

Final Minutes: October 15, 2014 meeting of the
TWIN OAKS VALLEY COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

Roll Call and Advisory Role Statement

Farrell called the meeting to order .

Present: Sandra Farrell (Chair), Gil Jemmott (Co-Vice Chair), Karen Binns (Co-Vice chair), Tom Kumura, Rob Peterson. Eric Chapman was absent.

Review of Minutes Farrell moved for approval of the minutes from August and Jemmott seconded. Farrell also moved for approval of the September minutes and Binns seconded. **Motion for both actions passed 5-0-0**

Public Communications, Presentations and Announcements:

Farrell mentioned the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation is conducting a survey, and your response would be appreciated. She noted the link on the agenda.

ADJ Holdings North County Environmental Resources Recycling Facility PDS2008-3500-08-015 (STP08-015) 25568 Mesa Rock Road.: Farrell informed the public about the Notice of Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report. Residents expressed concern over the truck traffic and believed the project would expand beyond two outgoing trips per day and thought the applicant was intentionally understating the numbers in order to get the project approved.. Resident Nancy Froning said that with fifteen trucks importing material, it seemed like there would need to be more trucks leaving the facility and asked the applicant's representative, Rick Gittings to go over the math of how the material would be proceed so that fifteen trucks into the site would only need two trucks to remove the material once processed. Gittings responded that if there was too much material being imported to handle what was allowed to be exported then the excess material would be stored on site. If they reached capacity they would have to stop accepting material. A member of the public asked Gittings if he had seen the applicant's business plan to make sure the project would be viable based upon the restrictions of only two trucks per day leaving the site. Froning added that with the costs of an EIR, approvals and project costs the applicant must have a business plan. Gittings responded he had not but if the project proved not to be viable without more material being processed and exported that the applicant could apply for a major use permit to expand his operation. Residents worried that future expansion was the actual plan by the applicant and that this application was simply a first step to a more intensive operation. Farrell asked Gittings if the site had any mining rights or easements that would allow the project to qualify as an existing mining operation. Farrell's concern was that, under the proposed County amendment that would allow existing mines to recycle material as a by right use, the project could qualify to expand because recycling would be considered a "by right". Gittings said it didn't. He said the only mining occurred when the site was used to acquire material needed to build I-15. Nancy Froning asked if the site would process green waste. Gittings said it would accept tree limbs and other wood products that could be chipped and converted into material for CalTrans and others to use for erosion control.

Farrell asked if the members of the group had read the comment letter to the NOP prepared by Karen Binns and if there was any changes or additions to the letter. No one responded and Farrell and moved for approval of the letter. Binns seconded and motion passed 5-0-0.

Traffic Problems Along Buena Creek Road: Several residents who live along Buena Creek Road spoke of the traffic, congestion and safety problems. Pete Sara, a resident who worked in the road building

industry said Buena Creek Road was built in the 1930s and as currently constructed could not handle the weight of the large semi-trucks and cement trucks that he has observed using it as an alternative truck route. Mr. Sara said that over the years the actual width of the road, as the shoulder eroded, was reduced. While Sara felt the road needed to be widened and straightened, other residents who liked the scenic charm of Buena Creek Road wanted to see traffic calming measures such as stop signs and traffic signals as well as reducing the posted speed limit. Lindsay Townley, a resident off of Lone Oak Lane, said Buena Creek Road was dangerous due to excessive speed of cars and large trucks. She recommended a truck weight limit should be posted. Mr. Sara said residents find the constant high-speed traffic makes it almost impossible to leave their streets or driveways to get onto Buena Creek. When he leaves his street, even after checking to see there is no oncoming traffic within his view range, and then using rapid acceleration, he has almost been hit by vehicles speeding towards him. He said that an added problem is the new roads from recent development accessing Buena Creek around the Freda's Hill area. Lindsay Townley said with the Sugarbush project adding 540 ADT and the Lone Oak project now in process adding another 340 ADTs Buena Creek will get even worse. Nancy Froning asked what would happen in a fire situation. Sera said with both ends (South Santa Fe and Twin Oaks Valley Road) both heavily congested he didn't think people along Buena Creek would have any way to get out in a wildfire situation. Sara wanted to see the speed limit lowered. Rob Peterson said he tried to get reduced speeds posted on Deer Springs Road and was told by the Traffic Committee that by law, they cannot reduce the speed limit below what people are able to achieve. It will get challenged in court! Sara recommended adding portable traffic speed monitors and additional stop signs as an inexpensive way to calm traffic. He asked that the sponsor group have County Traffic department out to a meeting and let them see firsthand the road conditions.

Farrell agreed the road has long been a problem and requested the residents to send letters and photos to her showing the current situation. She said she would work to get someone from the County out to the January meeting. Farrell said the residents had very valid concerns and good ideas of possible solutions. She moved that she be charged with drafting a letter to the Board of Superiors requesting they take action to address the safety issues along Buena Creek Road. She would include letters and images from the residents. Binns seconded and motion passed 5-0-0.

Zoning Ordinance Updates: Farrell read portions of the Zoning Ordinance amendment that would allow the recycling of salvaged concrete, asphalt, and rock as a "by-right" accessory use to an existing mining operation without requiring a modification to an existing use permit. She expressed concern given the history of the quarry on North Twin Oaks Valley Road. Farrell reported the proposed amendment would not impact the existing mining operation in the planning area but would allow similar type use in other areas. She said, given all the problems with traffic and noise the existing mine have caused over the years, the proposed amendment could bring similar problems to other communities. Binns commented on the noise levels in the M54 zone being 70 decibels and there was no limit to the hours the noise could be made. Farrell agreed and expressed concern for areas where the M54 zone was near residential neighborhoods. Gittings said that since they had hours of operation with a start time of 5am they would be limited to the hours they could be making the maximum level of noise. Binns was concern about 70 decibel noise level at 5am when the nearby residential community was sleeping. Farrell made a motion for the group to allow her to write a letter to the County and Board of Supervisors making them aware of how section of the amendment could cause harm to other communities. Binns seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0

Sunset Review of Twin Oaks Valley Community Sponsor Group: Farrell informed the group that the County had contacted her and said that they were working with County Council to review a Board policy and not the existence of the community or sponsor groups. They apologize for the confusion. No action needs to be considered at this point.

Group Business:

Farrell reported that some seats were up for re-election on the group. Farrell moved that unless those members expressed a desire not to serve that the group recommend those members continue to serve. Jemmott seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Farrell noted she had sent emails to Eric Antman to find out when he was going to complete the training and attend the meetings. She has not heard from him. Binns said she heard he was out of town at a horse show.

Binns said the meeting room would be available for the group's meeting of November and December.

Farrell adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Farrell, Acting Secretary