

## Draft November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Ojai Valley MAC Meeting Summary

Steve Offerman of Supervisor Steve Bennett's Office called the roll. MAC members Joe Westbury, Jill Borgeson, Grace Malloy, Terry Wright and Chris Cohen were present.

Under public comment, Teena Broumand requested that a discussion of Creek Road traffic be agendaized for a future meeting. Ron Solarzano of the County Library discussed the high level of patronage of the Meiners Oaks Library and the programs and volunteer opportunities of the County libraries. Deborah Pendry of the Ojai Valley Green Coalition discussed the Ojai Community Garden. Jeffery Weinstein discussed potential problems with the City of Ojai's Maricopa Hwy project. Russ Baggerly said the Ojai Valley Sanitary District has a main in the highway. Patrick Tumamait said he is opposed to lane reduction on the highway and is concerned with construction safety.

Ojai Planning Commissioner John Mirk said that the Zoning Ordinance is being amended and that the Ojai Museum has an excellent exhibit on the history of fires in the Ojai Valley.

The summary of the October 15th meeting was approved unanimously on a motion by Jill Borgeson, seconded by Joe Westbury and incorporating revisions submitted by Pat Baggerly.

The next item of business was a presentation by the County Transportation Director, Dave Fleisch, regarding El Roblar Drive. Dave said that a recent speed survey showed that 85% of drivers drive 27.5 MPH or less, that there have been 2.5 collisions per year which is below the state average, that no intersection meets the standards for conversion to a 4-way stop, and that there were 4 collisions at the Lomita 4-way stop. Traffic counts show that traffic has not increased on El Roblar and is below ten years ago. Dave said that the County has prepared a Safe Routes to School study and will be pursuing additional pedestrian and bike projects on El Roblar and in Meiners Oaks. Patrick Tumamait said that delivery trucks block lanes and turn around through residential areas. Jeffery Weinstein said that more sidewalks and crosswalks are needed. Pat Baggerly of the Environmental Coalition said the El Roblar sidewalks don't benefit children and the CHP doesn't ticket parking violations. Jennifer Scholl of the Planning Division said they are looking at loading hours rather than a permanent loading zone for the new project. Leah Blackburn sought red curbs at S. Arnaz St. and control of parking on residential street shoulders. Steve Sprinkle of Farmer & Cook apologized for his deliveries and customers impacting his neighbors and advocated for more pedestrian improvements. Terry Wright asked Sprinkle if deliveries could be scheduled; No, but drivers try to arrive early in morning to avoid busiest business hours. Grace Malloy asked Dave Fleisch if there are plans for more crosswalks or bike sharrows. Dave said he will study Meiners Oaks more including residential streets and report back to the MAC. Terry Wright suggested that a painted white edge line would prevent parking in the travel lane. The MAC formally requested a report back from Dave Fleisch on a future agenda.

The next item of business was a discussion of County implementation of the Ojai Valley Area Plan Net Zero water policy for new development. Kim Loeb of the Public Works Agency discussed the policy, its reference to groundwater basins, the identification of groundwater basins, and his application of the policy. Steve Sprinkle observed that Meiners Oak Water District is currently using 100% Casitas Water. Russ Baggerly, Grace Malloy, Chris Cohen, and Terry Wright encouraged that offsets be sought within the retail water purveyor. Grace said that the retail purveyor should be contacted so that offsets could be identified. Kim Loeb said that the County seeks to assure permanence and accountability in identifying offsets, and therefore prefers public facilities. Grace

Malloy expressed interest in revising the Ojai Valley Area Plan policy. Terry Wright and Grace Malloy said that the calculation of needed offsets should reflect mandatory conservation requirements.

The next item of business was consideration of an application form and guidelines for Oak View Oversized Vehicle exemption permits. The documents submitted by Steve Offerman were approved unanimously on a motion by Chris Cohen, seconded by Jill Borgeson, and the MAC agreed to serve as the committee for hearing exemption applications.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00