

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
March 5, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting was called to order by Vice-President Mike Seiler moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders. Members present, Mike S., Steve S., Liz S., Daryl H., Jim W., Sharon Clayton., Don S., Susan K. Tom P. and Judy T.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from February: Motion to approve Tom, second Don. Jim complained that his Senior Patrol notes had not made it into minutes. Liz promised to add them to March's minutes. Passed.

**TREASURES REPORT:** Currently \$876.69

Includes Checks: 715 \$226.34 to Foolproof for webpage

716 \$150 to Kiwanis for sign

717 \$3.79 for postage

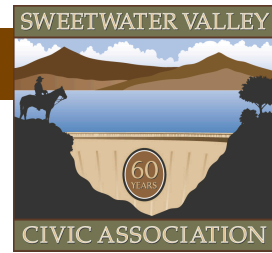
Certificate of Deposit Balance \$3449.87

Ending Balance \$4326.56 Corrected from handout. Previous Balance \$4924.20

Approved as read.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

Sharon Clayton, the owner of Bonita Coin has joined as a member



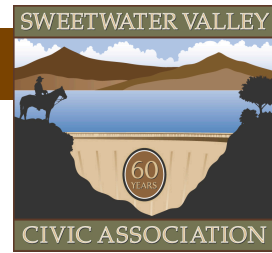
## **LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS**

Officer Scott Panfil of the CHP gave this report: There were No DUI arrests or citations in December. Of the eleven collisions, seven were property damage only and 4 injury and no DUI related and no fatalities. There were 46 citations given, 10 for speeding these were mostly on Acacia, Winnetka and Bonita Rd : stop signs 8 (these were mostly on Corral Canyon): Failure to obey sign 13 (these were at Frisbie Street): seat belt 4: Registration 4: other equipment 5: and other 2. Other includes Cell Phone violations. There were no DUI arrests.

Officer Panfil noted that he had recently patrolled around Valley Vista School and that his presence dramatically changed the pattern of double parking to let children off or on. The situation can get really dangerous for children whose parents do not want to wait to get into the parking lot.

Don S. mentioned the paint truck labeled Paint-4-You which had been on the street blocking the view for drivers exiting the lot for several days. The distance a vehicle has to move to obey the law is half a mile.

Sharon Clayton. wanted to know why it was illegal to turn right onto Frisbie Street between six and nine in the morning. She was told about Frisbie's battle with short-cut drivers and the way around the sign is to go up and turn around and come back. Crime Prevention Specialist Julio Garcia of the San Diego County Sheriff's office gave this report: was absent.



## **ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

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

Michael De La Rosa gave this report: There has been discussion about the situation at Valley Vista Rd.

Planning Group had a visit from a group of residents who opposed a rodeo on private land. There were concerns that not all the rules were being met. Code enforcement had gone out several times and discovered that all the rules were being met and that it was not a commercial venture. As a sporting event, they are allowed to have a rodeo six times a year. It is good to be a good and considerate neighbor and be respectful of others.

Susan requested information on the Willow Street Bridge build. Things have stalled, but the project is moving right along.

Michael De La Rosa's phone 619-531-5511 leave a voicemail.

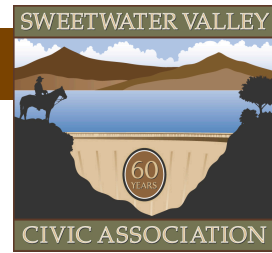
### **CONGRESSWOMAN SUSAN DAVIS' OFFICE**

Gavin Deeb came from Congresswoman Susan Davis gave this report:

One of the things the House has done is support the GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act. It will extend the ability of veterans to use their GI Bill benefits for education.

There is also the 2014 Congressional Art Competition for High School Students. The deadline is 24 April 2014.

It was also mentioned that skilled labor jobs have left this area. Most of the skilled labor force were not college graduates, but since there



are no apprentice programs left, there are no skilled laborers. By skilled, he meant furniture makers, metalworkers, and other woodworking.

### **REPORT ON COUNTY ROAD WORK**

Thomas Herzberger, Public Works Manager Field Engineering and Road Maintenance, and Rick Johnston, Superintendent for our area came to speak to us about the paving situation in the Sweetwater Valley: The entire process is contracted out, but only 3.5 miles of road are scheduled in any given year in Sweetwater. The roads are surveyed and given a score of 0 to 100: 100 being the best.

A handout of the streets to be either repaved or resurfaced was handed out, along with one of the streets that Planning Group has requested be redone. The resurfaced streets for this year are in the area across from the Post Office.

Don made the statement that trash trucks had ruined most of the roads in the Highlands and that they desperately needed some sort of resurfacing.

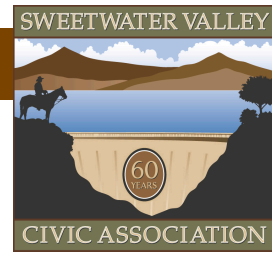
There was another discussion about how nice the street sweepers were and how well they did their job.

Daryl mentioned that the back streets were being used mostly by people trying to avoid the toll on the toll road.

Don asked that everyone poll their area and see which roads their people wanted to see repaved. Send the information to him at [don\\_sdiego@cox.net](mailto:don_sdiego@cox.net).

### **STANDING REPORTS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Tom apologized for the acoustics saying that at the time of building the cost of baffles was too great.



He also gave a breakdown of runs for the last several years: 2009-1400:2010-1500:2011-1600:2013-1613. Of the 1613 in 2013 the breakdown is: 145 fires: 89 fire assistance: 1098 medical aid: 130 traffic collisions: 17 hazardous conditions: 114 public assistance.

Our fire station now has state of the art equipment and people who know how to use it. There is a new law that states that smoke detectors have to have a five year battery.

The reason we are here is that there was a leak in the line that feeds water to the coffee maker at the fire station. It damaged all the ground and the walls from six to twelve inches up. This is major damage and will take time to fix.

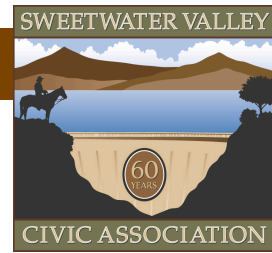
**FLOODING AND WATER:** No Report.

**TRAFFIC AND ROADS:** Don S. gave this report: there are three items to be mentioned:

1. The County is surveying Proctor Valley Road to implement a recommended speed limit. This should occur within the next month.
2. County Roads is sending a group out to the corner of Proctor Valley and San Miguel Road to once again discuss the corner there. Although there apparently are not enough warrants to get a stop sign, the brush and the big eucalyptus tree seem to be causing a visibility problem. The idea is to get as many representatives out there as possible.
3. The 7/11 signage was going to be reviewed by County Roads. The lane nearest the building is signed right turn only but that leads only into a parking lot. The road there (Frisbie Street) is closed to north/south traffic.

**PARKS:** no report.

**PLANNING GROUP:** Steve and Don gave this report:



Planning Group denied a cell phone tower request by Verizon Wireless

**MEMBERSHIP:** One new member

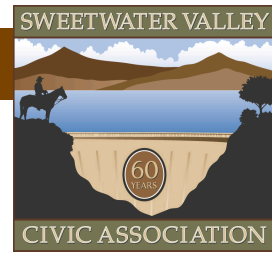
**PROJECT REPORTS:** none

**SENIOR PATROL:** Jim had this report first: They have one new member. One member, Mr. Hernandez, passed, and there is one member in the academy. There are currently twenty members and they patrol six days a week. In answer to questions he reported that you need to come to meetings and be willing to work 6 hours a week.

Jim turned in this report via email: this is January

**Sheriff Senior Volunteer Patrol**

Number of patrols:  
22  
Number of volunteers  
44 (2 per patrol)  
Number of Hours on  
Patrol 264  
Number of hours in  
Safety Center 39  
Number of Vacation  
Checks 60  
Number of citizen  
assists 11  
Number of YANA  
calls 1



Senior Patrol for February	
Miles driven	
1310	
Number of Patrols	27
Number of hours	312
Vacation Checks	91
Citizen Assists	15
YANA Calls	4
Safety Center Counter hrs.	42

Jim agreed to The speed trailer was in the shop as of this report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** No report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

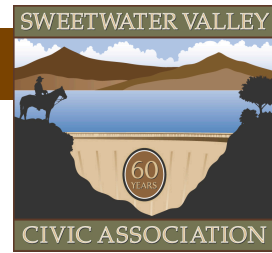
**OLD BUSINESS:**

### **ROUND TABLE:**

Tom mentioned that there was going to be a joint venture between the Library and the Museum on 100 years of Bonita, The Garden Club will have a flower show, and the Optimists will hold their semi-annual book sale at the end of March. The Friends of Bonita Library sell used books.

You can call 211 to report graffiti. You can call 511 if you run out of gas on the freeway and the gas is free.

There is a long-term solution to the South Loop Trail issue, Michael De La Rosa said. The agencies involved are working hard on a temporary solution which will probably include building some sort of bridge over the disputed puddles. The agencies are getting together and looking for funding in the next few months.



Motion to adjourn: Don second Tom Passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:00P.M.

**The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2014.**

**Please note, this meeting is to be held at the  
BONITA MUSEUM. This is a one-time thing**

**Elizabeth Stonehouse  
Secretary**