

MERCED COUNTY
MCSWAIN MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2015

Present: Maria Skordos-Moore, Roy Torres, Darren Olguin, Andy Kersten, Toby Soares, Gerald Solano absent

Motion to accept minutes by Andy, Roy Torres 2nd, motion carries

CHP Moises Onsurez talks about traffic. Tom D. asks why CALTRANS keeps backing up traffic because of accidents. HAZMAT truck spill was last accident which tied up traffic all day at Buhach Rd

Concern regarding Queen Elizabeth has become a short cut when morning traffic gets backed up on 140 and Buhach. CHP responded offering to set up CHP during those times.

Planning – no new permits for building

Louise Farley representing Cannella handed out 2 press releases (see attached) spoke briefly on those topics.

Supervisor McDaniel asked about grants from Cannella office for residents to dig deeper wells or new wells.

Letter received _____ regarding Gurr and 140 stop sign. Darren approached CALTRANS about installing a light to alert traffic when CDF trucks are pulling out for emergency response.

CALTRANS installed brighter light still waiting for signal light at Buhach and 140.

Email received regarding on-going issue of graffiti on SP fence between Belmira and Station. Owner has not responded to repeated letter campaign. Supervisor McDaniel confirmed property does not belong to MID.

Supervisor McDaniel has donated paint and is working on getting non-profit to paint fence.

Welcome Signs – Public works can make Welcome to McSwain signs. Roy Torres reached out to BCHS Art Department for designing. Judy Pierce (teacher) has 10 students interested. Will table until after Easter break.

Discussion to change mailing address for McSwain from Atwater to McSwain. Tom D. said if you put the last four digits after the zip code on your address you can write “McSwain, CA 95301-xxxx” and it will be sent to you.

NEW BUSINESS

Abatement program Darren brought concerns for a RRC for McSwain that would address issues for the community. It was brought up that there is enforcement code on the books for abandon cars on property.

Motion to look into concept of abatement program by Andy and 2nd by Toby.

Community involvement tools: It was suggested to set-up Next Door.com for McSwain community.

Darren and Toby spoke briefly on Hilmar Ranch watch the Sheriff Department set up.

Concerns were brought up after meeting with Sheriff Warnke regarding our deputies leaving for better wages/benefits in other counties. Nuestra Familia gang is in our community. Need security/safety for the McSwain area. Asked if there was any grant money to set something up.

Supervisor McDaniel is doing a grant writing class on April 17th @ Castle. \$35 registration fee, 8-4 lunch is included. Must be pre-registered.

Motion to create/explore a letter of support for Sheriff Warnke by Roy, 2nd Toby

NEW ITEMS

Water conservation for big lawns

Mailer out via McSwain school list

Public service announcement in Merced Sun-Star

8:20pm adjourn