

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
July 23, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Michael Cohen with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country and a moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders.

Directors present: Mike Seiler, Steve Stonehouse, Jim Woodford, Don Scovel, Carol Freno, Judy Tieber  
Members present: Liz Stonehouse, Susan Kopp, Sharon Clayton, Tom Pocklington, Tony Tieber

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

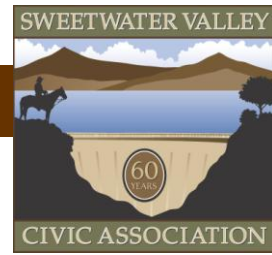
Michael Cohen and Elizabeth Stonehouse (President and Secretary respectively) are retiring from their leadership positions within the SVCA.

Mr. Cohen reviewed the slate of officers and board members presented for approval and noted that there are still vacant seats available. He then asked for nominations from the floor. Sharon Clayton, Sharon Coleman and Susan Kopp were nominated and all agreed to serve. Rick Blacklock moved to accept nominations, seconded by Irene Blacklock. Motion passed. Slate of officers and board members approved.

Mr. Cohen announced there would be no meeting in August.

The meeting was then turned over to County of San Diego Supervisor, Mr. Greg Cox for the State of Bonita Address.

Mr. Cox first introduced and acknowledged several key County staff who has worked with his office to bring about a number of the improvements he planned to discuss in his presentation. The Power Point slides are available on the Civic Assoc Website, and his presentation addressed the following topics:

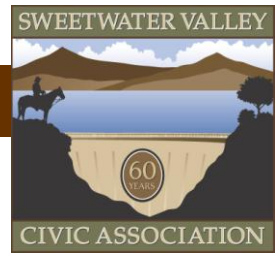


- County finances remain strong with a Triple A bond rating, well funded capital reserves.
- Increased budget of \$5.08 billion.
- Two important challenges: transfer of jail services from State to County and the Affordable Care Act
- County is investing in trails and infrastructure
- Funding provided for a number of organizations and events in Bonita including \$46,000 for Friends of the Library book storage space and \$26,000 for the Bonita Historical Society
- Over 900 free programs and events were presented at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library during the 2013-2014 fiscal year with well in excess of 200,000 customers. New library card holders numbered 3,100
- Trail improvements (around CV golf course, Southside loop trail near Sweetwater Reservoir because of fairy shrimp vernal pools, addition to Southside loop trail, new equestrian trail around Provence House, trail work will begin this Fall/Winter between Western Gateway and Willow Street bridge
- Significant progress in undergrounding utility lines and removing poles
- Willow Street bridge (City of Chula Vista project) will finally start in October with water line replacement. Actual bridge construction should start in May 2015. Plan is to keep bridge open during construction. When finished we will have a 610 ft long bridge with four lanes
- Power station at corner of Otay Lakes and Allen School Roads is getting a facelift with removal of 3 large poles, a redesigned lower profile and construction of an attractive wall with new landscaping.

During the question and answer period that followed his presentation, Supervisor Cox and staff addressed questions regarding the growing number of homeless living in the Sweetwater riverbed and associated raids, loss of life, and fires associated with these individuals.

Michael Cohen then thanked everyone for attending.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith Tieber, Secretary