

OJAI VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

January 27th 2014

Acting Chair Terry Wright called the meeting to order at 7:05. Members present were: Carin Kally, Catherine Lee, and Joe Westbury. Todd Wilson and Brian Segee's absences were excused.

Paul Crabtree of the Ojai Planning Commission discussed Planning Commission activity including the pending cell phone antenna case, a sustainable roads grant, and an RV Park on Bryant Street.

The summary of the meeting of October 21st was approved on a motion by Carin Kally, seconded by Joe Westbury and approved unanimously.

Under public comment, Jeannette Waterman noted trash along the highway in Casitas Springs and a defunct adopt-a-highway program.

The next business item was discussion of the County of Ventura Watershed Protection District's (WPD) proposed Fresno Canyon Flood Mitigation Project and EIR. Elizabeth Martinez of the WPD explained that the project would construct a new drainage channel between Fresno Canyon and the Ventura River to prevent a repeat of the flooding of Highway 33 and Casitas Springs that occurred in 2005, and explained the project design and environmental review conclusions. Terri Reynolds asked what the construction hours would be: 7AM to 7PM, and requested that contact info for the project manager be provided to property owners within 1,000'. Paul Crabtree inquired if the crossing of the Ojai Trail would result in a steep slope: No, and noted that improved drainage would also improve the function of septic systems.

On a motion by Joe Westbury, seconded by Catherine Lee, the MAC unanimously recommended that the WPD proceed with the project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.