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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING August 7, 2019

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita Library Community Room. President Seiler welcomed everyone to our annual **State of Bonita** with County Supervisor for District 1, Greg Cox. We were invited to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country followed by a moment of silence to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire and Safety Professionals.

President Seiler introduced Supervisor Cox, and then turned the meeting over to the Supervisor.

Supervisor Cox took a few minutes to acknowledge attending dignitaries from the City of Chula Vista and local organizations. He also introduced his very capable staff and gave a brief description of their areas of responsibilities. Also present were several County Department Heads, and those who have meet and worked with our community on a variety of projects.

The Supervisor took a few minutes to acknowledge his work as president of the National Association of Counties. Most notably, our San Diego County 211 System, which connects county services to our residents, is being put in place in South Dakota, and there is discussion for such a service on a national level. He also noted improvements to our local parks, trails and open spaces such as the interpretive signage around Morrison Pond and the construction of the bike skills park, along with the opening of the Glen Abbey trail and the Community Garden near the Pinery. County libraries now have a formal national flag disposal box at each location. He noted that the first month alone, a 1,000 flags were collected. After a quick budget review, Supervisor Cox introduced his staff to talk about what was going on in their respective areas of responsibility. Presentations were given by Kia Pollard, Marvin Miorga, and Victor Avina. In addition to the above-mentioned projects that affect the Bonita Community, the County is also building a reconditioned walking trail on the South side of Sweetwater Rd between Willow and the Gate A entrance to Rohr Park, an additional 30-40 campsites at Summit Park with a corresponding increase in the PV system to make the park carbon neutral. Shade cloth will be installed over the amphitheater. The County's first bike skills park should be completed by end of this year. The community garden is open for plot reservations at www.rcdsandiego.org. A new traffic light will be added at the entrance to Sunnyside Elementary School around October of this year. He also talked about completed sections and sections in progress of the Bay-Shore Bikeway. About 150 miles of trails will be completed during the next 10 years as part of the Otay Regional Trail Alignment, construction of Camp Bashor at Otay Lakes County Park. Supervisor Cox also mentioned County support for this year's Bonitafest activities to include the trail parade on 9/20/19, the performing arts festival on the 9/21/19 at Bonita Vista High School and the Melodrama opening on 9/25/10.

The formal presentations were followed by a question and answer period. Attendees' greatest concerns dealt with SR 125 toll avoidance traffic, speeding in our neighborhoods, and with the continued homeless-related issues. One gentleman suggested we needed a rec center like other unincorporated areas of the County.

The presentation slides will be posted to our website:

President Seiler thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting around 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Tieber
Secretary, SVCA

Mission Statement: The Sweetwater Valley Civic Association is the direct conduit to local County elected and appointed officials, law enforcement and emergency first responders to discuss and resolve issues directly related to our quality of life within the Sweetwater Valley communities.