



## Making the Sweetwater Valley the Best Place to Live

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### SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING December 2, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library Community Room. President Seiler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country followed by a moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders.

Directors present: Michael Seiler, Tony Tieber, Stephen Stonehouse, Liz Stonehouse, Sharon Clayton, Ken Pitney, Tom Pocklington, Carol Freno, Jim Woodford, and Judy Tieber

Members present: Mark Kukuchek

Guests present: Julio Garcia, Sheriff's Office; Officer Pete Thepkulchon, CHP; Luis Valdez Sweetwater Authority; Ron Mosher, Sweetwater Authority

**MINUTES:** Minutes from November 4, 2015 meeting. Tony Tieber moved to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Pocklington. Minutes approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account Balance:	\$1,823.23
Certificate of Deposit Balance:	\$3,451.55
Ending Balance:	\$5,274.78

Steve reminded us that we will be paying \$150/month for website administration. Report accepted as presented.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

CHP: Officer Pete Thepkulchon is newly assigned to work Bonita traffic. He works out of a car, not a motorcycle. He reviewed the November stats with a total of 73 citations for speeding, cell phone usage, failure to obey sign, DUI arrests, Restraints, Stop signs, Equipment/other. At this time traffic collisions are not accessible in this current data base. A more detailed breakdown can be found attached to these minutes on the website. Members discussed the key areas of concern (Winnetka, San Miguel Rd, Frisbee).

Sheriff's Dept: Safety Officer Julio Garcia reported Sheriff's Dept. stats for November, 2015. Again, the highest crime area is up around the apartment units on Briarwood. A black Dodge Ram with Chargers bolt and no license plate, the driver of which was the primary suspect in breaking into storage units late at night, has been caught! We have already had 7 car break-ins at this, the start of the Holiday shopping time. One person suffered about \$2,000 in damage and vehicle repair costs. Smash and grabs are occurring in Belle Bonnie Brae Shopping Center, Vons, and Plaza Bonita. He again told us that Bonita was one of the safest places to live. He reminded us, if we see suspicious activity or people, call the non-emergency number at **1-858-565-5200**. Remember, holidays are coming so must be extra vigilant. Lock all doors and windows when leaving your home. Burglars always try the side door to the

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garage so check it. If you own/use a motor vehicle, don't leave items in plain view. As the Crime Prevention Specialist for our area, Mr. Garcia is available to visit your home and make suggestions to improve your home security. Call the non-emergency no: 1-858-565-5200 to make an appointment. The Holiday Watch Program (November 19, Bonnie Brae Shopping Center) went ok. More residents would have been welcome, the turnout was rather light.

**ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:** No elected representatives were present.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Luis Valdez and Mr. Ron Mosher from Sweetwater Authority (SWA) gave an excellent presentation about extensive plans to replace 32" and 36" water pipelines with 36" and 48" pipelines. The existing lines are aged, some dating back to the 1920's. An executive summary and several aerial photographs of the planned work will be placed on the SVCA website ([www.sweetwatervalleyca.org](http://www.sweetwatervalleyca.org)). A copy is attached to the minutes as well. Currently SWA is working on the environmental requirements, and they plan to put project out for comment early in 2016. There will be road, lane, and trail closures associated with this project. They will lay between 80-100 ft of pipe/day and the entire project is planned to take 18 months. The tentative start is sometime in 2017. Abandoned pipe will be filled with cement slurry to prevent possible future collapse. High quality of water will always be available to customers during construction. Project cost will be \$17-18 million. Discussion followed about the need for close coordination with Bonita first responders (Fire, ambulance, law enforcement) along with clear communication about road closures, detours, elimination of parking spaces, etc.

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

Tony Tieber gave an update on the SVCA website. Tony provided all present with an Amanda-developed handout. The material included instructions on how to access our now-available Facebook and Twitter. Amanda Schoedel will come to the February 3, 2016, meeting to further familiarize us with what she has been working on, and what we can use now. Discussion followed about how many people can have access to website, Facebook and Twitter. How many people would really get involved with this? Discussion went quickly to having Facebook and Twitter open to everyone, or no one will use it. The more "public" the better. We need Amanda to explain what it means to be an "administrator". We can do a facebook search for SVCA Facebook. We were all encouraged to put out a blurb to "like us" on Facebook.

Mike Seiler gave positive feedback on his attendance at a South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) breakfast held December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the San Diego Country Club in Chula Vista. Table discussions included exciting collaborations and support services with the goal of inspiring South County's workforce, economy, and overall community. The main speaker was Laura Deitrick, Ph.D., USD Director of Institute for Nonprofit Education and Research. Her talk was "The Economics of Philanthropy". Mike spoke with several attendees, and had an overall good feeling about continuing to participate.

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### **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

Fire Department: Tom Pocklington reported that everything is going well. Doing Toys for Tots again this year. Deadline to donate is December 19<sup>th</sup>. Sandbags/dirt still available at east parking lot. Bring your own shovel.

Membership: No new members.

Senior Volunteer Patrol: Jim Woodford sent in his activity report for November.

Hours on patrol	239
Number of Patrols	20
Number of Miles Driven	901
Vacation Checks	62
YANA Visits	None
Citizen Assists	5
Traffic Control	0

Also, two women are going to next academy for Sr. Volunteer Patrol, so that's a good thing. Jim listed off some of the interesting occurrences from last month such as a car up on blocks with all four tires and wheels stolen, had issues with homeless, and stolen mail. Post Master notified as well as Sheriff's Department to conduct follow-up.

Roads: Tony reported there is no update on speed limit for Bonita Road. Due to all the upset people at the Chula Vista Traffic Advisory meeting, the issue was referred back to staff. Tony still needs to take pictures of fence along Sweetwater Road between Cresta Verde and Evergreen so he can send in to Murali Pasumarthi. Liz Stonehouse has pictures and she will forward them and Murali's email address to Tony. Now that so many residents have removed grass lawns, there is a concern about storm water runoff. In particular he is seeing a lot of decorative bark and silt flowing down the streets. Michael De La Rosa has asked for an email describing this problem. Tony will do that.

Planning Group: Steve Stonehouse reported that the previously scheduled meeting for December 1 was cancelled because County not ready to present a Verizon Wireless plan to install a 75 ft high faux tree cell tower on a Jonel Way property in Bonita. This will be presented at the January meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Liz Stonehouse moved to adjourn at 8:47. Steve Stonehouse 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Judith A. Tieber, Secretary

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SWA Pipeline Project  
Summary.pdf

Enclosure: Sweetwater Authority Presentation