

Final September 21st, 2015 MAC Meeting Summary

Steve Offerman of Supervisor Steve Bennett's Office called the roll. MAC members Terry Wright, Todd Wilson, Jill Borgeson, Chris Cohen, and Chair Joseph Westbury were present.

John Mirk of the Ojai City Planning Commission reported on the activities of the Commission, including approval of a new restaurant at the Ojai Valley Inn.

The summary of the July 20th MAC meeting was approved unanimously on a motion by Joe Westbury, seconded by Terry Wright.

The first item of business was consideration of a two-lot lot split on La Luna Ave. in Meiners Oaks. Steve Offerman noted that three deed restrictions applied to the parcel map would prevent addition of new homes or development in archaeologically or biologically sensitive areas. Tess Harris of the County Planning Division described the parcel map, deed restrictions, and Mitigated Negative Declaration. Ginnette Waterman asked what the traffic Level of Service is in Casitas Springs: "F." Todd Wilson asked if the property was in the floodplain: No. Terry Wright asked if any additional residences could be constructed on the property if the lot split is approved: No. Terry asked if there would continue to be one driveway: Yes, and whether the driveway meets Fire Department standards: conditions will require driveway improvements to meet standards. Chris Cohen asked how traffic Levels of Service are determined; Dave Fleisch of the County Transportation Department said that it is based on traffic volumes and Caltrans standards regarding congestion. Todd Wilson made a motion to recommend approval of the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by Terry Wright and approved unanimously.

The next business item was a series of reports on County agency preparations for an El Nino winter. Kevin McGowan of the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services described his agency's efforts and what individuals can do to be adequately prepared. He encouraged all people to register on www.vcalert.org in order to receive phone, text, and email emergency warnings and information, and to review preparedness tips on www.readyventuracounty.org. Karl Novak of the County Watershed Protection District said the WPD has cleaned out all of the district channels and basins in the valley, and that people can obtain real time rainfall and streamflow information on the vcwatershed website. David Fleisch of the County Transportation Department described how his department has cleared road ditches and culverts and staged equipment and supplies in the Ojai Valley and will patrol trouble spots during storms. Chief Norm Plott of the Fire Department described his agency's process for responding to emergencies and the extensive preparation for storm emergencies in the Ojai Valley. It was noted that the Sheriff's Department operates an Ojai Valley AM radio station during emergencies at AM 1610. County Supervisor Steve Bennett thanked and commended the agencies for the presentations and preparations and encouraged citizens to prepare themselves and properties.

The next item of business was a presentation from Barbara Kennedy and Greg Webster regarding the Oak View Civic Council's proposal to install a 10-foot wide steel "the Oak View" sign along State Highway 33. The proposal was unanimously supported by the MAC on a motion by Joe Westbury, seconded by Terry Wright.

Ojai City Councilman Bill Weirick requested that two items be placed on future MAC agendas: the City's bicycle master plan and the issue of vacation rental regulation. County Supervisor Steve Bennett said that the Board of Supervisors had voted to initiate consideration of vacation rental regulations for the unincorporated area.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.