

**Merced County
McSwain Municipal Advisory Committee**

Established 2006

Daron McDaniel, Supervisor District 3

Darren Olguin, Chairman

Maria Skordos-Moore

Gerald, Solano, Toby Soares,

Roy Torres, Andrew Kersten

Thursday April 23, 2015

7:00p.m.

1. **Welcome-Call to order**
2. Roll Call: Board Members- Darren Olguin, Chairman, Maria Skordos-Moore, Andrew Kersten Roy Torres, Toby Soares, Gerald Solano,
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of meeting minutes
6. Public Opportunity to speak on any matter within the Council's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda, each speaker is allotted five minutes. No Action will be taken on any item introduced during the public opportunity, because the subject or item has not been formally placed on the agenda. If you would like address the council on an time not appearing on this agenda, please pick up a 3x5 card and print name, address, subject or item to be addressed and give to the board prior to speaking. In order that all interested speakers have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Council will be limited to (5) five minutes of speaking time

Reports

Merced County Public Works-

Sheriff's Dept-

Sen. Cannella- Louise Farley, Representative

Sen Adam Gray- Ryan Heller, Representative

Sen. Jim Costa-

CHP- Moises Onsurez

Fire- Glenda Leonard

Planning- Pam Navarres

Old Business/ Current Projects

Communications

Letter- Nancy Keebler 6333 Josie St, Atwater. Requests assistance from MAC to look into improving safety at intersection of Gurr Rd and Highway 140. A letter is attached. Mrs. Keebler has been invited to speak and answer how she plans to assist in making changes to improve safety at the intersection.

Update: Public Works has been briefed on a traffic plan and has asked for the McSwain MAC to follow up with letter attachment and a letter directing how the MAC should respond.

Email- A request has been made to the chairman to ask county public works help with mitigating a fence that is half torn down and full of graffiti. The fence is located at Station Rd and SP Ave. A letter was sent to the property owner, but the MAC never received a reply. The MAC recently received communication from a neighbor who asked if something can be done about the graffiti, the damaged and missing boards. The neighbor received a reply from the MAC stating we would follow up with public works for guidance on how to proceed.

03/8/2015(Supervisor McDaniel to give an update on fence status, actions and plan.)

Signs- Should signs depicting the McSwain Neighborhood be constructed to identify the neighborhood, which is part of developing community spirit.

Update: Roy Torres has initiated contact with Buhach High School to design a sign depicting McSwain. We anticipate starting the project in May.

Abatement Program- A plan to find a balance between property rights and and ability to mitigate issue that may affect the RRC areas of MCSwain.

Issue are to include:

How to mitigate graffiti in a timely manner.

How many cars without current registrations, leaking fluids and in non-operable conditions are needed in a driveway?

Would this affect the farms in McSwain? Excessive trash and unsafe environments to the public

Update: Currently in research and development

Letter of Support to Sheriff Warnke

The issue of crime, specifically the recent rate of murders, shooting and gang related activity, affects every section of the is county. A letter of support should be sent to sheriff Warnke, sharing our support for his deputy's, supporting his tough stance and what ever help the community of McSwain can provide. Also to communicate the MACs stance of importance in regards crime in Merced County.

Update: The process of research and development of facts is being gathered. A draft letter will be complete in May. Its anticipated the letter will be delivered to Sheriff Warnke and the Board of Supervisors by June.

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New Business

Communicating support and participating in an effective water conservation program. How can the MAC be communicative and forward thinking in pushing effective water conservation principles.

Presenting ideas for water conservation landscaping
Products designed for water conservation.
Illustrate water conservation actions

MAJOR SUBDIVISION No. MAS15-001 - Aaron Silva - To divide a 7.1 Acre parcel into six 1-Acre lots. The property is located east of the extension of Essex Drive, and north of Sussex Drive. The property is designated Atwater Rural Residential Center and zoned A-R (Agricultural-Residential). Pam Navares, Merced County Planning to update.

Summer Break- McSwain MAC to take summer break to finish current projects.

Committee Member Comments

An opportunity for McSwain MAC members to voice concerns or bring issues before the Council.

Supervisor Daron McDaniel

Agenda Items for future meetings

A. Upcoming Neighborhood Events

National Night Out

Adjournment