
- Pothole reporting. Residents can call for free: 1-877-684-8000.
- SR 125 toll road – ridership is increasing.
- I-805 express lanes – construction to be completed later in 2013.
- South Bay Rapid Transit Plan.
- Sweetwater campground parking lot expansion.
- Sweetwater campground photovoltaic system.
- “Fit” trails.
- Sweetwater Trail segment III.
- Provence House renovation – house to be available for community gatherings.
- Summer movies in Heritage County Park.
- Youth partnerships.
- “My Parx” app.
- Awards.
- Sweetwater Loop Trail.
- Centennial green belt.
- SDG&E substation.
- Willow Street bridge – new bridge to be completed late in 2016.
- Bridge for missing trail segment.
- Chula Vista Golf Course bridge.
- Bayshore bikeway.
- Sweetwater bikeway.
- Upcoming events – 9/21: 9:00 a.m.-noon: CA Coastal Cleanup Day. 9/25-9/28: Bonitafest melodrama. 9/28: Bonitafest. 10/26: 10:00 a.m. – noon, Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

Note: Supervisor Cox’s website provides additional information on the topics listed. See “News & Events,” then “Presentations,” at www.gregcox.com.

After Cox’s informative address, members of the audience spoke with him about these topics:

- The Willow Street Bridge replacement: A resident asked that trees in the area be spared when construction takes place.
- Traffic on and near San Miguel Road: Several members of the audience complained about the volume of traffic, the unsafe driving they had noticed, and subsequent danger to others who are walking or riding in that area. Some suggested adding traffic calming devices to San Miguel Road, such as speed bumps, a stop sign or a traffic light. Cox responded that the County is willing to reevaluate this.
- Homeless encampment near Quarry Road – (Previously, two residents who attended a SVCA Board meeting described the encampment, saying that it was huge. They reported seeing makeshift houses, generators, and some unfriendly pit bulls, in addition to the people who had settled there.) At tonight’s meeting someone in attendance announced that notice has been served giving people thirty days to leave, which will be by August 19th.
- Someone else mentioned that there are about a hundred dead trees off the 125 toll road to the east and west of the ball field.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Susan Kopp,
Substitute Secretary