

**CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**May 20, 2015**

**The Casa Conejo MAC held a Meeting Wednesday, May 20, 2015,  
6:00 p.m. at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Richard Twomey, Jr.** at 6:03 pm. **Vice Chair Edward Villa, Sr.** and MAC members **Steven Wasco** and **Janell Smith** were present. **Richard Gaz, Dustin Woomer** and **Shannon Prachyl** were absent.

**2. Flag Salute**

**Richard Twomey, Jr.** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2015**

**Richard Twomey, Jr.** moved the approval of the minutes. **Steven Wasco** seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Richard Twomey, Jr.** made a motion to move Item 9a to follow Item 5. **Janell Smith** seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**5. Public Safety Reports (CHP, Sheriff's Department)**

**CHP Officer Musgrove** said the radar trailer was in the Casa Conejo area for approximately 3 weeks and should be back in 2-3 months. He mentioned that many residents were aware of an individual living in a trailer on Theresa Drive. The individual was asked to leave and he complied. **East Station Captain Ross Bonfiglio** and **Senior Deputy Dan Hallinan** of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department presented crime statistics for the Thousand Oaks Unincorporated area. They reported that crime has trended down in the local area and reported crimes have also gone down significantly. He noted that lately theft of third row seats from SUVs has increased and residents should secure them inside the car. He said residents should always remove valuables from their cars and lock doors. He also said partnerships between police and the community, and neighborhood monitoring can help keep crime down. A resident asked about help with Fourth of July fireworks. **Captain Bonfiglio** said the police receive multiple calls on this holiday so it may not be a quick response, but they try to enforce as best they can. They also issue a press release to publicize the dangers of fireworks.

**6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks**

**Vanise Terry**, representing **Supervisor Parks**, reminded the MAC that the next meeting will take place at the Borchard Community Center in the Stage Room. She reported on the Community Beautification Event that took place on April 11<sup>th</sup> that had a higher turn-out than last year and provided data from both 2014 and 2015. She announced Supervisor Parks' upcoming quarterly dinner on June 4<sup>th</sup> featuring Dr. Lucy Jones, foremost earthquake expert, who discuss earthquake causes and preparedness.

**7. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

**Janell Smith** talked about the benefits of starting Neighborhood Watch groups, which helps connect neighbors and increases overall safety, especially when children know their neighbors. She said she would help anyone interested in organizing a group.

**8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

**Wendy Zimmerman** discussed the Ride of Silence advocating bicycle safety, a new trail head on Potrero Road by the horse stables, and the Rim of the Valley Special Resources Study with comments on the draft study report being accepted until June 30, 2015. She suggested the MAC should look into getting special events transportation to cut down on congestion and parking demand during the outdoor

concert season, and also review the City of Thousand Oaks' Visioning Report for 2064 to see how it affects Casa Conejo. The report can be accessed at [www.toaks.org/2064](http://www.toaks.org/2064). She also reviewed the bike plans for the multi-use pathway and said starting with one side is still a benefit to the community.

**Ron Botorff** provided the 2015 State of the Region Report from the Ventura County Civic Alliance.

**William Hayes** discussed his concerns with the multi-use pathway, including safety issues from blind spots from drive ways that could put pedestrians at risk, additional costs of mid-street crossing to reduce pedestrian conflicts, railing and fences, lights, flooding, and use by students.

**Catherine Hogue** said she attended a water conservation public meeting hosted by California American Water and thinks more public outreach and education is necessary for ideas to save water. She discussed the impact of new housing developments and possible use of a desalinization plant in Oxnard. **Nathan Borin** suggested that the MAC start a crew to help re-landscape properties to help water conservation.

## **9. Advisory Matters**

### **a. Water Conservation presentation with Jay Spurgin, Public Works Director, City of Thousand Oaks; Eric Bergh, manager of Resources, Calleguas Municipal Water District; and Rick Saldivar, Operations Manager, California American Water**

**Mr. Spurgin, Mr. Bergh, and Mr. Saldivar** presented detailed information about water shortages in California and its effect on local municipalities. They also discussed State mandated conservation measures and reported that the State has raised the level of conservation to Stage 2 with increased irrigation restrictions from 3 days per week to 2 days per week at 15 minutes per station. **Mr. Bergh** said a citywide mandatory 15 percent cut back would go into effect if emergency resources are in use by the end of 2015. He suggested residents visit the Calleguas Municipal Water District Facebook page to learn about rebate programs, drought information and current news. **Mr. Spurgin** mentioned the Thousand Oaks City Council would be considering increased water conservation measures and approve a drought action plan. He said residents can visit the City website at [www.toaks.org/savewater](http://www.toaks.org/savewater) for free water-wise events throughout the city. **Mr. Saldivar** said California American Water planned to reduce water consumption by 32 percent, per the State requirements set by the Governor's office, and that Stage 2 reduction measures would be implemented on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Residents asked if it was possible to spread the cumulative time allotted for watering out over several days at shorter durations. **Mr. Spurgin** answered they could not, but residents can take advantage of rebates available for water management products such as sprinklers that reduce spray and artificial turf. **Mr. Saldivar** also said there is an appeal process available to residents who do receive fines.

## **10. Updates**

### **a. Traffic Signal Project at Wendy Drive and Gerald Drive**

**Vanise Terry** said the Wendy and Gerald Intersection Project should be under construction by late October 2015 and complete by the end of January 2016.

### **b. Paving Projects and Sidewalk Repairs in Casa Conejo**

**Vanise Terry** reported on two projects that will affect Casa Conejo. The first is pavement resurfacing on the following roads: Ben Court, Frankie Drive, Jeanne Court, Malat Drive, and Rudman Drive. No sidewalk work to be completed on this project. The construction would be from July to October 2015. The second project is pavement rehabilitation on: William Drive, Ethel Court, Devia Drive, Louis Drive, Verna Avenue, Cary Court, Dena Drive, Melvin Court, and Lilly Court. This latter project will include sidewalk work for all streets requiring it in Casa Conejo. Construction is set for March through May 2016.

### **c. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team**

There was no graffiti reported.

**11. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

- a. Final Plan for Traffic Control in Casa Conejo and Implementation Schedule with Ventura County Transportation Director Dave Fleisch on July 15, 2015
- b. Neighborhood Crew for Re-landscaping Assistance
- c. Possibility for Special Events Transportation During Outdoor Concert Season from Casa Conejo
- d. Review of Thousand Oaks Visioning 2064 Program

**12. Adjournment at 8:14pm until Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at Borchard Community Center.**